

# Minutes for the Meeting of the Benchers Held Friday, October 23, 2020, via Zoom

## **Present:**

Gerald Tegart, Q.C., Foluke Laosebikan, Ph.D, Leslie Belloc-Pinder, Q.C., Craig Zawada, Q.C., Andrea Argue, Jeff Baldwin, Monte Gorchinski, Cara Haaf, Glenn Hepp, Suzanne Jeanson, Nolan Kondratoff, James Korpan, Q.C., Lynda Kushnir Pekrul, Kaitlynn McArthur, Scott Moffat, John Morrall, James Morrison, Q.C., Barbara Mysko, Crystal Norbeck, Martin Phillipson and Ian Wagner

## **In attendance:**

Tim Brown, Q.C., Tim Huber, Valerie Payne, Stacey McPeek, Andrea Johnston, Christine Johnston, Jody Martin, Kiran Mand, Jenna Bailey, Kara-Dawn Jordan, Jakaeden Frizzell, Julie Sobowale, Pamela Harmon, CPA, CA, Stephanie Kievits, CPA, CA, Jackie Lane and Liz Lynchuk

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am on Friday, October 23, 2020.

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Ian Wagner seconded by Andrea Argue, to approve the Agenda, as written. The motion carried.

### **1.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from William Lane and Jill Drennan.

### **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**

The Budget portion of the meeting was held *in-camera* and was not open to the public.

## 2. Governance

### 2.1 Financial Statements

Financial Statements for the period ended August 31, 2020 were provided for review and consideration.

### 2.2 Budget 2021 (*In-Camera*)

This portion of the meeting was held *in camera*. Meeting materials for this portion of the meeting are of a confidential nature and are not available to the public. A memo prepared by Tim Brown, Q.C., along with the following documents, were provided for Bencher review and discussion:

- i. Operating Fund Budget 2021
- ii. Capital Budget 2021
- iii. Special Fund Budget 2021
- iv. Consolidated Budget 2021
- v. Strategic Development Budget 2021

Another document relating to the budget was the Reserve Projections for 2020 – 2023.

Tim Brown, Q.C. briefed the Benchers using a power point presentation, which provided a comparison of overall budgeted revenues and expenses for 2020 and 2021. 2020 has been a different year due to Covid-19, but overall, declining revenues were offset by a decline in expenses, so the Society is very close to 2020 predictions.

A motion to approve the 2021 budget, as presented, was moved by Scott Moffat, seconded by Nolan Kondratoff. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the practicing fee for 2021 at \$2,175, unchanged from 2020, was moved by John Morrall, seconded by Jeff Baldwin. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Special Fund assessment for 2021 at \$100, unchanged from 2020, was moved by Crystal Norbeck, seconded by Monte Gorchinski. The motion carried.

A motion to grant second reading on the same day was presented by Ian Wagner, seconded by Barbara Mysko. The motion carried.

On second reading, the motion was presented by Kaitlynn McArthur, seconded by Glenn Hepp, that the Practice Fee remain unchanged from 2020, in the amount of \$2,175, and the Special Fund assessment remain unchanged from 2020 in the amount of \$100, be approved as written. The motion carried.

### **3. December Convocation**

After considering Bencher responses and the increase in infection rates, the Executive discussed merits of an in-person meeting in December and concluded that December Convocation will be held virtually.

### **4. Bencher Meetings**

There is sufficient interest to host smaller meetings in both Saskatoon and Regina. However, we will gauge the Covid numbers closer to the dates and make a final decision as to whether or not to proceed. If we do proceed, real distancing precautions will be put into place.

### **5. Reports**

- 5.1 President's Report** (none)
- 5.2 Executive Director's Report** (none)

### **6. Meeting Finalization**

- 6.1 Review Actions to be Taken**
- 6.2 Confirm Items under 1.4**
- 6.3 Meeting Evaluation**
- 6.4 Next Meeting**

The next Convocation is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020 via Zoom.

### **6.5 Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

### **7. Bencher *In-Camera* Session with Executive Director**

Law Society staff left the meeting and the Benchers held an *in-camera* session with Tim Brown, Q.C.

### **8. Bencher *In-Camera* Session without Executive Director**

**TIMOTHY J. BROWN, Q.C.**  
**Executive Director**