

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS (“AGM”), OF THE LORD READING LAW SOCIETY, HELD AT CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM, 425 METCALFE AVENUE, WESTMOUNT, ON JUNE 6, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT WHICH WERE PRESENT:

Justice Carol Cohen	Mtre. Jonathan Gordon
Mtre. Allen Mendelsohn	Mtre. Lara Malewski
Mtre. Andrew Kliger	Mtre. Larry Markowitz
Mtre. Anna Bronshteyn	Mtre. Lauren Flam
Mtre. Aviad Grunbaum	Mtre. Manuel Shacter, c.r. Ad. E.
Mtre. David Assor	Mtre. Marissa Frishman
Mtre. David Etedgui	Mtre. Marissa Lydynia
Mtre. Donald Michelin	Mtre. Michael Bergman
Mtre. Doree Levine	Mtre. Neil Hazan
Mtre. Elissa Brock	Mtre. Nicholas Chine
Mtre. Erin Lesser	Mtre. Peter Markovitz
Mtre. Frank Schlesinger	Mtre. Reisa Teitelbaum
Mtre. Greg Azancot	Mtre. Robert Steinman
Mtre. Heather Michelin	Mtre. Robin Schiller
Mtre. Hershie Frankel	Mtre. Sharon Druker
Mtre. Ian M. Solloway	Mtre. Stephanie Perlis
Mtre. Inna Nekhim	Mtre. Theodore Goloff
Mtre. Jonathan (Yoni) Feingold	Mtre. William Malkinson

1. Approval of Agenda

The President asked for the approval of the agenda.

On a motion by Mtre. Ian Solloway, the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Membership

The President asked for the approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

On a motion by Mtre. Theodore Goloff, which was seconded by Mtre. Hershie Frankel, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Nil.

4. Report of the Treasurer

The Report of the Treasurer was given by Mtre. Erin Lesser who stated that there was about \$30,000 in the Society’s bank account and that it was currently being analyzed whether

membership fees and dinner fees should be increased. Expenses for the year included fees related to Bill 21, to the Society pens and to student awards, totaling about \$15,700.

5. Other reports and communications from other committees and/or Officers of the Society

Mtre. Allen Mendelsohn stated that he had nothing to report but wanted to publicly acknowledge the work of Mtre. Larry Markowitz and Mtre. Stephanie Perlis who helped the Society function smoothly.

6. Report of the President

The President stated that, with the return to live events, this season's focus was to present diverse high calibre speakers to discuss important issues. He believed this objective was achieved. To summarize, the season's various events included (i) the Alan B. Gold Advocacy Lecture on September 29, 2022 where Joseph Groia's lectures focused on the perils of incivility, (ii) the annual Human Rights Lecture on November 16, 2022, an event that will stand out the most, where the Society welcomed Alexia Korberg, partner in the Litigation Department of Paul Weiss in New York City who represented Mississippi's last remaining abortion provider for many years in federal and state court challenges to several unconstitutional abortion restrictions, including most recently before the *Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which ultimately overturned the Supreme Court's near 50-year precedent in *Roe v. Wade*, and was interviewed by McGill's Dean of Law Robert Leckey Ad. E. and presented with the Society's Human Rights Award, (iii) the members only CLE breakfast held on November 24, 2022 hosted by RSS where Judge David Cameron addressed junior members on small claims, (iv) the annual Student Dinner on January 31, 2023 where Harley Finkelstein, the President of Shopify, was interviewed by Mtre. Jeremy Sculnick, partner in the Corporate Group at Stikeman Elliott's Montreal office, with a large number of students and stagiaires attending and the student awards were given out, (v) the annual Young Bar Hockey Night was brought back this year on March 21st, 2023 at Lord William Pub, where food and drinks were served while watching the Habs play and this event was well attended by young and junior members of the Society, (vi) the Annual Justice Henry Steinberg Memorial Dinner on March 30, 2023 where Marie Henein, renowned criminal defense attorney participated in a fireside chat with noted Montreal criminal defense attorney, Me Isabel Schurman Ad.E, and discussed the role of defense counsel when representing unpopular clients and (vii) the final dinner on June 6, 2023 featured Mtre. David Heurtel, discussing the corridors of power. All dinner and breakfast lectures were sponsored by various firms and approved for 1 hour of CLE.

One of the perks of his presidency was representing the Society at other events, which included (i) the Rentrée judiciare on September 8, 2022, (ii), a gala with advocates from all over the country where a delegate of 10 members of the Society was present at a dinner in Quebec City on September 15, 2022, and Mtre. Greg Azancot was thanked for taking the initiative to organize this event, (iii) being on the Young Bar Governors' jury panel tasked with selecting finalists for the competition; (iv) the Young Bar Association Cocktail on October 20, 2022, (v) the Pre-Shabbat Dinner hosted by the Association des Etudiants Juifs en Droit of the University of Montreal in January 2023 which the Society co-sponsored and (vi) the McGill Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Law Students Associations Conference on March 10, 2023 which was entitled: *Law & Faith: Bill*

21 and Religious Discrimination in Quebec and was well attended by students, faculty and attorneys.

Oral arguments on Bill 21 were heard and as, previously stated, the Society owes a debt of gratitude to Mtre. Theodore Goloff who sacrificed countless hours on this work. As a judgment is expected shortly, the Society is preparing for litigation before the Supreme Court of Canada.

As this address is one of his final tasks, the President thanked the Board for the honour and privilege of being President of the Society, an organization he has always admired. He thanked everyone for their participation as the success of the Society was a coordinated commitment. While there are a lot of people to thank, some for tasks they have done and some for their advice, he singled out a few who have gone above and beyond including the incoming President, Mtre. Robert Steinman, Second Vice-President Mtre. Erin Lesser, the immediate past President Mtre. Doree Levine as well as the Executive including Mtre. Anna Bronshteyn, Mtre. Matthew Shadley, Mtre. Elissa Brock and Mtre. Ryan Sanft, as well as Mtre. Greg Azancot, Mtre. Allen Mendelsohn, Mtre. Hershie Frankel, Mtre. Larry Markowitz and Mtre. Stephanie Perlis. Nothing gets done in the Society without these individuals, but he acknowledged he may be missing some people. He concluded by once again thanking the Board for the privilege of being President of the Society.

7. Election of Officers and Members of the Board

The President asked for approval of the resolution to elect the slate of directors.

On a motion by Mtre. Theodore Goloff, which was seconded by Mtre. Allen Mendelsohn, the resolution to elect the slate of directors was unanimously approved.

The President officially welcomed Mtre. Nicholas Chine to the Board and welcomed Mtre. Robert Steinman as incoming President.

8. New Business

Nil.

9. Good & Welfare

Mtre. Theodore Goloff, on behalf of the Board, thanked the President and the Executive for an excellent year.

WESTMOUNT, June 6, 2023.

Mtre. Jonathan Gordon
[Chairperson & President]

Mtre. Anna Bronshteyn
[Recording Secretary]