

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS (“AGM”), OF THE LORD READING LAW SOCIETY, HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ON JUNE 21, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M., AT WHICH WERE PRESENT:

Mtre. Alan Stein	Mtre. Ian M Solloway
Mtre. Alyssa Yufe	Mtre. Jeffrey Boro
Mtre. Andrew Kliger	Mtre. Jonathan Gordon
Mtre. Daniel Prudkov	Mtre. Lauren Flam
Mtre. David Ettedgui	Mtre. Laurence Vaillancourt
Mtre. Doree Levine	Mtre. Peter Marcovitz
Mtre. Eric Maldoff	Mtre. Robert Steinman
Mtre. Erin Lesser	Mtre. Robin Schiller
Mtre. Evara David	Mtre. Sharon G. Druker
Mtre. Frank Schlesinger	Mtre. Stephanie Perlis
Mtre. Gerald Locas	Mtre. Theodore Goloff
Mtre. Gregory Azancot	Mtre. William Malkinson
Mtre. Heather Michelin	Mtre. Yoni Feingold
Mtre. Hershie Frankel	

1. Approval of Agenda

The President asked for the approval of the agenda. Mtre. Jonathan Gordon and Mtre. Sharon Druker seconded.

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The President asked for the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Mtre. Andrew Kliger and Mtre. Sharon Druker seconded.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

None.

4. Report from Treasurer

Mtre. Rob Steinman confirmed that the Society has just over \$70,000 in the bank currently, which will be depleted by the catering bill in the coming days. The first in-person event in two years net cost was \$1,575, taking into account all sponsorships and ticket sales.

5. Other Reports and Communications from Other Committees and/or Officers of the Society

None.

6. Report of the President

The President specified that the year began on Zoom and it was uncertain whether it would continue on Zoom. The Alan B. Gold dinner on October 13th began by Mtre. David Schulze discussing the native residential school experience and Senator Mark Gold attended and spoke about Alan B. Gold. The Society also welcomed Chief Jean-Charles Piétacho of Ekuantishit, who presented his account of his first-person experience at a residential school.

On December 9, 2021, the President moderated the discussion between Vardit Ravitsky and former Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, who spoke to the Society about the impact of Covid-19 on access to justice as well as on vulnerable persons.

The President spoke about the February 10, 2022, student dinner which happened on Zoom, where the Society was joined by many deans of faculties of law in Quebec and Ottawa as well as the student recipients of the various student awards. The speaker was Jay Rosenzweig, who was introduced by his mentor and former professor, Irwin Cotler P.C., O.C., O.Q., Ad. E.

The President continued to discuss the April 13, 2022, human rights lecture where Rene Provost spoke on humanitarian and international criminal law and the Ukrainian conflict.

On May 10, 2022, the Young Bar hosted a panel discussion which was very well attended on young lawyers working internationally.

The President specified that the end of the Society's season concluded with the return to live events on June 7, 2022 with Awanish Sinha.

The President stated that she was honoured to have the Battoniers of Quebec and Montreal at all of the Society's events and encouraged members to apply for these positions.

With respect to Bill 96, the President specified that the Society released a press release that was presented at the QCGN public hearings and circulated to every MNA and dean of law across Canada. It was also circulated to the press and published on social media.

The President continued to specify that in October, the Society issued a press release to La Presse which was prepared but not published by La Presse. She specified that the Society will continue to explore additional op eds going forward.

The President said as well that over the course of the year the Society and particularly Mtre. Theodore Goloff has continued to monitor the Bill 21 Supreme Court judgement.

The President mentioned that the Society maintained relationships with the English speaking section of the Barreau and various human rights committees and organizations as well as the Jeune Barreau. She stayed in contact throughout the year with B'nai Brith Canada and explored how they are progressing with their advocacy mandate.

The President mentioned that the Society lost several members this year who were active past members including Thomas R. Davis, Earl Cohen, Harvey Roskies, Stewart Millewitz, The Honourable Eva Petras, The Honourable Laurence Poitras. The President also expressed condolences to Eric Maldoff on the passing of his mother.

The President mentioned that the Society will continue to monitor the situation and the proceedings regarding Bill 96 and encouraged members to devote any time they may have to help.

The President ended her address with thanking the Board for the support and commitment.

7. Election of Officers and Members of the Board

The President asked for approval of the resolution to elect the slate of directors. Mtre. Gregory Azancot and Mtre. Hershie Frankel seconded.

The President officially welcomed Mtre. Jeffrey Boro and Mtre. Yoni Feingold to the Board and welcomed Mtre. Jonathan Gordon as incoming President.

8. New Business

None.

9. Good and Welfare

Mtre. Ian Solloway asked if all events next year will be in-person events. The President specified that the plan will be in-person events, subject to health restrictions. Mtre. Robin Schiller suggested a hybrid streaming and in-person event. Mtre. Jonathan Gordon agreed but specified that there are issues with hybrid events to be resolved before this can be accomplished.

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Mtre. Doree Levine
[Chairperson & President]

Mtre. Erin Lesser
[Recording Secretary]