

**Agenda Items for the Meeting of the Benchers
April 14th and 15th, 2011
Hotel Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence has been received from Reg Watson, Q.C. Heather Laing will not attend Convocation on Thursday.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda items which are not open to the public.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Enclosed for approval are the Minutes of the meeting held February 10th and 11th, 2011.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

i. Reports

- i. President's Report
- ii. Executive Director's Report
- iii. Graeme Mitchell, Q.C., Federation Council

ii. Committee Reports

Attached are the Minutes of committee meetings. (The Chair of each committee is not required to report unless there is an issue requiring the attention of the Benchers.)

a. Admissions & Education

Minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2010.

Evert Van Olst may present the final CPD Policy Review to the Benchers.

b. Discipline Executive

Minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2010.

c. Ethics

Minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2010.

d. Library

Toby Willis-Camp, Director of Libraries, will present a verbal report to the Benchers.

e. Professional Standards

Minutes of the meeting held September 9, 2010.

f. Insurance

None.

g. Executive Committee

Minutes of the meetings held December 10, 2010 and January 21, 2011.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECISION

i. Audited Financial Statements

Audited Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 are attached for approval.

Also attached, is the Audit Completion Report to the Executive Committee and Management.

ii. Rule Amendments

Attached is a memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C. discussing amendments to the Resignation and Reinstatement Rules (Rules 210 – 213).

Another memo is included from Donna Sigmeth, discussing amendments to the Professional Standards and Discipline portion of the Rules.

A blacklined version of the suggested Rule amendments are attached and cover the following areas:

- Part 1 – Definitions
- Part 7 – Admissions - Resignation and Reinstatement (Rules 210 – 213)
- Part 7 - Bencher Review (Rule 240) – highlighted for discussion
- Part 8 – Professional Standards and Discipline
 - C. Professional Standards – Rules 323
 - D. Discipline – Rules 400, 405, 491 and 495

8. RESIGNATION IN THE FACE OF DISCIPLINE – KEVIN ROGERS

This hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, April 14th at 2:00 pm. William Roe, Q.C., counsel for Mr. Rogers, has submitted a *Statement of Fact and Admissions* which is attached.

9. DISCIPLINE SENTENCING FORUM

Alma Wiebe, Q.C. will facilitate the sentencing forum on Friday morning. It will be held in camera with no input from Law Society staff.

10. INFORMATION

- a. Approval by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada of Proposed Law Degree Programs at Lakehead University and Thompson Rivers University
- b. *B.C. lawyers cashing in on taxpayers' dime* – OPINION the Province (Vancouver) March 21, 2011
- c. *Opinion: Legal system doesn't work for ordinary people, top judge says* – Column by Ian Mulgrew, Vancouver Sun, February 13, 2011
- d. *British Columbia, Getting our day in court* – OPINION, Times Colonist, March 10, 2011
- e. *"Tesco Law" – not the big bang, but it will change the face of legal services* – UK Guardian, March 25, 2011
- f. *England – shift in delivery of legal services* – Observer (UK), April 3, 2011
- g. *Public Survey and Multi-disciplinary Practice* – Benchers' Bulletin, Spring 2011
- h. 2011 Bar Fees
- i. Labour Mobility Agreement
- j. Statistics - December 31 2010

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Convocation is scheduled June 22nd – 24th in Regina. The Annual General Meeting is set for the evening of Thursday, June 23rd.