

Canadian Association for Legal Ethics
Annual General Meeting
Toronto, Ontario Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 8:30am

Minutes

Present:

Richard Devlin (Schulich, Dalhousie), Trevor Farrow (Osgoode, York), Pooja Parmar (Victoria), Basil Alexander (Queen's), Emanuel Tusca (Osgoode, York), Malcolm Mercer (McCarthy Tetrault), Stephen Pitel (Western), Andrew Flavelle Martin (UBC), Alain Roussy (Ottawa), Alice Woolley (Calgary), Amy Salyzyn (Ottawa), Darrel Pink (NSBS), Cristina Toteda (McGill), Sonia Lawrence (Osgoode, York), Noel Semple (Windsor)

1. Call to Order

Richard Devlin (chairing) called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda (Basil Alexander, Andrew Martin): Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting as amended (Trevor Farrow, Brent Cotter): Carried.

4. Approval of Members

Motion to approve, as the members of CALE, all individuals listed on the website under the heading "Members" (Trevor Farrow, Brent Cotter): Carried.

5. President's Report

Alice Woolley reported that this year has been fairly quiet for the organization. She indicated that this coming year was her final year as President and that there would be some changes to board composition in the next year.

6. Corporate Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Jula Hughes reported that CALE is current with its corporate (annual, directors) and tax (return) filings.

She raised the concern that while the finances of the organization were very straightforward, the mode of moving assets from university to university for conferences lacked transparency and

made reimbursements for minor expenses difficult. She suggested establishing a bank account for CALE.

As of the most recent year-end (May 17, 2018) CALE has \$2467 in cash, being held by Dalhousie as 2017 hosts, subsequently transferred to Osgoode for the 2018 conference.

The following four motions were moved together (Trevor Farrow, Malcolm Mercer): Carried.

- Motion that the financial year begins on May 18 and ends on the following May 17;
- Motion to waive any applicable statutory audit requirement;
- Motion to approve internal financial statements as prepared by the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer; and
- Motion to approve corporate and tax filings by the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer.

7. Nominations for directors until the next Annual General Meeting

Richard Devlin advised that current directors except Adam Dodek and Tom Harrison were prepared to continue. Richard thanked Adam and Tom for their contributions. Noel Semple has agreed to join the Board. Richard noted that some succession planning was needed for next year. Motion to appoint Noel Semple and continue the remaining directors (Richard Devlin, Trevor Farrow): Carried

8. Appointment of Officers

Motion to approve the following slate of officers (Pooja Parmar, Andrew Martin): Carried

- Alice Woolley (President)
- Richard Devlin (Chair of the Board)
- Amy Salyzyn (Vice President & Chief Information Officer)
- Jula Hughes (Corporate Secretary and Treasurer)

The position of Conference Coordinator remained TBD.

9. Conference Matters

Trevor Farrow noted that the communication for conference purposes could be improved with respect to the listserv and website. He emphasized the importance of an updated website for attracting sponsors. Amy Salyzyn indicated that the best way to ensure website updates was to provide her with items for posting.

10. Establishment of CALE Awards Committee

The call for nominations went out with delay this year, resulting in no awards being made. For the following year, the awards committee will consist of Alain Roussy (Chair), Alice Woolley and Darrel Pink. A call for nominations needs to go out in the spring with a reminder in early summer.

11. New Business

Motion to change the name of CALE by adding: Association canadienne pour l'éthique juridique (Alain Roussy, Alice Woolley) : Carried

Motion to direct the Treasurer to open a bank account for the organization (Pooja Parmar, Alice Woolley) : Carried

Motion in support of a letter regarding changes to the CJC's "Ethical Principles for Judges" to be drafted by Alice Woolley, Richard Devlin and Darrel Pink for review by the Board and submission to the CJC's committee chair before the next committee meeting at the end of November (Noel Semple, Trevor Farrow): Carried with one abstention (Brent Cotter)

12. Adjournment

Trevor Farrow moved to adjourn. Taken as Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.