

Resolution A

Resolution to Amend Appendix D of the Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut to Provide for Flexibility to the Executive in Chairing the February 28, 2024, Special Meeting

Summary

The proposed amendments to the Rules of Law Society of Nunavut:

- provide for meaningful participation by the President of the Law Society of Nunavut in debates and discussions at meetings as necessary and deemed appropriate by the Executive; and
- more accurately reflect the teamwork and alignment inherent in the work of the Executive by enabling them to take turns Chairing meetings where the subject matter or circumstances make so doing appropriate.

WHEREAS the members of the Executive of the Law Society of Nunavut function as a team;

WHEREAS the person acting as Presiding Officer of a meeting is not practically well situated to meaningfully participate in debate or discussion during that meeting;

WHEREAS it is acknowledged in Rule 27.1(2) that flexibility in the procedures for conducting meetings is appropriate and necessary to facilitate the expeditious conducting of the business of the Law Society;

WHEREAS the President of the Law Society has personally been involved in multiple discussions about the Nunavut Statutes Examination including but not limited to the November 2023 Information Session and December 2023 Roundtables with current and former students-at-law;

WHEREAS the members of the Law Society as well as the best interests of the Law Society are best served by the President and members of the Executive being enabled to communicate with them clearly and openly;

WHEREAS the President may have information to impart gained in the context of their duties which is useful and relevant to debates and discussions in meetings;

AND WHEREAS circumstances including but not limited to weather, technological issues, travel delays, health, and other personal circumstances may prevent the President of the Law Society from acting as Presiding Officer at any particular meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RULES OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NUNAVUT BE AMENDED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NUNAVUT AS SET OUT HEREIN:

Appendix D of the Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut shall be amended to allow at the discretion of the Executive of the Law Society of Nunavut for any member of the Executive to serve as the Presiding Officer and Chairperson of the February 28, 2024 Special Meeting of the Law Society of Nunavut by majority vote of the members present at the Special Meeting.

Resolution B

Resolution to Amend the Voting Procedure at the February 28, 2024, Special Meeting to Allow for Expeditious Counting of Votes in Hybrid In-Person/ Online Meetings

Summary

The proposed amendments to the Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut:

- more accurately reflect the ongoing reality that meetings of the Law Society of Nunavut are carried out in a hybrid modality, with some participants participating live and others participating online; and
- Provide for reliable and practical tabulation and counting of votes.

WHEREAS the members of the Law Society of Nunavut meet routinely in a hybrid modality, with some members participating online and others in person;

WHEREAS Rule 27.1 of the Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut provides the authority for the conducting of hybrid online and in person meetings;

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the membership and of the Law Society to facilitate voting efficiency;

WHEREAS it is expedient and effective to count votes of persons in attendance in person by show of hands;

WHEREAS electronic votes are more effectively counted by anonymized electronic means as is provided for in Appendix D to the Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut;

AND WHEREAS it is unwieldy to require in-person participants to vote electronically in meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Presiding Officer of the February 28, 2024 Special Meeting of the Law Society will seek the appointment of a scrutineer at the commencement of the Special Meeting for the show of hands in person voting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RULES OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NUNAVUT BE AMENDED AS SET OUT HEREIN:

The Voting Procedure as outlined in Appendix D shall be amended to allow for a combination of methods to be used in the context of the February 28, 2024, hybrid Special Meeting of the Law Society of Nunavut.