The Law Society of British Columbia

Minute of Benchers' Decision

Benchers' Governance Retreat

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012

Time: **8:30 a.m.**

Location: Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel

Oceanview Suite 7 – 8

Present: Bruce LeRose, QC, President Vincent Orchard, QC

Art Vertlieb, QC, 1st Vice-President Greg Petrisor

Jan Lindsay, QC 2nd Vice-President David Renwick, QC

Rita Andreone, QC Phil Riddell

Kathryn Berge, QC Richard Stewart, QC Thomas Fellhauer Herman Van Ommen

Leon Getz, QC
Miriam Kresivo, QC
Tony Wilson
Bill Maclagan
Barry Zacharias
Nancy Merrill
Haydn Acheson
Maria Morellato, QC
Satwinder Bains
David Mossop, QC
Thelma O'Grady
Peter Lloyd, FCA

Lee Ongman Ben Meisner

Absent: David Crossin, QC Claude Richmond

Catherine Sas, QC

Staff Present: Tim McGee Bill McIntosh

Adam Whitcombe Taryn Mohajeri

AGENDA TOPICS		
8:30 - 8:50	Introduction	Bruce LeRose, QC
8:50 - 9:00	Outline of the day	Bruce LeRose, QC
9:00 – 9:15	Review and consensus on green coded recommendations	Benchers
9:15 – 9:30	Review and consensus on red-coded recommendations	Benchers
9:30 – 10:30	Workshop Issue #1 – Executive Committee	Breakouts (45 min) Feedback (15 min)
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:45	Workshop Issue #2 – Election and Appointment of Benchers	Breakouts (45 min) Feedback (15 min)
11:45 – 12:30	Workshop Issue #3 – Committee and Officer Appointments	Breakouts (30 min) Feedback (15 min)
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:45	Workshop Issue #4 – Trusted Advisor Roles	Breakouts (30 min) Feedback (15 min)
1:45 – 2:30	Workshop Issue #5 – Disclosure and Transparency	Breakouts (30 min) Feedback (15 min)
2:30 - 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:30	Workshop Issue #6 – Framework for Bencher Functioning	Breakouts (30 min) Feedback (15 min)
3:30-3:45	Establishing the Governance Committee	Benchers

Mr. LeRose confirmed that one of the recommendations of the Governance Review Task Force is that the Benchers form a Governance Committee "to ensure the Benchers' activities continue to adhere to the ever-changing public interest standards and expectations …" (Recommendation 8.1)

Mr. Stewart moved (seconded by Mr. Walker) that the Benchers resolve to form a Governance Committee. During the ensuing discussion Mr. Stewart accepted a friendly amendment by Mr. Van Ommen: that within three months of its composition, the Governance Committee report to the Benchers with a proposed mandate and work plan.

The motion was <u>carried unanimously</u>.

3:45 – 4:00	Summary and Wrap Up	Bruce LeRose, QC &
		Art Vertlieb, QC