

- **Moving Forward**
 - One important project that we are turning our minds to is the implementation of an improved and streamlined system that will connect our website to our members' data which will allow for better management of our members' data including creating a member portal.
 - Currently, the law society's website and membership database require many hours of manual labor and an improved system will allow for a better use of the CEO and staff's time and reduced the risk of data entry errors.
 - While there is cost attached to such a project, both 2015 and 2016 have been fairly good years allowing us to earmark funds to cover the cost of this project to be implemented in 2 different phases. We look forward to reporting back next year.
 - **Acknowledgments**
 - Many thanks to the members of the Executive.
 - TF thanks NV for her dedication and support to the LSN and all LSN staff. They are the forefront of our law society and are committed to ensuring our law society is welcoming and able to assist the public and our members in any way they can.
 - TF looks forward to remaining on the Executive as it Past President and continue to be involved in the database project.
- 4. Chief Executive Officer's Report** – See attached report including remarks on behalf of the Chair of the Discipline Committee, Kimberley Gilson.
- Presentation by Nalini Vaddapalli, CEO
 - Key discipline related information:
 - More complaints are beginning to come in.
 - The Law Society is generally meeting national standards.
 - Six new complaints in 2016 with varying degrees of complexity.
 - Service is provided in Inuktitut though its Inuktitut toll free phone and part time Inuktitut speaker staff, this is helpful for complaint intake.
 - Every complaint is reviewed by the Chair unless there is a direct conflict.
- 5. Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Council's Report** – See attached report.
- Presentation by Tamara Fairchild, Nunavut Council member
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- a) Presentation of Audited 2016 Financial Statements (FS)
- FS are presented by Executive Treasurer, Janet Rowsell.
 - 2016 is a year of surplus after seeing a significant decrease in professional fees from 2015 which speaks to our President's remarks with respect to complex litigation that may arise with no prior knowledge.
 - In light of the expenses incurred in 2015, LSN membership events and in-person professional development events were limited in 2016 having spent \$12,400 in comparison to \$26,500 in 2015.
 - We will continue to adopt an annual conservative budget as membership and RAC revenues can fluctuate from one year to another.
 - **Motion to adopt the 2016 financial statements. Moved by John MacLean and Seconded by Kyle DeYoung. Motion Carried.**
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b) Appointment of Auditor for 2017.

- **Motion to appoint Lester Landau as the Auditor for fiscal 2017. Moved by Barry McLaren and Seconded by Norman Tarnow. Motion Carried.**

7. Nunavut Lawyers Assistance Program (NuLAP) Presentation

- Presentation by John MacLean, Director for NuLAP
- NuLAP is our assistance program for lawyers, student-at-laws, law students and members of their family.
- NuLAP is independent of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) and the Law Society but partners with Alberta Assist. However, a contribution is made by the CBA Nunavut Branch to Alberta Assist.
- Lawyers are among the highest risk of mental wellness concerns and have among the highest rates of major depression and are unlikely to access support.
- The LAP is one of the tools you have available to you as no cost and 24/7. Access the Alberta assist website and the CBA wellness website. These provide a network of peer volunteers; if you'd like to talk to a friend there is at least one peer volunteer in every major "lawyer shop" in town. They have been trained by Alberta Assist. You can also connect with a volunteer through Skype or over the phone.
- The service is confidential.
- JM is open to suggestions on what can be done to improve the services and information for our members living in the communities.
- JM thanks the Discipline Chair and CEO for now including the information in the first notice to the members who are the subject of complaints.

Lunch Break

8. Nunavut La Foundation (NLF) Report - See attached report.

- Provided by Cindy Kieu, Chairperson of NLF.
- Question from KD with respect to the NLF investment return and possible steps the Board could take to improve the investments revenues.
- Discussion at large with the Chair where concerns are raised about the necessity of taking a prudent and conservative approach to the NLF revenues as annual levy revenues transferred from the Law Society to the NLF are in the range of \$30,000 to \$35,000.
- The Chair reminds the membership that a reserve fund policy was adopted in 2016 and serves as a guideline to protect the NLF investments.

9. Ethics & Unauthorized Practice Report

- Provided by Shelley Miller, Chairperson, via teleconference.
- Touched on the work of the Model Code (Code) – The Code was our main project for the year and we achieved this important mandate with the adoption of the Model Code in November 2016.
- Other general business : generally lawyers who were alleged to provide services and failed to apply for membership or a RAC, once they were contacted by the Law Society they have applied but we still need to be diligent. There are still lawyers who are providing legal services without proper membership and in these situations clients are not protected.
- Ontario Report for example could be a way to inform lawyers but we must also target members of the public to ensure they know they are dealing with lawyers

who are not insured. We must inform the public to contact the Law Society to make sure the lawyer is authorized to provide services.

- As Chair, I would suggest that we need to invest more time to clarify the definition and scope of the term “practice of law” as the notion brings on a debate when the lawyer thinks they are not practicing law in their opinion. We need to examine our own process and develop a clear understanding.
- Committee must provide clarity in authorized practice.
- Our Committee has limited authority on how to deal with a lawyer who we felt had engaged in unauthorized practice.
- We requested that a member of the Law Society conduct a private meeting to deal with a lawyer who had clearly engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. We want to thank that member who oversaw and conducted that private meeting.
- We feel our next task is to develop a process that legitimizes the types of processes for dealing with these types of complaints and solidifying a process.
- TF thanks the Chair, the Committee members and the volunteer efforts for its impact.

10. 2016 Neil Sharkey Volunteer Award – See attached official announcement

- Presented to Shelley Miller Q.C., Chair of the Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Committee.

11. Membership and Admissions Committee Report – See attached 2016 Statistics

- The Committee is working on a number of projects, renewal forms, regular application forms, improving the student-at-law application process and continuing to solidify its process.
- Stats:
 - LSN received 48 applications this year all of which were recommended to the Executive.
 - As of May 26th, 2017, the LSN has 320 Members: 278 active, 42 inactive; 37 resignations were submitted as part of the 2017 renewal period.
- The Executive thanks the Committee for their invaluable commitment and acknowledges that the MAC members have been instrumental in having the application process streamlined and overall more efficient.

12. Access to Justice – See attached report

- Provided by James Morton, Co-Chairperson.
- General remarks include the support provided not only by the Committee members but many members who are and have supported the development of public legal education materials that is funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario grant; and other members who made important contributions by supporting and participating in various community workshops across the territory.
- JM thanks his Co-Chairperson, Gloria Song and looks forward to completing this important access to justice mandate and reporting back at next year’s AGM.
- CEO confirms the grant was in the amount of \$100,000.
- TF thanks the Co – Chairs, Committee members and all of the members who took time to support this important initiative.

13. Approval of Minutes of 2015-16 Annual General Meeting

- Motion to move for approval of minutes. Moved by Norman Tarnow and Seconded by John MacLean. Motion Carried.

14. Executive Election Results

- Tamara Fairchild, President, announces that Alison Crowe is re-elected for a 2nd term and welcomes John MacLean to the Executive.
- TF thanks Janet Rowsell for her contributions made during her 2 year term on the Executive. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

15. Other Business

Role of the LSN to facilitate Inuit participation (within the Nu Bar) and Inuit representation generally (Member Motion).

- Barry McLaren brings to the Executive's attention the lack of Inuit representation at these regular AGMs and that it has been an ongoing matter of not taking proactive steps to ensure our Inuit colleagues feel welcomed to attend these annual meetings, law society events and participate in various standing committees.
- Anne Crawford mentions that a member motion regarding Inuit representation was brought to the Executive's attention with a scope that is broader than the Law Society's role and responsibility towards Inuit representation.
- CEO mentions that a copy is available for members wishing to review the motion.
- The Executive suggests that a discussion on the issues and concerns brought today could take place as the Executive members are not in position today to commit to the motion put forward by Ms. Crawford and Joseph Murdoch-Flowers.
- The discussions are raising sensitive concerns where some members are not in the room to speak for themselves.
- **A motion to move *in camera* is made by BM and Seconded by JM. Motion Carried.**
- Amy Short and Rachelle Trenholm are politely asked to leave the room.
- Decision: The LSN Executive recognizes the importance of the issues and concerns discussed today and commits to holding a special general meeting or a general membership meeting to further discuss the concerns with the membership and reporting back at next year's AGM.

16. Adjournment

- **Call for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Barry McLaren and Seconded by Norman Tarnow. Motion Carried.**