

Canadian Association for Legal Ethics / Association canadienne pour l'éthique juridique  
Annual General Meeting  
Windsor, Ontario – Windsor Hall, University of Windsor  
Saturday, October 26, 2019

## Minutes

**Present:** Basil Alexander, Deanne Sowter, Noel Semple, Les Walden, Brent Cotter, Mahnam Malamiry, Pooja Parmar, Janice Criger, Jula Hughes, Andrew Martin, Malcolm Mercer, Stephen Pitel, Amy Salyzyn, Richard Devlin, Ian Stedman

Richard Devlin chaired the meeting, and Basil Alexander took the minutes.

1. **Call to Order** – Richard Devlin called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved** by Noel Semple, seconded by Brent Cotter to adopt the agenda.

- **Moved** by Amy Salyzyn, seconded by Brent Cotter to amend the agenda by deleting “9. Constitution of CALE/ACEJ Awards Committee” as the Board will deal with this item rather than the AGM – **Amendment adopted** by consensus
- Agenda as amended – **Carried**

## 3. Approval of Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

**Moved** by Amy Salyzyn, seconded by Stephen Pitel to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting as circulated – **Carried**.

## 4. Approval of Members

**Moved** by Andrew Martin, seconded by Pooja Parmar to approve, as the members of CALE/ACEJ, all individuals listed on the website under the heading “Members”.

- Jula Hughes noted that the separate list was more complex than the listserv to keep a corresponding count of the members for reporting and tracking purposes. It was noted that this issue was something that should be looked into.
- Motion **Carried**

## 5. President's Report

Amy Salyzyn provided the President's report. Key highlights included:

- As Alice Woolley resigned due to her appointment to the bench, Amy Salyzyn had taken over the role
- Been working on the name change to include a French version of the name
- Jula Hughes, the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer, set up a bank account for CALE/ACEJ so could be separate from universities and transferring money from university to university
- Unlike in 2018 when there were no awards, Stephen Pitel, Pooja Parmar, Darryl Pink and Amy had worked on having the awards happen in 2019
- CALE/ACEJ provided feedback on FLSC proposal to Include technological competence as part of changes to Model Code
- CALE/ACEJ participated in the review process for the CJC's Ethical Principles for Judges (e.g. letters, participating in meeting/discussions as appropriate)
  - Item will arise later in the agenda (#11)
- Thanks to Jasminka Kalajdzic and UWindsor for the tons of work for this conference

Richard Devlin thanked Amy Salyzyn for stepping into the President's role, and those present applauded to express their appreciation.

## 6. Corporate Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Jula Hughes provided the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer's Report. Key highlights included:

- General financial situation unchanged
- Now have bank account, and cost is \$3 a month for separate account
  - Allows for reimbursement rather people paying fees personally → will need and eventually to do
- Name change to include French version of name done
- Will be doing tax filing later to ensure right name on documents → waiting for CRA letter
- Corporate filing up to date

**Moved** by Stephen Pitel, seconded by Malcolm Mercer that the following motions be approved omnibus:

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

Omnibus Motion – **Carried**.

Richard Devlin thanked Jula Hughes for taking on the role and keeping up with it, and he noted that she'll be stepping down as of this meeting. Those present applauded to express their appreciation.

## 7. Election of Directors

It was noted that Elaine Craig was stepping down from the Board of Directors, but the remaining directors would be staying on (i.e. Amy Salyzyn, Brent Cotter, Stephen Pitel, Pooja Parmar, Alain Roussy, Noel Semple, Jula Hughes, and Richard Devlin). As well, Basil Alexander, Andrew Martin, and Marie-Claude Rigaud had all agreed to join the Board as new members. Assuming this slate was acceptable, there will thus be a Board of 11.

After discussion with those present, the membership agreed to **elect** the noted individuals as CALE/ACEJ's **directors by consent**.

**Moved** by Brent Cotter, seconded by Andrew Martin that the AGM adjourn for the newly elected Board to hold their first meeting, and that the AGM resume upon that meeting's completion.

- Amy Salyzyn explained that the meeting was to appoint the officers and take care of other business.
- Motion **Carried**

AGM adjourned at 8:47 am and resumed at 8:53 am.

## 8. Future Conferences and Annual General Meetings

Amy Salyzyn explained that the conference tries to go across Canada over the years given its nature. While the hope was to go to western Canada next year, that's not currently feasible, although there is interest for the year after. In the meantime, Jula Hughes stepped up and invited CALE/ACEJ to go to Lakehead for 2020. The general intended plan is to thus go west for 2021 rather than central or eastern Canada as that would fit better with a more national rotation for the conference.

Richard Devlin thanked Jula Hughes and Lakehead for stepping up, and those present applauded to express their appreciation.

## 9. Update on Name Change

Amy Salyzyn provided an update regarding the process and work associated with the name change. Key highlights included:

- Formal change was needed to have a bilingual corporate name
- Alain Roussy led this endeavour, which flowed from the last Board meeting of things to do
- Not need new policy at this time
- For official correspondence, can use both names
- For updating the website so bilingual, Amy Salyzyn will update when have time, and Alain Roussy will help with translation when time
- In general, CALE/ACEJ will take a pragmatic approach to making more bilingual

Discussion ensued about the potential translation issue to French to ensure accuracy and to consider ramifications/considerations to ensure done properly and pragmatically.

## 10. Update on CJC Review of *Ethical Principles for Judges*

Amy Salyzyn provided an update regarding this issue. Key highlights included:

- CALE/ACEJ participated in consultation process, and its letters are on the website
- Key CALE/ACEJ issues/recommendations included that:
  - the principles be binding rather than inspirational
  - judicial confidentiality be explicitly included
  - the principles acknowledge and include references re: reconciliation
  - there be an increased emphasis on access to justice
  - the principles include provisions re: returning to practice after judicial retirement
- Last understanding is that there would ban opportunity to review a draft before the CJC finalizes
  - Hopefully by year end, and Board would likely do review
- Brent Cotter not participating in CALE/ACEJ discussions given his involvement with CJC on this issue (he also reinforced that he will excuse himself from CALE/ACEJ related discussions)

Discussion ensued on the Principles, including the current understanding that they will likely be a guide rather than binding.

## 11. New Business

Those present wished to particularly acknowledge and thank Jasminka Kalajdzic and UWindsor for all of their work as this year's conference host.

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved** by Andrew Martin, seconded by Brent Cotter that the meeting adjourn – **Carried**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am.