

b) Nunavut Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP)

- Alberta Assist created a peer support Red Mug Coffee Circles initiative. Learn more [here](#);
- Nunavut continues to benefit from this important partnership with a number of LSN resident members who've received training; and
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the April joint event with CBA NU Branch on the topic of compassion fatigue and resiliency essentials to be delivered by Diana Tikasz from TEND Academy TEND and the National meeting of LAP organizations were postponed until 2021.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sandhya Chari

Presentation of Audited 2019 Financial Statements:

- The significant increase observed in the *applications, admission and other fees* revenues category is tied to the revenues and donations received for the September Intensive Trial Advocacy program delivered in Iqaluit. Funds and disbursements were coordinated by the LSN. Approximate revenues were of \$60,000 with an additional \$20,000 received from the University of Alberta for an access to justice smaller-scale project for youth;
- The LSN ended its fiscal year on a surplus of roughly \$27,000 and remains in stable financial position with conservative and careful planning and spending that is adjusted throughout the year when professional fees are incurred for various more complex matters (membership, judicial reviews, etc.), discipline investigations and special projects that include IT-related infrastructure.
- **Motion to adopt the 2019 LSN audited financial statements. Moved by Sandhya Chari and Seconded by Norman Tarnow.**

a) Appointment of Auditor for 2020

- A overview of the [RPF process](#) was provided by the Treasurer followed by general reasons for which a Nunavut-based firm was not retained that included a significant cost difference for both the LSN and Nunavut Law Foundation (joint RFP), and the proposal provided significant details in response to the RFP; in addition, the Treasurer noted that it is a good governance practice to consider a new auditor after more than a decade. Hence, basis on which the LSN took the decision to send out a RFP drafted and coordinated by a senior member of the Nunavut bar with assistance from a Finance Committee member and CEO.
- **Motion to appoint, pursuant to Ss. 9 (1) of the Legal Profession Act, EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation to conduct the 2020 annual audit of the Law Society of Nunavut’s books and records. Moved by Sandhya Chari and Seconded by Adrienne Silk. Motion Carried.**

5. 2019 Neil Sharkey Volunteer Award Recipient presented by LSN President John MacLean

Excerpt from the [detailed announcement](#):

- Sara Siebert is the 2019 recipient of the Neil Sharkey Volunteer Service Award for her leadership and invaluable contributions made to the Law Society of Nunavut;
- The commitment and dedication from Ms. Siebert to our legal community and profession is laudable for having directly contributed to tangible results at different levels: for the profession, for students-at-law and members of the public; and
- Ms. Siebert has chosen the “wet shelter” which is managed by the Uquutaq Society (Iqaluit Men’s Shelter) for a donation to be made by the LSN on her behalf.
- Ms. Siebert will receive an ookpik wall hanging with caribou antler rod made by local Iqaluit artist Eva Ishamahel.

6. Chair of the Nunavut Law Foundation's Report – Marie Belleau
[Report](#) and 2019 audited financial statements presentation:
 - The Foundation remains in a good financial position, with steps to be taken to transfer its investments with increased guidance and support from RBC Dominion Securities. However, revenues remain limited given the ongoing concerns with minimal revenues generated from Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account (IOLTA);
 - Enforcement of the applicable provisions of the *Legal Profession Act* would allow non-resident members with a trust account where monies from Nunavut clients are deposited to be given back to the Foundation. The Board of the Foundation has been looking into this issue more closely in the past two years with steps to be taken hopefully in the near future;
 - The Foundation gave out roughly \$25,000 in 2019; more could be done to support community-based projects and to increase grants and awards including for youth; and
 - John MacLean thanked Marie Belleau for her commitment and contributions made to the Foundation over these past six years. Marie Belleau's term is ending soon after this AGM.
7. Other business – None.
8. Adjournment. **Motion to adjourn @ 7:10pm ET. Moved by Norman Tarnow and Seconded by Roman Dzioba. Motion Carried.**

Consent Agenda

9. [Executive Election Results](#): Sandhya Chari and Mia Manocchio for two-year terms.
10. Law Society Chief Executive Officer's Report; Nalini Vaddapalli
11. Chair of the Discipline Committee's Report; Thomas Ahlfors
12. Access to Justice, Law Society Representative Report; Gloria Song
13. Standing Committees' Chair Reports
 - a) Legal Ethics and Practice; Stephanie Boydell
 - b) Inuit Representation in the Legal Profession; Jonathan Park

- c) Membership and Admissions; Alyssa Holland**
- d) Rules; Merrilee Rasmussen**

14. Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Council Report; Sara Siebert

15. Federation of Law Society of Canada, Report from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee; Paul Okalik

16. Nunavut Legal Services Board, Law Society Representative Report; Julie Bedford

17. Approval of 2018-19 AGM Minutes