

3. President's Report delivered by Mark Mossey- See Appendix A
4. Chief Executive Officer's Report delivered by Nalini Vaddapalli
 - NV echoes the President's comments in regards to the numerous volunteer contributions made by our members – Standing Committees and for various initiatives such as the CPLED Bar Admission course which provide local support for the in-person modules. We expect that five students-at-law, who all took part in the CPLED program in partnership with the Law Society of Manitoba, will be called to the Nunavut Bar this year which is a success.
 - New initiatives undertaken by our small law society requires engagement by our membership in order to succeed but we have to be mindful that in some instances we must also evaluate if we have the capacity to deliver such initiatives in a meaningful way without compromising standards;
 - In a nutshell, it is important to be open to new initiatives but it is as important to evaluate the feasibility, sustainability and ask ourselves if standards are being met;
 - Structure and policies remain an important ongoing concern. This year, all Standing Committees have an action plan adopted by the Committee Members which serves as a road map to deal with priority matters and other ongoing projects that depending on the workload will be carried over to the following year; I thank the Chairpersons and all Committee members for their commitment;
 - In terms of professional development, generally the membership is meeting the 12 hours requirement but as of yet, there is no suspension or penalty; the LSN is continuing to evaluate how the membership is able to meet these requirements and the challenge for our resident members in particular. That being said, we are investing time and efforts to deliver more and more events in Iqaluit and we are thankful to the Nunavut Law Foundation for their financial support so that events are offered at no cost at this point in time; the membership will be invited to provide comments and feedback on the current policy so we may revise the current policy and formally adopt it at the next AGM;
 - Welcome to our new executive administrator, Jesse Gaw, and thank you to all LSN staff and students for their hard work. As the membership keeps growing, this means increased demands but the LSN strives to provide the personal one on one service as it always has.
5. Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Council's Report delivered by Scott Wheildon
 - Concerns that the Barreau du Québec is considering leaving the Federation as it raises questions about the value and the cost for its membership; each levy increase which is generally on an annual basis is added to the annual membership fees;

- CanLii is a strong tool and is becoming a competitive option;
- TWU and National Committee on Accreditation : The Committee is reviewing and evaluating the need for adding a non-discriminatory clause for a given new law school. The Committee had an internal debate regarding how the Committee itself should be populated. For example, Ontario has the most law schools in Canada, but others were more focused on region. However, we do not want to hold up the work of this Committee due to an internal debate on who should be on it. An update should be provided in the near future;
- Quebec Mobility is also a key issue, but the Government of Québec has held off on this issue. There was a concern with the outcome of Justice Marc Nadon's (from the Federal Court) appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada as his appointment did not meet one of the three criteria to be considered as a Quebec representative; his membership with the Barreau du Québec was less than the required minimum 10 years;
- The FLSC's Governance Review Committee came to Iqaluit, and we sat down with them to raise some concerns. After their discussion, we felt that northern voices were heard, and we are hopeful that the governance review will provide insight on changes to the current structure and clearer directions for the future of the FLSC and the value each jurisdiction brings to the table which should be equal whether large or small.

6. Treasurer's Report delivered by Tamara Fairchild

a) Presentation of Audited 2014 Financial Statements

- Revenues have slightly gone down since 2013-2014 but will need to wait till next year to confirm if this will be an ongoing trend which would be of concern;
- Insurance levy is now approximately \$1000.00 less per member which is beneficial in particular for members of the private bar;
- We are getting a \$59,000.00 as a surplus from CLIA, and this can be directed to the liability and risk management- this money coming back is not reflected in the numbers presented today;
- Salaries and benefits have gone up but as an example, for the first time, the CEO received a housing allowance;
- Telecommunication fees decreased this year because our internet was not hacked this year and an increased level of security for the password is now being used;
- There was a slight increase in travel expenses related to students and airfare; unfortunately, we can no longer benefit from a corporate reduction by having students become members of the Association des francophones du Nunavut as it no longer offered through the latter membership;
- Question from John MacLean: How are we tracking the budget and are we on track?
 - Response from NV: Last year we had a difficult year in terms of complex files which required the hiring of counsel and also new unforeseen projects such as the ongoing issue with the registration of the Rules of the LSN which required extra help. We needed to hire additional part time

staff ; our law students or graduate students now earn between \$20.00 and \$22.00 per hour which remains modest in comparison with student's salary at the GN and the PPSC. The LSN and the membership benefits greatly from the work and support provide by these students.

Moved by Norman Tarnow and seconded by Mandy Sammurtok, Motion carried.

- b) Appointment of Auditor for 2015
- 2015 auditors will be Lester Landau

Moved by Norman Tarnow and seconded by Mandy Sammurtok. Motion carried.

7. Discipline Committee Report delivered (phone) by Kimberley Gilson, Chairperson
- We dealt with 7 issues, and they were deal with in a reasonable timeline;
 - The advice and directions that were ordered took place in a timely manner with good collaboration from the member;
 - Again this year, complex files had to be referred to counsel for investigation to ensure proper oversight and a reasonable timeline for the matter to be dealt with ;
 - We find the scope of options for the decision taken by the Chair to be limited, and the law society's Act is also limiting. We are looking at other jurisdictions to find the best solution in order to propose option that would increase the scope of the Chair's range of decision;
 - It is important to consider that our job is to protect the public, but we need to be aware that we are not going outside our mandate.
8. Membership and Admission Committee Report delivered by Mandy Sammurtok, Chairperson - See Appendix B 2014 Detailed and Comparative Membership Statistics

Breakdown of members authorized to practice law - 2014			
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Private practice :	8	161	169
Employed : - Government (Federal)	15	22	37
- Government (Pro/Terr)	20	7	27
- Corporate	0	0	0

- Education	0	0	0
- Community Legal Aid	21	0	21
- Other (Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.)	3	2	5
Sub-total	67	192	259
Student-at-law (articling)	5 + 1 ¹	0	6
Restricted Appearance Certificates	0	43	43
Total	73	235	308²

Breakdown of members not authorized to practice law			
	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Inactive	3	26	29
Suspensions (current year)	3	1	4 ³
Resignations	5	14	19
Judicial appointment	0	0	0
Total	11	41	52

9. Nunavut Lawyers Assistance Program , Marian De Souza, Executive Director of Albert ASSIST

- A joint partnership between Albert ASSIST and the CBA NU Branch but benefits all resident members of the Law Society of Nunavut and their families;
- Purpose: To provide support for lawyers and their families in Nunavut by providing 24/7 support by trained professionals through a peer to peer process;
- Peer support occurs when someone shares their knowledge and experience, whether practical, emotional, or social, to help another person; the training took place on Friday for the first time in Nunavut and more than a dozen lawyers are now trained

Health Break

¹ One Student-at-law resigned

² Please note that this number reflects all members called to the bar as well as students-at-law admitted on, or before, Friday May 22nd 2015.

³ Four members were put under administrative suspension for failure to provide renewal documentation as well as renewal fees. In terms of the 5th suspension, there is a resolution that up for Executive approval that should be passed next week (week of May 25th 2015).

10. Nunavut Law Foundation Report delivered by Mandy Sammurtok, Chairperson

- New Director appointed this year - Ms. Marie Belleau, a resident lawyer working at Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.; the Foundation's welcomes her appointment and will bring invaluable contributions no doubt having been herself a recipient of the Foundation ; she will also provide Inuit perspective to discussions and policy development;
- The Foundation is active more than ever in providing grants and scholarships to individuals and organizations that meet the statutory objectives set out in the Legal Profession Act;
- The Foundation is looking to continue funding access to justice related initiatives and do so in collaboration with other organizations such as the Law Society's Access to Justice Committee;
- The Foundation spent close to \$40,000 in grants and awards in 2014 and continues to provide such monies from carrying revenues from previous years;
- The Foundation's report and complete financial statement are available online on the Foundation's webpage hosted on the Law Society's website.

11. Model Code Review Update delivered by Ross McLeod, advisor to the LSN Model Code working group and practice advisor for LSN Members; RM is based out of the Law Society of Alberta.

- Reasons for the review: lawyer mobility, multiplicity of provincial codes, national standards (common law degrees, admission requirements, discipline and ethics), independence of the bar, and the CBA Code no longer applicable;
- Is an ongoing process which monitors changes in the law profession and receives feedback from the law societies, and makes recommendations with respect to changes to the Model Code over time;
- A new look in regards to interpretation and definitions, standards of the legal profession, relationships to clients, marketing of legal services and relationships;
- The Law Society's Model Code Sub-Committee is pursuing its work and hopes to provide a revised draft at next year's AGM for the membership to consider.

12. Access to Justice Update delivered by Sarah McCoubrey, Access to Justice Strategist - See Appendix C Flow Chart

- Access to Justice was approved at the last AGM and we are currently working on a framework;
- We have developed a toolkit to assist is in doing more without a huge time commitment;
- We have surpassed our first year expectations already;
- Several successful events: Elders' day celebrations, Pangnirtung community event which received funding from the Nunavut Law Foundation, YWCA partnership for domestic violence- resource cards, Wills community event; all of

these would not be possible without the support of the members and their employers who support and recognize the importance of public legal education.

**13. Approval of Minutes of 2013-2014 Annual General Meeting
Moved by Norman Tarnow and seconded by Mandy Sammurток, Motion carried.**

14. Proposed Rule Amendments

i. Member Proposed Resolution – Resolution 1 - See Appendix D

- TWU- Other jurisdictions such as Ontario and British Columbia are currently in the midst of legal proceeding;
- As mentioned by SW, the FLSC Committee on Accreditation has agreed to consider whether to add or not the discrimination criteria as part of the approval process;
- There is real serious financial consideration for our law society if it would end up needing to pursue its own legal battle; it is prudent to wait until the Courts' decisions in various jurisdictions and the outcomes of the FLSC Committee's work.

Motioned to Move to next AGM OR Special Meeting

Moved by Norman Tarnow and seconded by John MacLean. Motion carried.

ii. LSN Proposed Resolution - Resolution 2 with Appendix A (Schedule A)
- See Appendix E

- Typo - "FFEE"

Motioned to remove the extra "F"

Moved by John MacLean and seconded by Thomas Ahlfors. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Question from Thomas Ahlfors: In regards to the AGM resolution of 2007/2008 where all members who do not have a trust account are required to pay the trust account levy. If you had a trust account you wouldn't pay the levy. Where is the statutory authority in this decision?
 - TA suggests it should be equal across the board. Does not see a reason for distinction;
 - Comment from membership: recognition that the levy should be different depending on the status of the member; meaning that the majority of private law firms are located down south; in Nunavut, the majority of lawyers are within government, thus our pool of resident private law firms is very small;
 - TA recognizes the rationale behind this measure but questions where lies the statutory authority to do so.

Motion to make a distinction between those who do not have a trust account and those who do. Moved by Thomas Ahlfors. Did not have second motion. Motion failed.

Discussion:

- TA notes that a second trust account levy is charged when changing status;
- No discussion; membership agrees.

Motion to remove second trust account levy of \$100.00 when changing status. Moved by Thomas Ahlfors and seconded by Jay Potter. Motion Carried (1 vote against).

15. Executive Election – Announcements of Results

MM thanks all candidates for their interest. The two new elected members are:

Alison Crowe and Scott Wheildon who will take office within 30 days of this election.

16. 2014 Volunteer Award

- NV announces that Ms. Margaret Hollis is awarded the Neil Sharkey Volunteer Award for her long-standing dedication, many contributions and support to various initiatives and projects.
- Ms. Hollis was admitted to the Nunavut Bar in 2003 and has provided a wealth of knowledge expertise to the Territory. She has made a notable difference by her direct involvement with the Nunavut Lawyer's Assistance Program; all resident lawyers, students-at-law, judges and their families can now access free and confidential counseling and other support. Ms. Hollis continues to be a valued mentor to both lawyers and students-at-law.
- Ms. Hollis has made numerous contributions to the Law Society's Committees. She sat on the Membership and Admissions Committee including as Chairperson, and on the Executive Committee; her support and dedication to Law Society initiatives, such as the partnership with the Manitoba CPLED Bar Admission Course, has given students-at-law the opportunity to complete all admission requirements in Nunavut. In addition, Ms. Hollis has invested much time and effort in the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association's governance review by participating in the work of the Expense Committee.
- On behalf of the Law Society Executive and its members, we are honored to have Ms. Hollis as a member of the Nunavut Bar. We are pleased to award her with the Neil Sharkey 2014 Volunteer Award for her long-term service and invaluable and numerous contributions.

17. Other business – NTR.

18. Adjournment

Moved by Norman Tarnow and seconded by John MacLean. Motion Carried.