

# Benchers Special Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

Audio/Video Conference Meeting

2:00 pm

<p><b>Benchers present</b></p>	<p>Don Cranston, President (Calgary office)          Rob Armstrong, President-Elect (Calgary office)          Ryan Anderson (phone)          Corie Flett (phone)          Elizabeth Hak (phone)          Bill Hendsbee (Edmonton office)          Cal Johnson (phone)          Linda Long (phone)          Barb McKinley (phone)          Bud Melnyk (phone)          Walter Pavlic (Edmonton office)          Stacy Petriuk (phone)          Robert Philp (Edmonton office)          Kathleen Ryan (Calgary office)          Darlene Scott (Edmonton office)          Deanna Steblyk (phone)          Kent Teskey (Calgary office)          Margaret Unsworth (Edmonton office)          Cora Voyageur (phone)          Ken Warren (Calgary office)          Louise Wasylenko (Calgary office)          Nate Whitling (Edmonton office)</p>
<p><b>Regrets</b></p>	<p>Arman Chak          Jim Lutz</p>
<p><b>Staff present</b></p>	<p>Don Thompson, Executive Director, Law Society of Alberta (Calgary office)          Ruth Corbett, Governance Administrator (Calgary office)</p>

*Secretary's note: On December 12, 2018, the President of the Law Society of Alberta (the "Law Society"), Don Cranston, QC, called a special meeting of the Benchers with respect to the appointment of a new Executive Director of the Law Society to replace Don Thompson, QC.*

## Item

### **Appointment of the Executive Director**

Memos from the President, dated December 13, 2018, November 22, 2018, August 30, 2018 and August 22, 2018, were circulated to the Benchers in advance of the meeting.

The process followed was summarized in the memos and the President provided additional oral comments on the process and results of the search, stakeholder engagement, shortlisting, and interviews. The President reported that the Search Committee's unanimous recommendation, and the Executive Committee's unanimous agreement with the recommendation, was that Elizabeth Osler should be the next Executive Director of the Law Society, subject to the approval of her appointment by the Benchers.

The President thanked Mr. Thompson for his advice in the process. The President commended Ms. Brita Wahl, Human Resources Manager for the Law Society, for her assistance throughout. He thanked the Benchers on the Search Committee and the Executive Committee for their due diligence, and all the Benchers for supporting the governance process.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Corbett left the meeting at 2:25 pm and the Board went *in-camera*.

Mr. Thompson and Ms. Corbett rejoined the meeting at 2:26 pm.

**Motion:**

**That Elizabeth Osler be appointed Executive Director effective January 1, 2019.**

**Seconded  
Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.