



- ### Online – Executive members, Members, Students-at-Law and Guests

5. Kenneth Chatarpaul
6. Lauren Shadley
7. Meera Basnyat (auditor)
8. Merrilee Rasmussen
9. Norman Tarnow
10. Ryan Baxter
11. Sandhya Chari
12. Susan Switch
13. Ted Hopkins
14. Teri Bougie
15. Victoria Perrie

Staff and external support

1. Adeltrudes De Belen
2. Brent Baker
3. François Fortin
4. Lisa Bird
5. Nalini Vaddapalli
6. Santana Stallberg

1. Assembly and welcome by Chair – President Joanne Smith

There is a need to amend the procedures for the meeting pursuant to Rule 27.1(2) to allow virtual voting, with a combination of in-person voting by a show of hands.

Motion to amend the meeting procedures pursuant to Rule 27.1(2) of the Rules of the LSN. Moved by John Maclean and seconded by Mark Mossey. Motion carried.

2. Approval of agenda - President Joanne Smith

Two changes to amend the agenda, including a member proposal and the CanLII presentation.

Motion to adopt the amended agenda. Moved by Alison Crowe and seconded by Mark Mossey. Motion Carried.

3. President's Report – Joanne Smith

Presentation available in [English](#) and [Inuktitut](#).

Including:

- Executive election results with three Members: elected by acclamation including the President (re-elected), Kenneth Chatarpaul (re-elected) and incoming Executive member Romy Leclerc; one vacancy remains with steps to be taken once the new Executive takes office.
- Acknowledgement of the Executive public representative Koovian Flanagan attending the AGM in-person.
- Update on a Nunavut-focused Bar Admission Remedial Program currently being developed as a complimentary Program to CPLED PREP for Students-at-Law who registered with CPLED PREP. Expected admissions to the Nunavut Bar for successful candidates by fall.
- Formation of the Articling Bar Admissions Committee arising from the Statutes Examination Taskforce Report. The Committee is currently composed of only three members as the Executive looks for more members to be appointed.
- Update on the Nunavut Statutes Examination and the decision of the Executive to abolish the Statutes Examination in its current format.
- Update on the LPA overhaul which comes from years of efforts with initial concerns raised by a member at the May 2014 AGM related to the historical omission of not registering amendments to the Rules over the years. Next step is to send a table of issues-solutions compiled over the years including by standing committees members and with help from Merrilee Rasmussen as the legislative drafter to the Government of Nunavut for review.
- Update on the conflict, quorum, and voting among the Executive Committee which comes from the member motion made at the June 2022 AGM. Proposed amendments were reviewed by the Rules Committee and feedback was provided but was missed. The Executive will provide a response by next fall.

Motion to adopt the President's 2023-24 Report. Moved by Mark Mossey and seconded by John MacLean. Motion Carried.

4. Deputy Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements are presented by this year's auditor: Meera Basnyat, CPA, CGA Director – Operations; EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation.

The Deputy-Treasurer NV remains available to respond to questions.

- a)** Presentation of audited 2023 Financial Statements
[2023 Audited Financial Statements for adoption](#)

Discussion on the LSN's fiscal year:

TH: The LSN fiscal year, does it go to January to December or March to April?

MB: January to December.

TH: Does it include the full year, not a portion from last year and this year correct?

MB: Yes, the full year.

TH: This has nothing to do with 2024, it only deals with 2023?

MB: Correct.

President JS: The finances are from the 2023 year.

TH: Does the fiscal year match the administrative year?

NV: The reporting does capture some of the early efforts of 2024.

TH: Normally financial statements match the fiscal year. This indicates it matches the administrative year.

President JS: Yes.

SM: In terms of Professional fees, what is covered under this?

NV: Professional fees cover the activities conducted to cover the mandates and projects arising from the Nunavut Statutes Examination Taskforce Report. Additionally, it covers disciplinary matters, custodianships for first time, complex matters arising from admission and other member-related confidential matters; generally, that is what the fees have gone to including the additional IT-support for LSN's website and member portal. We have hired additional support for the standing committees, including for the newly formed Articling and Bar Admissions Committee due to limited support in-house. These fees also include the annual audit, bookkeeping and translation fees.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Law Society of Nunavut audited Financial Statements. Moved by John MacLean and Seconded by Mark Mossey. Motion Carried. (All in favour in-person, 1 abstention online)

b) Appointment of auditor for 2024 - President Joanne Smith

Motion to appoint EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation (Yellowknife, NT) as the Law Society of Nunavut's auditor for the year 2024. Moved by Alison Crowe and Seconded by John Yannakis. Motion Carried.

5. Standing Committees' Chair Reports – **Delivered by Deputy Secretary Nalini Vaddapalli**

Presentation delivered by Deputy Secretary on behalf of the Discipline, Membership and Admissions and Rules (update) Committees.

a) Discipline

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand

- The report omitted to mention that there was a transition in the Chair's position from Shayne Kert to Erin George.
- The LSN is also looking into including a fitness to practice stream in the LPA overhaul proposal to support members as reported upon in previous years.

b) Legal Ethics and Practice – Chair Nikolai Sittmann

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand.

c) Membership and Admissions – Chair Rohan Brown

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand.

d) Rules – Chair Thomas Ahlfors

- See the [Presentation](#) delivered by Deputy Secretary.

6. Federation of Law Societies of Canada, Council Report – Mark Mossey

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand.

7. Can LII and Lexum – Mark Mossey presents speakers

a) Francis Barragan, President and CEO; and Pierre-Paul Lemyre, Lexum VP Business Development

[Presentation](#) AI-Powered Analysis for Nunavut Legal Information on CanLII

JY: What search engine is used?

PP: Solar is being used, which is our own technology.

JY: Is it like Google?

PP: It is similar, but they have their own search engine.

Unidentified Member: You mentioned that CanLII has the ability to provide cases in two languages, however in Nunavut we have 3, and it would be important to have Inuktitut language available.

FB: As mentioned, this is something we are looking into. As the systems are built, it is difficult to see when we will have better translation, but often with technology, there is the ability to advance the translation in general, not specific to CanLII.

8. Nunavut Lawyers Assistance Program (NuLAP)- John MacLean

- Informs of the NuLAP in collaboration with Alberta Assist since 2013 with fees covered by the CBA Nunavut Branch.
- Taking steps for our mental health including by reaching out to a colleague, friend or by calling the NuLAP toll-free number which is free, confidential and 24/7. The number is on the back of your membership card.
- Watch for more CLEs on this topics and Phase II of the Health and Wellness in the Legal Profession: [2022 National Study](#).

9. 2023 Neil Sharkey Volunteer Award Recipient – President Joanne Smith

[The award was presented to Sandhya Chari](#) by NV with a piece of Inuit jewelry and a donation to be made on behalf of SC from the LSN to a community/not-for-profit Nunavut-based organization.

10. Chair of the Nunavut Law Foundation (NLF) - Sarah Arngha'naaq - Report delivered by NLF Administrator Nalini Vaddapalli

- a) 2023 Annual Report in [English](#) and [Inuktitut](#); and [audited 2023 Financial Statements](#)

NLF Director Victoria Perrie:

The NLF met recently and did a strategic planning session, and it went well with the board meeting in Winnipeg. We expect to have a finalized plan out shortly. The NLF has awarded several grants in the recent past and we are excited to continue the access to justice programs.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Nunavut Law Foundation 2023 Annual Report and 2023 audited Financial Statements. Moved by Mark Mossey and Seconded by Jean-Claude Nguyen. Motion Carried.

- b) Appointment of auditor for 2024

Motion to appoint EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation (Yellowknife, NT) as the Nunavut Law Foundation's auditor for the year 2024. Moved by Alison Crowe and Seconded by Mark Mossey. Motion Carried

11. Other business – President Joanne Smith

Member request regarding the online membership directory and year of call – Alison Crowe.

Motion to request the membership directory to list year of call and the other jurisdictions that members are called to. This brings more clarity to the public about experience. Also, it would be beneficial to allow members to post a blurb about their areas of practice and experience.

VP:

I voice support and would like to second the motion. I think this would provide an important advantage to clients.

Unidentified Member:

I do not think a motion is required as it is not a Rule. The information may be recorded and collected and consented to on the yearly basis. I think a resolution/motion would show support, but it is not required.

President JS:

My suggestion is to have consensus.

TH:

I think it is beneficial to note the comments, but I also think it is important to make it an option to the members. If we make it mandatory through the motion, then we need more notice and time to think about this. I think it needs to be made optional.

President JS:

A motion directs the Executive to make it optional.

NV:

We are looking into improving the current referral system to better meet the needs of the public and hopefully we will be able to submit a proposal over the summer. A note is included in this year's CEO report.

RB:

I am supportive of the motion, more transparency provided to the public is important. I think listing jurisdictions that we practice in would be helpful and we need to keep in mind it cannot be a marketing pitch.

TH:

There are different member statuses in different provinces for which a Nunavut member is also a member of. I like the idea but also think it needs a bit more thought and consent.

President JS:

I agree we would need to distinguish between being called in a jurisdiction and actually practicing.

NV:

This will need to be considered for next year's budget as a designated budget line with efforts to consider today's request including estimated cost.

Motion for the Executive to develop a referral service that includes lawyers' year(s) of call for other jurisdictions, status of practice and potentially a box for experience. Moved by Alison Crowe and Seconded by Victoria Perrie. Motion Carried (2 abstentions and 2 nays).

12. Adjournment – President Joanne Smith

Motion to adjourn the 2023-25 AGM. Moved by John MacLean and Seconded by Jean-Claude Nguyen. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

13. Law Society Chief Executive Officer's Report – Nalini Vaddapalli

[English](#); [Inuktitut](#)

14. Access to Justice, Law Society Representatives Report – Daisy McCabe-Lokos

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand

15. Nunavut Legal Services Board, Law Society Representative Report – Julie Bedford

[English](#); Inuktitut on demand

16. [Other Standing Committees' Chair Reports](#)

17. Approval of 2022-23 AGM Minutes

[Draft Minutes for adoption](#)