

**Agenda Items for the Meeting of the Benchers
February 10th, 11th and 12th, 2010
Regina, Saskatchewan**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence have been received from Stephen Orlowski, Loreley Berra and Reg Watson, Q.C.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

4. AGENDA ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Enclosed for approval are the Minutes of December 3rd and 4th, 2009.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. REPORTS

- i. **President's Report**
- ii. **Executive Director's Report (attached)**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Admissions & Education

i. Christine Koroll/Gordon Balon, Q.C.

At last Convocation, Gordon Balon was approved to have two students, subject to review by the Practice Advisor. This matter was to come before the Benchers again in February. Included is a report from the Practice Advisor, Rod MacDonald, Q.C.

ii. Task Force on the Common Law Degree

The committee will be making recommendations on the final report of the Task Force on the Common Law Degree. Attached is the final report dated October 2009.

- b. Discipline**
- c. Ethics**

- d. Insurance
- e. Professional Standards

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Appointments

a. Senior Life Members

207. (1) The Benchers may confer a senior life membership on a person who:

- (a) has been a member of the Society for at least 50 years; and*
- (b) is, or was in the immediately preceding year, a member of the Society.*

A memo with recommendations is attached.

b. Designated Complaints Counsel

A memo with recommendations is attached.

2. Discipline Forum

Discussion of Discipline issues.

3. CANLII

Graeme Mitchell, Q.C. will provide a report on the Federation with emphasis on the proposed changes to CANLII and the Bylaws pertaining to board selection and composition which will require Law Society consent. Attached is a report from the CANLII Futures Committee dated March 2009.

4. Rule Amendments

a. Fee Amendments

During budget preparation, the Executive Committee proposed increasing the fee for Incorporation and renewal from \$100 to \$125. Attached is Schedule 1, Law Society Fees and Assessments.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11. IN CAMERA SESSION – MEETING OF THE BENCHERS

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

These items are submitted for information. However, if any of the Benchers would like to discuss these issues, please advise at the beginning of the meeting.

i. **Signing Authority on Trust Accounts – Bankrupt Members**

Attached is a memo dated January 19, 2010 outlining practice conditions that bankrupt members must comply with. This will be added to the Bencher Policy Manual and a revision will be sent to all Benchers.

ii. **Multidisciplinary Partnerships**

Attached is a news clipping and a copy of the rules for your information.

iii. **Competition Bureau**

Attached is correspondence from the Competition Bureau dated December 29, 2009. We have not responded, as the Federation will be replying on behalf of all members. Never-the-less, there are recommendations in the report such as advertising, that we should be considering this year.

iv. **Article – *Majority of Scots want independent regulation of legal services* (The Scotsman (UK) February 1, 2010)**

v. **Article – *Leading lawyer calls for referendum on future of Law Society of Scotland* (Times Online January 29, 2010)**

vi. **Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held via conference call on November 23, 2009.**

vii. **Minutes of the Admissions & Education Committee on November 13, 2009.**

viii. **Minutes of the Discipline Executive Committee on September 3, 2009.**

ix. **Minutes of the Ethics Committee on February 11, 2009, May 1, 2009, June 10, 2009 and September 17, 2009.**

x. **Minutes of the Professional Standards Committee on February 12, 2009 and May 15, 2009.**

13. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Convocation is scheduled for April 14th, 15th and 16th, 2010 in Moose Jaw.