

B. MEETING SUMMARIES

The Committee did not formally meet during 2019-2020 but did exchange a number of emails to discuss the Committee's action plan and priorities for the Executive's consideration.

C. ACTION STEPS

On September 12, 2019, the Chair met with the Executive Committee to discuss the action steps and the recommendations made by the Committee in the Report to the Membership in May 2019. The Executive welcomed the recommendations and invited the Committee to bring forward priorities for which the Law Society could consider undertaking as part of its mandate. For example, during the September meeting, the Chair and the Executive discussed the revival of the Legal Skills Program, a workshop that was put on around the territory in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 through Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (Inuit Studies Support Program) as it was then known. It was agreed that contact should be made with Makigiaqta, a training fund established by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. under Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation pursuant to the Nunavut Settlement Agreement. Also discussed at that meeting was potentially establishing a connection with the high school to encourage youth to consider the legal profession, what steps and approach should be taken to encourage graduates of the Nunavut Law Program to remain in Nunavut, and the Committee requesting information from major employers about their plans to hire Inuit law students and Inuit articling students.

On October 31, 2019, the Chair met with the Dean of the Law Program at the Nunavut Arctic College to obtain further information on the Law Program's career development plan. The Dean advised that a Career Development Officer at the University of Saskatchewan was scheduled to come to Nunavut in January to meet face-to-face with prospective employers and have face-to-face meetings with students to discuss career goals. In 2019, every student in the Law Program who was looking for summer employment successfully secured a position. A Career Fair was scheduled for February 2020 for summer employment and articling opportunities. At the time of the discussion, the Dean was working to secure commitments from major Nunavut employers of legal professionals so that articling positions would be available to graduates from the Law Program.