



THE CANADIAN
BAR ASSOCIATION
Saskatchewan Branch

CBA Saskatchewan 11Jun25 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2025

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Crave Kitchen & Bar, Regina | Online

Attendees: Listed in attachment

Quorum: Yes

Others: Loreley Chekay, K.C., National Board Director; Monteen Dent, Executive Director

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mark Dolan, President of CBA Saskatchewan, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. A land acknowledgment was made.

2. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda: It was noted that while the Financial Statements are part of the Annual Report which is being approved. The Financial Statements are removed for later discussion.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.

3. CBA National Update – Loreley Chekay, K.C.

Loreley thanked for the opportunity to attend and invited any members to reach out to her directly. Remarked on the issues facing the legal profession, Rule of Law and Independence of the Judiciary, self-regulation being challenged in BC and the proposed significant changes to litigation in Ontario. Changes in other provinces can eventually impact us here so the CBA-SK branch is tracking the progress and ensuring members are updated. Membership has exceeded 40,000 members which was a threshold that had been a target for several years. Encouragement to continue membership and championing the CBA.

4. President's Report

Mark Dolan, K.C., highlighted several initiatives underway by the branch including the Modern Lawyer Series designed to assist smaller firms to access technology. Wellness series has a session scheduled for tomorrow and an ongoing series continuing in the fall. Recent governance meetings and identified the need for the legal community to continue to defend the rule of law and judicial independence, and discussions regarding independence of the bar. Role lawyers play within justice system and how the rule of law, judicial independence and independence of the bar

is connected to create one of the best legal systems on the planet. CBA is important and one of our core jobs is to get that benefit out to all lawyers. Given the current legal climate the CBA plays a pivotal role in the legal profession and it's critical to an independent bar and thanked everyone attending for their passion for the CBA and thank you for everything you do for the legal profession and the CBA. The commitment of our volunteers and Past Presidents ensures benefits for all lawyers.

5. Bylaw Amendments

President outlined the Amendments and the reasoning behind each amendment. The first amendment relates to Board of Directors regarding not being able to serve on the national and branch board at the same time. Clarification of dates related to the 10 year requirement for Treasurer. The budget approval process is currently at the membership level. The suggested move is to move approval to the Board of Directors to align with other branches policies and timing consideration given the lack of numbers from national.

MOTION to approve the amendments as presented in the Annual Meeting. CARRIED.

Noted that a further bylaw amendment needs to be made at the next Council meeting to the Treasurer Duties Section 5 (3)(c) which currently states presentation to the members of the budget and missed being amended at this time.

6. Nominating Committee Report

Steven Dribnenki, K.C. presented the nominating committee report as outlined in the meeting documents advising of the 2025-2026 nominees. There being no nominations from the floor.

MOTION to accept the Nominating Committee report. CARRIED

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer and Executive Director provided an overview of the 2023-2024 Financial Statements and advised we were in a healthy position. In accordance with our bylaws the draft 2025-2026 budget was presented with the understanding that the allotment for shared services is not finalized. The Treasurer outlined our financial position as outlined in the Annual Meeting report.

MOTION to approve the draft 2025-2026 budget. CARRIED

8. Presentation of President's Pin

Mark Dolan, K.C. thanked Annie Quangtakoune for her role as Outreach Director as her term is ending. Mark also thanked Steven Dribnenki, K.C. whose term as Past President is also ending and commented on his long contribution to the CBA and his ongoing involvement. Mark then

introduced and congratulated incoming President, Jessie Buydens and presented her with the President's Pin. Jessie thanked Mark for his commitment and service representing CBA-SK and acknowledged she is excited to serve in this new position.

Executive Director, Monteen Dent is retiring August 31, 2025 and was thanked for her service. The new Executive Director, Todd MacPherson will begin July 7.

9. Other Business & Adjournment: There being no other business,
Motion to adjourn the 2025 Annual Meeting. CARRIED