

CONVOCATION AGENDA

Convocation Date: February 17, 18 and 19, 2016
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Regina
Commencement and End Time: February 17th at 1:30 pm until February 19th at 4:30 pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

1.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jeff Baldwin and Ronald Parchomchuk.

Craig Zawada, Q.C. has a potential conflict on the Peter Abrametz matter, therefore, he will not attend the Penalty Hearing portion on Friday afternoon.

Beth Bilson, Q.C. will attend on Thursday, but will not attend Friday Convocation due to a previous engagement.

Dr. Greg Stevens will attend Friday Convocation only.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

1.3 Bencher Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Craig Zawada, Q.C. has a conflict on the Penalty Hearing for Peter Abrametz.

1.4 Agenda Items, Committee Reports and Documents Which Are Not Open to the Public

- a. Senior Life Members
- b. Paralegal Survey
- c. ABS Consultation Paper

2. Prairie ABS Project

The following documents are attached:

- Memo from Barbra Bailey with an update on the project
- Innovating Regulation
- Abstract
- Consultation Paper

The Benchers should be prepared to discuss the questions in the consultation paper in small groups.

3. Licensed Legal Technician Project

The Law Society is working with the Department of Justice to amend *The Legal Profession Act* to allow for licensed legal technicians.

Attached are the following:

- a. Memo from Barbra Bailey with an update on the project
- b. Consultation Paper
- c. Memo dated May 28, 2015
- d. Questionnaires (2)
- e. Timeline and Work Plan

This is one of the most significant projects in the history of the Law Society. It is still in an information-gathering stage and no decisions have been made. It is essential that the Benchers understand and support the scope of the project.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 27, 2015

4.1 Amendments

4.2 Confirmation of Minutes

4.3 Business Arising from Minutes

5. Bencher Accountabilities

5.1 Society Governance

- a. Executive Director's Report
- b. President's Report

5.2 Regulation

5.2.1 Decision Items

- a. Greystone Resolution

With the appointment of a new President and Vice-President, Greystone requires a resolution authorizing signing authorities.

- b. Governance

Attached are the amended terms of reference for the Audit Committee, Executive Committee, PSC Committee and Governance Committee. The Benchers must approve all amendments to the terms of reference.

c. Appointments

- i. Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission (one resume attached)
- ii. College of Law Endowment Fund (3 resumes attached)
- iii. PLEA (4 resumes attached)

Attached is a brief description of each position, along with resumes and ballots. Appointments for items ii and iii will be handled via secret ballot.

iv. Senior Life Members

Attached is a memo from Barbra Bailey regarding potential 2015 candidates. The Law Society Policy has been included to assist the Benchers in their deliberation.

d. South West Bencher Vacancy

Enclosed is a memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C., along with an application from an interested candidate.

e. Rule Amendments

- i. Admissions & Education - Part 7, Membership and Practice Privileges and 7A National Mobility and Interjurisdictional Practice; Part 12 and Schedule 1 - Law Society Fees and Assessments

Attached is a memo from Andrea Johnston to update the descriptions used to identify the various fees, which were either no longer accurate, ceased to exist, or had been implemented, but had not been added into Schedule 1. Blacklined versions of the Rules are included for explanation.

ii. Rule 154 – Articling Term

Attached is a memo from Jody Martin regarding amendments to Rule 154 to ensure that the amount of time students are away from articles is not detrimental to their articling experience.

iii. Rule 196(2), Temporary Mobility Requiring Interjurisdictional Practice Permit

Attached is a memo from Andrea Johnston regarding defalcation compensation coverage pertaining to temporary mobility.

5.2.2 Reports

- a. Federation Council
- b. Admissions & Education
 - Minutes of September 24, 2015

- c. Audit
 - None.

- d. Conduct Investigation

None.

- e. Discipline
 - Minutes of September 24, 2015

Brenda Hildebrandt, Q.C., Chair, will report on the National Discipline Standards Report.

- f. Ethics
 - Minutes of September 24, 2015

- g. Executive
 - Minutes of November 12, 2015

- h. Governance
 - Minutes of September 24, 2015

The Governance Committee will discuss their recommendations on the Public Representative Benchers terms.

- i. Insurance

None.

- j. Professional Standards
 - Minutes of September 24, 2015

- k. Library Review

None.

- l. Access to Legal Services
 - Minutes of September 23, 2015

5.2.3 Other Matters for Benchers Approval

None.

6. Informational Items

- a. PLEA – update from Heather Jensen, Law Society representative on PLEA board.

7. Meeting Finalization**7.1 Review Actions to be Taken****7.2 Confirm Items Under 1.4****7.3 Meeting Evaluation****7.4 Next Meeting**

The next Convocation has been scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2016 in Regina again at the DoubleTree Hotel. Overnight rooms have been reserved for April 27th and 28th.

7.5 Motion to Adjourn**8. Bencher In-Camera Session**