

Annual General Meeting 2021

Lawyers Rights Watch Canada

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Lawyers Rights Watch (Legal Research) Canada

Date: Friday 7 May 2021

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (PDT)

Place: Online (Zoom)

Present: Clive Ansley, Amanda Aziz, Temisan Boyo Fanou, Grace Chen, Eric Cheng, Marjorie Cohn, Irwin Cottler Q.C., Shantha Dalugamage, Gail Davidson, Joseph (Joey) Doyle, Ben Feist, Zara Hosseini, Joshua Lam, Lois Leslie, Gavin Magrath (Chair of LRW(LR)C), Sheryl Mendez, Catherine Morris, Renee Mulligan, Erin Riley-Oetl, Lorraine Roche, Brian Samuels Q.C., Paul Scambler Q.C., Harini Sivalingam, Donald Sorochoan Q.C., Margaret (Peggy) Stanier, Elizabeth Staples, David Sutherland (Chair of LRWC), Melissa Tessler, Justin Wiebe

Draft MINUTES

David Sutherland Q.C. chaired the meeting.

1. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda:

Moved, seconded, and carried.

2. Receipt and approval of the minutes of the 8 May 2020 Annual General Meeting

Motion to accept Minutes of AGM 2020 as circulated:

Moved, seconded, and carried.

3. Receipt and approval of the Financial Statements for LRWC and LRW(Legal Research)C for the period ending 31 December 2020

Motion to receive and approve the Financial Statements:

Moved, seconded, and carried.

4. Nomination and Election of Directors for LRWC for the 2021/2022 year

Nominations: Clive Ansley, Marjorie Cohn, Gail Davidson, Joshua Lam, Leo McGrady Q.C., Heather Neun, Brian Samuels Q.C., David F. Sutherland Q.C.

Motion to nominate and elect Directors for LRWC for 2021/22 year.

Moved, seconded, and carried.

5. Nomination and Election of Directors for LRW(Legal Research)C for the 2021/2022 year

Nominations: Joseph (Joey) Doyle, Temisan Boyo Fanou, Rob Lapper Q.C., Gavin Magrath, Robert Morales, Renee Mulligan, Harini Sivalingam, Margaret (Peggy) Stanier, Melissa Tessler, Grace Woo

Motion to nominate and elect Directors for LRW(LR)C for 2021/22 year.

Moved, seconded, and carried.

6. Motion re: appointment of a public accountant under the Not for Profit Corporations Act: Whereas the annual income of each of LRWC and LRW(LR) is less than \$50,000, be it resolved that LRWC and LRW(LR)C each waive appointment of a public accountant for the year ending 31 December 2021.

Moved, seconded, and carried.

7. Overview of LRWC 2020 work

a. 2020 Annual Report

C. Morris reviewed the 2020 Annual Report, summarizing issues and countries of particular concern. She noted that 2020 was a particularly challenging year for human rights defenders, and also for human rights organizations. Charitable donations have gone down by an estimated 43% in the past year. Donations to LRWC are down 37%, as work continues with the help of volunteers and a very part-time staff. She thanked G. Davidson for her help in preparing the report and everyone who has been a part of this work.

b. Keynote speaker: G. Davidson introduced Marjorie Cohn who spoke about the report of the *International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence against People of African Descent in the United States*, which was released on 27 April 2021.

The presentation was recorded.

8. Other business

G. Davidson noted the good turnout and thanked everyone for attending. C. Morris thanked attendees and reminded everyone that a recording was made of the keynote address.

9. Adjournment at 2:46 pm

Moved by G. Davidson, seconded by M. Stanier and carried.