

CONVOCATION AGENDA

Convocation Date: June 15, 16 and 17, 2016
Location: Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon
Commencement and End Time: Wed., June 15th at 6:00 pm until Friday, June 17th

1. Approval of the Agenda

1.1 Apologies for Absence

Dr. Greg Stevens is unable to attend Convocation on Friday, but will attend committee meetings on Thursday during the day. Dean Beth Bilson, Q.C. is unable to attend committee meetings, but will be present for Friday Convocation.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

1.3 Bencher Conflict of Interest Disclosures

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 28 and 29, 2016

2.1 Amendments

2.2 Confirmation of Minutes

2.3 Business Arising from Minutes

3. Strategic Planning

3.1 Improve Confidence in the Law Society among Stakeholders

Informational items:

- i. Trust Account Committee Memo

Memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C., providing an update.

- ii. Communications Coordinator

Memo from Judy Langford, along with a presentation to the Benchers.

3.2 Improve Capacity, Competency and Knowledge of Members

Informational items:

i. Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers

The Benchers approved a further grant request to LCL in the amount of \$7,500 for 2016 and requested an update at June 2016 Convocation. Chad Jesse and Bill Holliday will provide an update to the Benchers.

A memo from November 2015 Convocation by Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C. is included for background information.

Also attached is a memo from Donna Sigmeth, Q.C. discussing member protection programs in other provinces.

3.3 Improve Access to Legal Services

i. Paralegal/Non-Lawyer Legal Service Providers

A discussion on paralegal service providers will be continued at June Convocation. A background memo has been included to focus the discussion.

Herman Van Ommen from the LS of BC and Ross Earnshaw from LSUC will also address the Benchers to speak about paralegals in their respective provinces.

ii. Innovating Regulation

Attached is a memo from Barbra Bailey reporting on the entity regulation webinar held May 18, 2016 and the feedback received from the webinar.

Brenda Hildebrandt, Q.C. and Barbra Bailey were invited to attend a Battlefords Bar Association meeting on May 31st to address entity regulation and Brenda will provide a report.

4. Society Governance

4.1 Appointments

i. Law Foundation Auditor

Pursuant to rule 76(7), the Benchers appoint the Law Foundation auditor. The Law Foundation has requested that the Benchers reappoint Deloitte.

ii. Queen's Counsel Selection Committee

The committee consists of the past President, a Bencher, a Public Representative and a member-at-large.

Ian Wagner was the sole Bencher applicant, therefore, he is elected by acclamation.

Judy McCuskee has agreed to serve on behalf of the Public Representatives, conditional upon her reappointment by the Ministry.

The member-at-large appointee will be selected by secret ballot.

iii. Honourary Certificates

A motion is required to present an honorary certificate to Mr. Herman Van Ommen, Q.C. from the Law Society of BC and Mr. Ross Earnshaw from LSUC.

4.2 Articles of Continuance

The Federation adopted Governance Policies in March; the Articles of Continuance of the Federation have been amended to reflect the new role description of the Federation. Bencher approval of the attached Resolution is required.

4.3 Public Representative Update

President Perry Erhardt, Q.C. will provide an update.

5. Regulation

5.1 Rule Amendments

i. Commencement of Articles – Rule 153

Attached is a memo from Jody Martin regarding amendments to Rule 153 Commencement of Articles.

ii. Certificates of Standing - Rules 206(1)(b)(v), Rule 208(1)(d) and Rule 151(c)(ii)

Attached is another memo from Jody Martin regarding amendments to the Rules regarding Certificates of Standing.

6. Reports

6.1 President's Report

6.2 Executive Director's Report

6.3 Federation Council Report

7. Committee Reports

- a. Admissions & Education
- b. Audit
- c. Conduct Investigation
- d. Discipline
- e. Ethics
- f. Executive

- g. Governance
- h. Insurance
- i. Professional Standards
- j. Library Review
- k. Access to Legal Services
- l. Justicia

8. Informational Items

- a. *None*

9. Meeting Finalization

- 9.1 Review Actions to be Taken**
- 9.2 Confirm Items under 1.4**
- 9.3 Meeting Evaluation**
- 9.4 Next Meeting**
- 9.5 Motion to Adjourn**

10. Bencher In-Camera Session