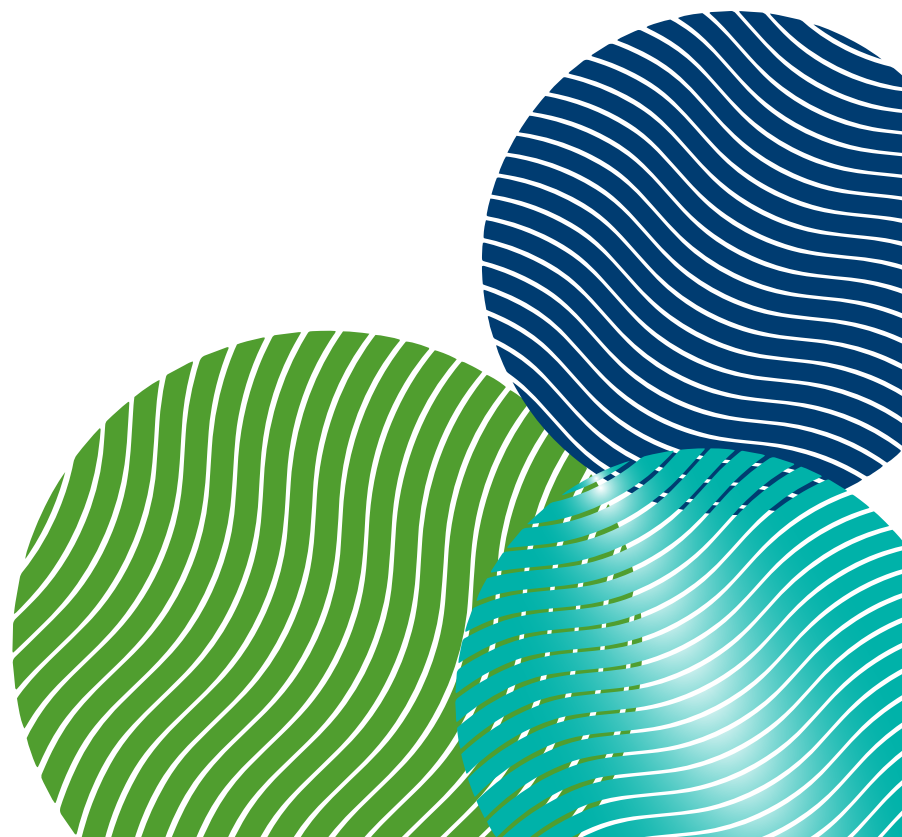




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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NICHOLAS CANN, Q.C.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as President of the Saskatchewan Branch over the past year. It was an opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues from all over Saskatchewan and Canada who are members of our outstanding organization.

In 2018-2019, the Branch coordinated a number of activities, including the 2019 Mid-Winter Meeting in Saskatoon, participating in the Access to Justice forum at the U of S College of Law, and our Law Day events. These valuable services can only be provided as a result of the volunteers from the bar and the bench who generously devote their time to benefit the profession and the public. At the provincial and national level, the CBA continues to promote inclusivity, access to justice, the connecting of members to the people, knowledge, and skills in order to be successful within the profession, and advocacy on issues that shape our profession, improve the law, and advance the rule of law.

Our Saskatchewan Branch remains as strong as it is due to the generous service of its volunteers and I am very grateful to the staff at the CBA Saskatchewan office and the Branch Council and Board members for their hard work. It has been a rewarding and fulfilling year and I am pleased to pass the Presidency to your incoming President, Loreley Chekay.

Nicholas Cann, Q.C.
PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LORELEY CHEKAY (BERRA)

I have had the pleasure of assisting our President, Nicholas Cann, Q.C., in serving the legal profession in this province and representing our interests at the National level.

It has been wonderful seeing the talent of lawyers we have in Saskatchewan through attending the Call to the Bar ceremonies and ceremonies celebrating appointments to the Bench.

The Branch Board Strategic Planning meeting in March 2019 reviewed information gathered by Nanos Research and identified key priorities that we want to focus on as a branch the next few years.

Sections has been identified as one of our key priorities. They provide a multitude of benefits to our members including substantive content, legal discussion with colleagues and opportunities to meet with members of the Judiciary. For the 2019-20 year, Sections will have the ability of operating from September through to June allowing for greater flexibility in providing valuable content and opportunities to members.

We invite each and every member to take advantage of Sections and the value they provide and to provide the Branch with any and all feedback so we can continue to improve and add value for you. Remember there are over 30 substantive sections that allow you to gather for a meal with friends, foes and others while sharing valuable experiences and opening up opportunities.

Continuing with the theme of professional development, the Mid Winter Meeting professional development program is also a priority. It provides 2 full days of substantive legal content combined with professional responsibility as well as the opportunity to meet up with various members of the profession. The next Mid-Winter Meeting will be held in Regina on January 30 and January 31, 2020.

Another key priority is to identify and develop a strategic plan for how the Branch and we as members of the legal profession can participate and respond to the Calls to Action as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report. We are currently seeking input from our members to assist in providing information on how we best begin this journey and develop it for the long term.

In order to maintain and grow membership, students and young lawyers have been identified as a key demographic. This is why our relationship with the University of Saskatchewan College of Law is invaluable to the legal profession and our Branch. We have the continued privilege of operating the very successful mentorship program and firm showcase. We hope to develop other programs that can support our future leaders of the profession.

Loreley Berra
VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHRIS WEITZEL



The Branch Board of Director's annual budget is presented for approval at the annual meeting.

In 2017-2018, Branch revenue was \$516,927, expenses were \$459,963, and there was a surplus of \$56,964. As of April 30, 2019 the 2018-19 revenues were \$428,364 and expenses were \$306,506. Total Branch assets as of April 30, 2019 are \$758,509 of which \$740,294 is Cash and Investments and \$13,508 are Capital Assets.

As the CBA continues to move through its reinvention and focus on value for membership, the Branch Board of Directors, along with the Executive Director will work to ensure budgetary impacts are minimized as much as possible while attempting to maximize value for membership.

Branch financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2018 were prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers and are available at the end of this Annual Report.

Chris Weitzel

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RECHÉ MCKEAGUE



The Education Director supports the education initiatives of the branch, both for practicing and student members. This includes Sections, Mid-Winter Meeting, and College of Law events.

The Branch began activities by welcoming students back to studies at our annual Welcome Reception on September 27 at the College of Law. The Mentorship Program that matches students with volunteer lawyers was launched at a Mentorship Match Reception on October 16 and this year over 50 successful matches were made.

Collaborating with the College of Law Career Office, the Branch coordinated another successful Saskatchewan Law Firm Showcase on November 7. Thank you to our volunteers who agreed to present on career topics to the students, and to the many firms and organizations who participated in the Showcase itself. The students appreciated the information and networking opportunities.

On January 23, 2019, the branch again collaborated with the College of Law Career Office to provide mock interviews to students at the College of Law. Many thanks to our volunteers who spent a half or full day conducting interviews and critiquing resumes. Students regularly report that this is a valued experience.

The Branch's Mid-Winter Meeting was held in Saskatoon from January 31-February 1, 2019. Although we had a bit of a last minute scramble when one of our keynote speakers had to withdraw, our Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee and Branch staff were able to pull everything together. The result was two days of high calibre CPD presented by our many volunteer speakers. Where else can you fulfil your annual Law Society CPD requirements in such a short time for such a low price? A big thank you to the Planning Committee and all our speakers for allowing us to provide such great value for money to our members. Another job well done!

Sections are the continuing foundation of the Branch's education for its members. As you can see from the section reports included in this annual report, a great number of interesting and informative section meetings were held this year. Our thanks to all the section executive members who have completed their terms and to all of those who continue – sections would not happen without your time and commitment.

The Branch is interested in providing you with the education and volunteer opportunities that interest you. We welcome your feedback and volunteer hours – please feel free to email info@cbasask.org with the offer of either.

On a personal note, my term as Education Director ends this year. I have enjoyed establishing the position and working with the many volunteers who support our Branch's education work. I look forward to continuing to benefit from the many education opportunities offered by the Branch!



LEGISLATION AND LAW REFORM

CHARMAINE PANKO

It has been my privilege to step into the role of the Legislation and Law Reform Director. This portfolio provides the unique opportunity for a behind the scenes glimpse of our always evolving legal landscape and to engage with CBA members to receive and pass along their wise input and suggestions in many diverse areas of the law.

For those of you who may be curious, any requests for feedback on an issue directly relate to Saskatchewan is sent to the appropriate CBA section chairs and/or distributed to the membership at large so that member feedback can be collected and then forwarded. On occasion our Branch is asked to provide feedback on possible interventions by the CBA. This spring our Branch supported CBA Intervention in the Canadian National Railway Co v. BNSF Railway Co. Federal Appeal case. The Branch was also pleased to provide comments on the National CBA Policy Committee's proposal that the Supreme Court of Canada occasionally hold hearings outside of Ottawa.

The fall kicked off with a request for concerns, comments and feedback on issues of importance to CBA members who appear before the Federal Courts. The Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan was next to request that our members be informed about the Commission's consultation paper Tentative Proposals for a Land Charges Act, part of the Commission's project on real property security law in Saskatchewan. This spring the Commission also requested comments on their consultation report on the need for life lease legislation in Saskatchewan.

On behalf of the Board, the now Justice Neil Robertson, Q.C., drafted a significant submission to the Justices of the Peace Compensation Commission. In addition to meeting individually with a number of folks to better understand the issues, the preparation of this submission involved reviewing the Hood Commission Report from 2014, the 2017 Provincial Court Compensation Report, the Government of Saskatchewan's submission (82 pages) and the Justices of the Peace Association submission (127 pages).

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice began its work in preparing Regulations to accompany Bills 97 and 98 which were passed by the Legislative Assembly in the spring of 2018, and asked for our members' participation in the Early Dispute Resolution Regulations Consultation. The Ministry also sought comments on recommendations made by the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan regarding Regulations to accompany The Intestate Succession Act, 2019 which passed third reading in March.

The Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety asked for feedback on proposed amendments to The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996. In March 2019, Bill 154, The Intestate Succession Act, 2019 passed third reading.

And most recently, the Branch received an invitation from the Courts to provide feedback on the topic of cameras in the courtroom.

In reviewing the year and various issues of importance to our profession that our feedback is sought after, it is evident that as a CBA member your opinion matters!



PUBLIC OUTREACH

KATHRYN GILLISS

In celebration of the signing of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms CBA Saskatchewan Branch has several events for the public and students to learn about the law, the legal profession and the legal institutions that form the cornerstones of Canadian democracy.

On April 3 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and CBA Saskatchewan Branch hosted a public lecture Medical Assistance in Dying: Legal and Medical Realities in Regina. Lawyers and members of the public attended this lecture presented by Bryan Salte, Associate Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons and Dr. Robert Weiler, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan and Amy Zaraeczny, Associate Professor, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.

On April 13, high school teams from Melville, Regina, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Yorkton participated in the Mock Trial Competition at the Court of Queen's Bench in Saskatoon. Students, teachers and legal advisors spent countless hours preparing for the Mock Trial and learned valuable information about our legal institutions. The students participated in a round robin tournament in which they took on the role of Prosecution, Defence and Witness in a murder/manslaughter trial. Individual awards were given out for best opening statement, direct examination, cross examination, closing statement and best witness performance. With the assistance of Justice R. S. Smith, Justice R. Elson and Justice D. Wilson, Judge P. Reis, Judge M. Martinez and Judge E. Kalenith, the Yorkton Regional High School Team 2 took home the McKercher Cup after a long day of competition. The CBA Saskatchewan branch would like to thank all volunteers and participants for their assistance in making this event a huge success.

On April 24th and 25th, volunteer CBA member lawyers in conjunction with Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan provided a free phone clinic to members of the public on various legal issues. Members of the public expressed gratitude for the opportunity and volunteers spoke of the positiveness of the interactions. Thank you to all practitioners who volunteered their time to provide legal advise to members of the public who do not otherwise have access to counsel. Also throughout the year, volunteer CBA members visited classrooms across Saskatchewan talking about the profession, the law and answering student questions. Every year this program continues to grow and allows students to learn about our profession.

Thank you to our Law Day Committee: Tom Baldry, Joni MacKay, Q.C., Andrea Phillips, Demi Panko, Bonnie Reddekopp, Talon Regent, Neil Robertson, Q.C. and Monteen Dent. These events are successful because of our volunteer members and their input and effort have been invaluable in this year's planning.

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Joni MacKay
Automobile Injury Appeal
Commission

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Panko Collaborative
Law & Mediation

Andrea Phillips
Bergman Smith LLP

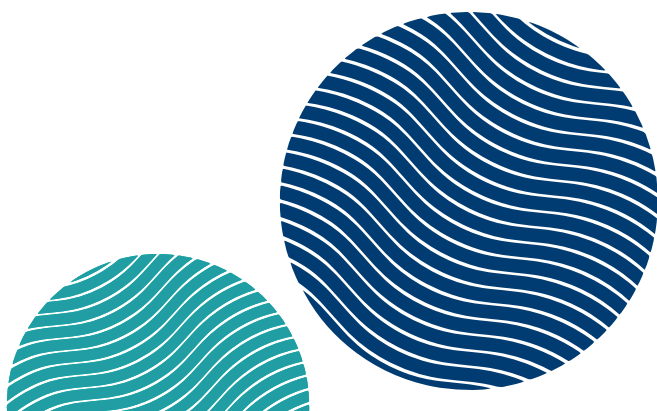
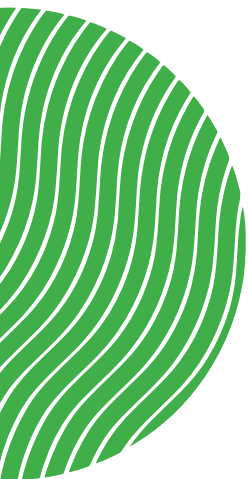
Bonnie Reddekopp
CJC & Company LLP

Talon Regent
Regent Law firm

Neil Robertson
Neil Robertson Law
(until May 2019)

Monteen Dent
Executive Director

2018 - 2019 BRANCH COMMITTEES





AWARDS COMMITTEE

TERRY J. KIMPINSKI, Q.C.

The Awards Committee oversees the administration and awarding of both the Distinguished Service Award and the Community Service Award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant and exceptional contributions and/or achievements by members of CBA Saskatchewan:

- to the legal profession in Saskatchewan; or jurisprudence in Saskatchewan or Canada;
- to the law or the development of law in Saskatchewan; or
- involving a significant law-related achievement for the benefit of residents of Saskatchewan.

The Committee was proud to present this Award to Tiffany Paulsen, Q.C. on February 1, 2019 at the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held in conjunction with the Branch Annual Mid-Winter Meeting in Saskatoon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award recognizes the valuable contributions of our members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, public service and commitment to their respective communities throughout the Province. This Award is presented annually at the Branch Annual Meeting.

This year, the Awards Committee selected Connie den Hollander as the deserving recipient. The Award will be presented to Ms. den Hollander on June 13, 2019 as part of the CBA Saskatchewan Branch Annual Meeting in Saskatoon.

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CHAIR

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Leland Kimpinski LLP

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McKercher LLP

Neil Robertson, Q.C.
Neil Robertson Law Firm
(until May 2019)

Craig Zawada, Q.C.
President, Law Society of
Saskatchewan
(December 31, 2019)

Leslie Belloc-Pinder, Q.C.
President, Law Society of
Saskatchewan
(January 1, 2019)



RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ROBERT THORNTON, Q.C.

The Branch Council, at its meeting of January 31, 2019, amended the Bylaws of the Branch. In accordance with Bylaw 24, a Resolution to approve the amendments to the Bylaws will be put forward at the Annual Meeting of the Branch to be held on June 13, 2019. A blacklined version of the Amended Bylaws accompanied the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

Reché McKeague presented to Council at its said meeting the proposed Bylaw Amendments that had been drafted with the assistance of this Chair. The Amendments include revisions to Section governance and to recognize that the Branch sections shall operate in compliance with the Association's Sections Regulation Part A and with the section terms of reference and the bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures adopted by the Branch. The Bylaw Amendments also included a provision permitting the Branch Board of Directors to propose the adoption, amendment, or rescission of Bylaws, which proposals will not come into force until approved at the Annual Meeting of the Branch. The Amendments also included various housekeeping items.

Other than the Resolution of the Branch Council to amend the Bylaws, there were no other Resolutions made by the Branch Council since the last Annual Meeting of the Branch, other than customary motions approving the Branch budget and Council Meeting agendas and minutes.

This Committee greatly appreciates the very considerable work of Réché McKeague and Monteen Dent concerning the Amendments to the Bylaws.



MID-WINTER MEETING COMMITTEE

JENNIFER PEREIRA, Q.C.

On January 31 and February 1, 2019 lawyers from across Saskatchewan gathered in Saskatoon for the CBASK Mid-Winter Meeting themed “Enhancing Justice.” With sessions on substantive legal matters, the legal profession itself and topics pertaining to greater societal issues and the impact on the law and lawyers 2019’s theme was very aptly titled.

The meeting opened Thursday morning with an informative update from Justice Minister Don Morgan, Q.C. During the opening plenary, Mr. Justice Arnot, Chief Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission spoke about the reforms within his organization and how they are positively impacting our province with a goal to eliminate systematic discrimination. Justice Arnot provided concrete examples of how the SHRC is positively impacting the lives of the people of Saskatchewan.

The President’s Forum was held Friday morning and was led by Ontario criminal lawyer and legal commentator, Angela Chaisson. Ms. Chaisson led a call to arms for lawyers to do better with respect to engaging and supporting women and minorities within our practices. The closing plenary/St. Thomas More College John Stack Lecture was a sobering presentation by Howard Sapers, an expert on prison reform. He provided a case study on the use of imprisonment as punishment by reviewing the practical and ethical considerations of our system.

The CPD sessions were varied, allowing attendees to hear presentations on criminal law, family law, contract law, employment law, estate litigation, advocacy and more. There were four concurrent educational streams. The goal of the planning committee was to ensure that each time slot contained four disparate topics so that attendees could find something of interest at each of the CPD sessions. Participants benefited from sessions led by Chief Justice Popescul, Justice Megaw, Dr. Keith Carlson (Research Chair in Aboriginal and Community Engaged History, UofS), Raymond Adlington (CBA National President), Dean Martin Phillipson and many other distinguished practitioners. Thank you to all those who led our CPD!

Troy Baril did an excellent job planning this year’s Thursday Night Social Event for the Mid-Winter Meeting. Attendees were able to catch up with colleagues while enjoying craft beer, delicious appetizers and a live performance by The Barrelmen. Almost all in attendance supported the 50/50 draw with the proceeds supporting CLASSIC.

The Mid-Winter Meeting would not be possible without the generous support of this year’s exhibitors and sponsors or the hard work of the CBA Saskatchewan Branch staff, Monteen Dent and Duncan Shury. I also want to extend my appreciation to our exceptional planning committee members for their hard work and ability to problem solve on the fly: Naheed Bardai, Troy Baril, Reché McKeague, Michelle Ouellette QC, Anna Singer and Chris Veeman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Jennifer Pereira, Q.C.
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Naheed Bardai
MLT Aikins LLP

Troy Baril
Miller Thompson LLP

Reché McKeague
City of Saskatoon
City Solicitor’s Office

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Shoshanna Paul
Thompson Dorfman
Sweatman LLP

Anna Singer
Scharfstein Gibbings
Walen Fisher LLP

Christopher Veeman
Veeman Law

Monteen Dent
Executive Director



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NEIL ROBERTSON, Q.C.

The finalized Nomination Committee Report was not available at the time the Annual Report was posted. A final version will be available at a later date.

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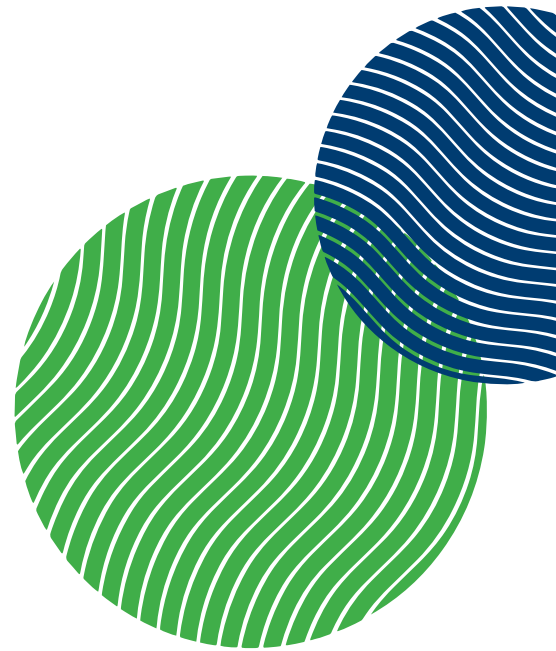
Crystal Norbeck
Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP

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Riou Law Office

2019 - 2020 BRANCH SECTION CHAIRS

<i>Aboriginal Law North</i> Shoshanna Paul	<i>Environmental & Resources Law North</i> Chad Eggerman
<i>Aboriginal Law South</i> Sonia Eggerman	<i>Environmental & Resources Law South</i> Kenton Gray
<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution North</i> Darlene Wingerak	<i>Family Law North</i> Deborah Giles
<i>Administrative & Labour Law North</i> Brent Matkowski	<i>Family Law South</i> David Couture
<i>Administrative & Labour Law South</i> Amy Groothuis	<i>Immigration (North & South)</i> Jyoti Haeusler
<i>Articling Student North</i> Anna Beatch	<i>Privacy & Access Law South</i> Kristél Kriel
<i>Articling Student South</i> Calen Nixon	<i>Privacy & Access Law North</i> Ashley Smith
<i>Bankruptcy & Insolvency North</i> Mike Russell	<i>Public Sector & Municipal Law South</i> Thomson Irvine
<i>Business Law North</i> Marinko Jelovic	<i>Real Property North</i> Jamie Herle
<i>Business Law South</i> Nicole Hamm	<i>Real Property & Wills South</i> Jeff Norwig
<i>Canadian Corporate Council North</i> Jeff Benjamin	<i>Taxation Law South</i> Ryan Holfeld
<i>Canadian Corporate Council South</i> Jamie Patterson	<i>Wills Estate & Elder Law North</i> Jan King
<i>Criminal Justice South</i> Matthew Schmeling	<i>Women Lawyers North</i> Jessie Buydens
<i>Civil Litigation North</i> Samuel Edmondson	<i>Women Lawyers South</i> Carly Romanow
<i>Civil Litigation South</i> Katherine Melynychuk	<i>Young Lawyers North</i> Ashala Naidu
<i>Construction (North & South)</i> Jared Epp	<i>Young Lawyers South</i> Katlyn Cooper

2018 - 2019 BRANCH SECTIONS



ABORIGINAL LAW NORTH

SHOSHANNA PAUL

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 20, 2018*
**The Truth and Reconciliation Commission:
Implications for the Legal Profession**
Larry Chartrand, *Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan*
- *October 18, 2018*
First Nations in Cannabis Legalization
Michelle Delorme, *Lands Advisory Board and Resource Centre*
- *March 21, 2019 - Cancelled*
Saskatchewan's Resistance to Gladue
Glen Luther, *College of Law, University of Saskatchewan*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Shoshanna Paul

Thomson Dorfman Sweatman LLP

VICE CHAIR

Leah Bitternose

Bitternose Law Office

LLR

Shoshanna Paul

Thomson Dorfman Sweatman LLP

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

LINDSAY HILL

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS:

- *October 1, 2018*
ADR and Estate Litigation
Information on the use of ADR in Estate Litigation
Dale Linn, Q.C..
- *November 5, 2018*
The Grief Process-Information on the grief process and how it can affect a client's ability to move through a separation and participate in ADR
Lana Wickstrom
*** Unfortunately Ms. Wickstrom had to cancel her session and we were unable to reschedule.*
- *December 3, 2018*
Ministry of Labour Relations ADR Program
Information on the ADR program offered through the Ministry of Labour Relations. Learn how and when government Mediators can enter into workplaces to assist with conflict.
Kristin Anderson, *Ministry of Labour Relations*
- *February 4, 2019*
Tips for Effective Arbitration: How to be an effective advocate in arbitration
Anne Wallace, Q.C.
*** Unfortunately Ms. Wallace had to cancel her session unexpectedly and we were unable to reschedule.*
- *February 25, 2019 (Joint with Articling Students North)*
ADR Availability and Ethical Obligations on a Lawyer
Information on types of ADR available for lawyers to recommend to clients and the lawyer's ethical obligation to inform the client of the same.
Charmaine Panko, *Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation*

As of yet, the speakers have made excellent presentations and have been very well received.

SASKATCHEWAN UPDATE AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

Saskatchewan has come some way in the development and use of ADR, particularly in its court system. Noteworthy are the mandatory mediation aspects of the same. In any civil case, there must be a mandatory mediation held prior to document production. This mediation takes place with the Alternative Dispute Office of the Ministry of Justice and is completed by a government appointed mediator.

In both family and civil cases, a judicial mediation or a Pre-Trial Conference must take place prior to any trial being held.

New bills are in the works, which will alter the family law litigation process to also include mandatory mediation. ADR legal professionals are anxiously waiting to see what sort of requirements will be put into place in this front.

Collaborative Law has begun to adapt in Saskatchewan and involve the use of other professionals. As such, the Collaborative Lawyers group has rebranded and is now the Collaborative Professionals of Saskatchewan Inc.

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VICE CHAIR
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McDougall Gauley LLP

SECRETARY
Michael Conlon
McDougall Gauley LLP

PAST CHAIR
Cara Haaf
McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR
Lindsay Hill
McDougall Gauley LLP

ADMIN & LABOUR LAW NORTH

BRENT MATKOWSKI

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 18, 2018*
An Overview of Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Mediations
Julian Bodnar, *Mediation/Lawyer Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission*
Jocelyn Putland Wiebe, *Director of Resolution at Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission*
- *October 16, 2018*
Judicial Review and the Standard of Review
Professor Keir Vallance
- *January 15, 2019*
Harassment Investigations
Marcus Davies, *Bainbridge Jodouin Cheecham*
- *February 12, 2019*
An Update from the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
Susan Amrud, QC, *Chair of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board*
- *March 19, 2019*
Ethical Considerations for Administrative and Labour Lawyers
Gary Bainbridge, QC, *Bainbridge Jodouin Cheecham*
Kevin Wilson, QC, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *April 16, 2019*
Bankruptcy Considerations for Administrative and Labour Lawyers
Paul Olfert, *MLT Aikins LLP*

Our attendance was typical, with a small (5-10) but engaged group of participants.

EXECUTIVE FOR 2019-2020:

Brent Matkowski, *MLT Aikins* – Chair
Alex Anderson, *Bainbridge Jodouin Cheecham* – Vice Chair
Tom Richards, *MLT Aikins* – Law Reform

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Amy Gibson
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ADMIN & LABOUR LAW SOUTH

RONNI NORDAL

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 16, 2018*
Workplace Investigations and Privacy Rights
Bonnie Durnford & Rob Cunningham of DC Strategic Management
Greg Fingas, *Gerrand Rath*
Lynn Sanya, *Sask Health Authority*
- *November 20, 2018*
Arbitration Practice Tips and Evidentiary Issues
Neil Robertson, Q.C.
Brian Kenny, Q.C.
Gerald Tegart, Q.C.
- *December 11, 2019*
Annual Minister of Labour Update
Minister of Labour Relations & Workplace Safety, Don Morgan, Q.C.
- *January 15, 2019*
Accommodating Mental Health Illnesses and WCB Approach to Psychological Injury Claims
Wayne Dale, *WCB*
Amy Groothuis, *Miller Thomson*
Ronni Nordal, *Nordal LeBlanc*
- *March 19, 2019*
Year In Review from the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
Chair Susan Amrud, Q.C.
- *April 16, 2019*
A View from the Bench
Madam Justice Meghan McCreary

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

During the 2018-19 section year we tried a new format of having 3 longer sessions (1 hour panel discussions) which seemed to be well received, in addition to 3 shorter sessions. Our attendance has improved.

We have committed to holding a second Administrative Law Spring Outreach session in the Spring of 2020 and have been approved by the National Admin Law Section.

The 2019-2020 Section year will see our section in the good hands of incoming Chair Amy Groothuis and Vice-Chair Lynn Sanya. I have enjoyed my years as Chair and am looking forward to continuing as a section member.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Ronni Nordal, Q.C.
Nordal LeBlanc Law Office

VICE CHAIR

Lynn Sanya
Saskatchewan Health Authority

LLR

Ronni Nordal, Q.C.
Nordal LeBlanc Law Office

ARTICLING STUDENTS NORTH

ANNA BEATCH

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 24, 2018*
Surviving CPLED and Articling.
A panel of articling students from last year's CPLED course and recently called lawyers will discuss tips and tricks for getting through the articling year.
Meagan Ward, *Wardell Gillis*
Bonnie Cherewyk, *Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher*
- *October 22, 2018*
Career Management.
Career management and the types of legal and non-legal careers that law students may want to consider.
Shawn Moen, *9 Mile Legacy*
Josh Lommer, *K + S Potash*
- *November 26, 2018*
Work/Life Balance: Maintaining a Healthy Work/Life Balance.
Maintaining emotional health and stability while articling. The public service role of lawyers - volunteering and being involved in the community.
Rylund Hunter, *McDougall Gauley*
Brad Mitchell, *McDougall Gauley*
- *February 25, 2019 (Joint with Alternative Dispute Resolution North)*
ADR Availability and Ethical Obligations of a Lawyer.
Information on types of ADR available for lawyers to recommend to clients and a lawyer's ethical obligation to inform the client of the same.
Charmaine Panko, *Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Articling Students North held four section meetings during the 2018/2019 year. (We had a fifth section meeting scheduled; however, the speakers cancelled and there was insufficient time to find a replacement speaker.) We had a wide range of topics and speakers. The section meetings provided articling students with an opportunity to learn from the experience of junior and senior lawyers in an informal setting. Based on feedback received from the articling students, the section meetings were successful - the above topics were useful and the speakers were interesting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Anna Beatch
MLT Aikins LLP

VICE CHAIR

Brooke Johnson
McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR

Jocelyn Sirois
MLT Aikins LLP

ARTICLING STUDENTS SOUTH

CALEN NIXON

- *September 24, 2018*
Practice Management: Getting Organized and Staying on Track
Alan McIntyre, Q.C., *McKercher LLP*
Perry Erhardt, Q.C., *Olive, Waller, Zinkham & Waller LLP*
- *October 29, 2018*
Surviving CPLED
Fashia Moleski, *McDougall Gauley LLP*
Kelsey Kreklewich, *Olive, Waller, Zinkham & Waller LLP*
- *November 26, 2018*
Do's and Don'ts of Appearances in Provincial Court and Court of Queen's Bench Chambers
Justice McMurtry, *Court of Queen's Bench*
Judge Hinds, *Provincial Court*
- *January 21, 2019*
Career Management: Small Firm, Big Firm, Government and Making Transitions
Tyne Hagey, *Andrews Benko & Associates*
Sonia Eggerman, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *February 25, 2019 (Joint Session with Privacy Law South)*
Privacy 101: Privacy Principles for Protecting Client Information
*Requested Ethics Credit
Randy Brunet, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *March 21, 2019 (Joint Session with Aboriginal Law South)*
Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action: Understanding and Implementation
* Requested Ethics Credit
Kara-Dawn Jordan, *Law Society*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR
Calen Nixon
MLT Aikins LLP

LLR
Calen Nixon
MLT Aikins LLP

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Articling Students South met on four occasions during the 2018/2019 session in addition to two joint sessions, one with the Privacy Law South and the other with Aboriginal Law South groups.

INSOLVENCY NORTH

MIKE RUSSELL

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 3, 2018*
Developments of Note in Insolvency Law
David Gerecke, *Miller Thomson LLP*
- *November 7, 2018*
Recent Case Updates
Craig Frith, *McDougall Gauley LLP*
- *December 5, 2018*
Employment Law Topics in Insolvency Law
Jeffrey M. Lee, Q.C., and Paul Olfert, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *February 6, 2019*
Matters for Consideration of the Court and Counsel
Justice A.R. Rothery, *Court of Queen's Bench*
- *March 6, 2019*
TBA
Neil Honess, *KPMG Inc.*
- *April 3, 2019*
Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
Elaine Thompson, *Registrar in Bankruptcy*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Section had another successful year, with an excellent roster of speakers, some of whom graciously travelled from outside of Saskatoon to present to the group. Mike Russell continues on as Section Chair, with Paul Olfert continuing on as Section Vice-Chair.

The Section continues to enjoy good participation from senior members of the Saskatoon insolvency bar, as well as junior lawyers with an interest in insolvency. Several Section members are insolvency professionals who are non-lawyers. The mixture of lawyers and bankruptcy trustees lends itself to lively, informed and practical discussions at luncheon meetings. For a number of years, the Section has been active in improving practice in the insolvency area. In 2017, a committee of lawyers was formed for the purpose of updating existing template Court orders and developing new ones. The committee is comprised of Jeff Lee, Q.C., MLT Aikins LLP (Chair), Wayne Pederson, Leland Kimpinski LLP, Michael Milani, Q.C., McDougall Gauley LLP, Joel Hesje, Q.C., McKercher LLP, Kim Anderson, Q.C., Robertson Stromberg LLP, David Gerecke, Q.C., Miller Thomson LLP, Janine Lavoie-Harding, McKercher LLP, Clayton Barry, McDougall Gauley LLP, Mike Russell, the W Law Group LLP and Paul Olfert, MLT Aikins LLP. To date, the committee has updated the template receivership and CCAA Initial orders, and has developed an accompanying Electronic Case Information and Service Protocol, which have been approved by the Court. Several other template orders have either been submitted by the committee to the Court for approval or are presently in development.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Mike Russell
The W Law Group

VICE CHAIR

Paul Olfert
MLT Aikins LLP

CHAIR

Mike Russell
The W Law Group

BUSINESS LAW NORTH

MARINKO JELOVIC

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

We only held 2 luncheons over the 2018-2019 year.

- *October 24, 2018*
Pitfalls when Negotiating Common Technology Agreements
Michael Scherman
- *February 27, 2019*
Cryptocurrency Legal Issues for the Luddite Lawyer
Joseph Gill, *McKercher LLP*

There was an attempt to jointly host a third luncheon with the Aboriginal Law North Section. However, I had issues with setting down a date for the luncheon as I never received a response from Duncan Shury to set it up. I believe he may have left his position shortly after the request.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

I was the only executive member for the 2018-2019 year. Chris Porter, formerly of McKercher, was sitting Chair at the time he stepped down and the previous two executive members had decided not to return for the 2018-2019 term. I had previously sat as Secretary.

Last term was a bit of a learning curve for me. I have reached out to a few people to fill up the Executive Membership for the upcoming term and hope to have 6 sessions for the upcoming year as well.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Marinko Jelovic
Robertson Stromberg LLP

LLR

Marinko Jelovic
Robertson Stromberg LLP

BUSINESS LAW SOUTH

NICOLE HAMM

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- This year was my first as Chair of the Business Law South section. Our section was fortunate to join with the Public Sector and Municipal Law section for two joint meetings. The first, in *October 2018*, featured a topic with the eye-catching title, "No More Beer Runs?" We were lucky to have Theodore Litowski, *Crown Counsel with the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice* chat with us about what the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in *R v Comeau* means for the future of Canadian internal trade. In *January 2019*, Cheryl Willoughby, *Legal Counsel with the City of Regina*, spoke to us on the challenges that came with the legalization of marijuana and how the City of Regina worked through how it would regulate businesses selling marijuana. My thanks to Steven Dribnenki of the *Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association* for inviting our section to join these meetings.
- In *November 2018*, Perry Erhardt, Q.C., provided a presentation entitled "Ethical Consideration in Business Law – Conflicting Loyalties? Really?" Using the Enron case from the United States as an example, we discussed how to deal with business clients who do not want to play by the rules.
- Sheri Hupp, *Senior Crown Counsel and the Director of Corporations*, along with Neil Karkut, *Crown Counsel*, met with us in *March 2018* to discuss the review of **The Business Corporations Act** that is currently underway. We were also provided with an update on an interprovincial effort to streamline extra provincial corporate registration and introduced to the beta version of the federal government's Business Registries Search Service. If you would like more information on the Business Registries Search Service, please contact me.
- Our last meeting of the year featured a presentation from Mikale White, *Legal Counsel, Securities Division*, with the *Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan*, on securities exemption under Saskatchewan's securities laws.

All of our speakers led thoughtful discussions and we are grateful for their generosity in sharing their knowledge with us.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Nicole Hamm

Oliver Waller Zinkhan Waller LLP

LLR

Nicole Hamm

Oliver Waller Zinkhan Waller LLP

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL NORTH

JEFF BENJAMIN

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 19, 2018*
Policy Management: Managing (and Enforcing) Corporate Policies
– a roundtable discussion
hosted by Jenny Hoffman, Cameco Corporation
hosted by Angela Giroux, Nutrien Ltd.
- *October 17, 2018*
Legal Department Budgeting for the in-house legal department
– a roundtable discussion
hosted by Terri Uhrich, K+S Potash Canada
hosted by Sheldon Stener, Federated Co-operatives Limited
- *November 21, 2018*
Compliance with Laws: One company, multiple jurisdictions
– a roundtable discussion
hosted by Markel Chernenkoff, K+S Potash Canada
hosted by Derek Hoffman, Miller Thomson LLP
- *January 16, 2019*
File and Matter Management for the in-house legal department
– a roundtable discussion
hosted by Jeff Benjamin, Canpotex Limited
hosted by Bryan Augé, Bridge Law LLP
- *March 27, 2019*
Weed at Work: an update post-legislation & Regulatory Investigations: Preparatory tips for in-house counsel.
presentations by Kevin Wilson and John Agioritis, MLT Aikins LLP
- *April 17, 2019*
Section Planning – a roundtable meeting
hosted by Jeff Benjamin.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

In our section we find that the ‘roundtable’ discussions have been particularly effective given a relatively small number of attendees (12-15 on average) and a close-knit in-house counsel group that is quite engaged. Given this level of engagement, our sessions frequently go over the allotted time - though we always remind people that they are free to leave at any time. The diversity of perspectives in the group and willingness of everyone to engage in the discussion have strengthened the experience. Following direction from the CBA Saskatchewan section planning discussion, we will request an extension for the additional CPD hours for those who stay beyond the allotted time.

The section executive typically decides on topics, organizes the events, arranges speakers, etc. This year (following a last-minute cancellation by a speaker), we held a very productive section planning meeting which helped to provide a collective voice on planning for the 2019/2020 section year.

This year we had our first ‘sponsored’ event which was generously sponsored by a local firm (MLT Aikins). It was a well attended event and should serve as a base for future similar events.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jeff Benjamin
Canpotex

LLR

Jeff Benjamin
Canpotex

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOUTH

MATTHEW SCHMELING

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 9, 2018 (luncheon)*
Criminal Pre-trials.
Honourable Madam Justice C. L. Dawson, *Court of Queen's Bench*
- *December 11, 2018*
Provincial Court's therapeutic courts and best practices therein
Honourable Judge M. J. Hinds
- *January 21, 2019 (joint session with the Immigration South Group)*
Amendments to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
Practical advice and tips on dealing with criminal related immigration matters
Chris Case, *Enforcement Manager with the CBSA*
- *On February 12, 2019*
Bill C-75 and how it will affect the practice of criminal law
Mariel Wellsch, *Crown Counsel at Corporate Initiatives Branch, Integrated Justice Services, serving for the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Corrections and policing*
- **Drug impairment trials**
Adam Fritzler, *Bertram Scrivens Prior Martin*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Generally, we have had a consistent turn out from a limited set of members. Attendance at our lunches is on average, about ten attendees. It would be beneficial to have more participation from the Crown, not only to hear from their perspective on subjects, but to foster a positive relationship between the criminal bar and the Crown's office.

All in all, the presentations were informative and well-received. We anticipate further presentations from the Court and practitioners in the upcoming year. I will remain chair for the second year of my two-year mandate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Matthew Schmeling
McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR

Matthew Schmeling
McDougall Gauley LLP

CIVIL LITIGATION NORTH

SAMUEL EDMONDSON

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *November 14, 2018*
Civility in Litigation, and Compounding
(Section 141 of the Criminal Code)
Scott Spencer, *Miller Thomson LLP*
- *December 12, 2018*
Working with the Local Registrar
Glen Metivier, *Local Registrar (Saskatoon) Court of Queen's Bench*
- *February 13, 2019*
Civil Litigation in the Face of Insolvency Proceedings
Clayton Barry, *McDougall Gauley LLP*
- *March 13, 2019*
Preservation Orders
Naheed Bardai, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *April 10, 2019*
An Update from the Bench
Chief Justice M.D. Popescul, *Court of Queen's Bench*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Our section had five meetings over the past year. We are grateful to each of our speakers and attending members for their discussions, inquiries and contributions, which made our meetings informative and engaging.

Our section chair and vice chair will continue into the 2019-2020 year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Samuel Edmondson
Scharfstein Gibbings Walen
Fisher LLP

VICE CHAIR

Tom Baldry
LeLand Kimpinski LLP

LLR

Andrea Rohrke
Scharfstein Gibbings Walen
Fisher LLP

CIVIL LITIGATION SOUTH

HOLLI KUSKI BASSETT

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 10, 2018*
Civil Jury Trials
Al McIntyre, Q.C., *McKercher LLP* and
Reg Watson, Q.C., *Miller Thomson LLP*
- *February 13, 2019*
Making Sense of Preservation Orders
James Rose, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- **March 13, 2019**
**Practical Tips re: Chambers Advocacy and
Summary Judgment applications**
The Honourable Madam Justice J.E. McMurty, *Court of Queen's Bench*
- *April 10, 2019*
Expert Evidence: Practical Tips
Deron A. Kuski, Q.C., *MLT Aikins LLP*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Our lunches were very well attended, and the attendees seemed engaged and interested in the topics. Our speakers were exceptionally well prepared and offered invaluable advice for day to day practice as a litigator. This year we were honoured to have Justice McMurtry speak to our group; we had excellent attendance and received very helpful practical tips.

For next year, we will endeavor again to have a Justice of the Queen's Bench as a guest speaker to address tips for practicing litigators when in court. We will also seek to engage senior members of the bar to speak about various practical topics that will be helpful to our members.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Holli Kuski Bassett
McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR

Katherine Melnychuk
McKercher LLP

LLR

Jared Biden
MLT Aikins LLP

ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCES LAW SOUTH

KENTON GRAY

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

Section activities in the year were limited to holding of four section meetings, all of which were held in conjunction with the Environmental and Resources Law (North) section. The section meetings were conducted at the offices of Miller Thompson LLP in Regina and Saskatoon via videoconference.

The following is an outline of the date, speakers, topic and chair for each of the section meetings:

- **Review of Arguments in Constitutional Reference Before Saskatchewan Court of Appeal (December 7, 2018)** – This section meeting was chaired by Kenton Gray, *Chair of the South Section*. Mitch McAdam, Q.C., and Alan Jacobson of the *Department of Justice, Saskatchewan*, made a presentation regarding potential arguments to be made on behalf of the federal government and the Saskatchewan government in the then forthcoming constitutional reference before the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal relating to the constitutionality of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (Canada).
- **Annual Update by the Minister of Environment for Saskatchewan (January 25, 2019)** – This section meeting was chaired by Kenton Gray, *Chair of the South Section*. The Honourable Dustin Duncan, *Minister of Environment for Saskatchewan* made a presentation to the members in attendance regarding recent initiatives of the Ministry of Environment for Saskatchewan and other topics of interest in relation to the Government of Saskatchewan in relation to matters pertaining to the environment, including the forthcoming constitutional reference noted above.
- **Natural Resource Development of Reserve Lands: The Legislative Framework (March 7, 2019)** – This section meeting was chaired by Chad Eggerman, *Chair of the North Section*. Jody Busch of the *Federal Department of Justice* made a presentation relating to the legislative framework, and some of the related challenges and potential approaches to, the development of resource development projects on reserved lands under the Indian Act in Saskatchewan.
- **Environmental and Land Issues from the Perspective of an Independent Power Producer (April 4, 2019)** – This section meeting was chaired by Chad Eggerman, *Chair of the North Section*. Chad was also the presenter for this particular meeting. Chad provided a presentation which outlined several of the common legal and commercial issues and challenges faced by developers of independent power producers in Saskatchewan based on his experience as legal counsel to such developers.
- It was my observation based on feedback received from members that each of the presentations made at the section meetings were well received and informative.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Kenton Gray
SaskPower

VICE CHAIR

Angela Stolz
McDougall Gauley LLP
Regina

LLR

Kenton Gray
SaskPower

FAMILY LAW SOUTH

DAVID COUTURE

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS:

- *September 27, 2018*
Recent Court of Appeal Family Law Decisions
Madam Justice Schwann
- *October 18, 2018*
Amendments to the Children's Law Act
Kim Newsham
- *January 25, 2019*
Updates to the Hague Convention
Kim Newsham
- *February 28, 2019*
Expunging Support Arrears
Foster Weisgerber
- *March 28, 2019*
Our Family Wizard
Racheal Howitz

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

We had a very successful year, with 5 well attended section meetings on a variety of topics. We had a few longer meetings with year, with good success. Many thanks to all of our great speakers, and we are looking forward to another great year ahead.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

David Couture
Kanuka Thuringer LLP

VICE CHAIR

Kendra Jacobs
Gerand Rath Johnson LLP

LLR

Roxanne Ouellette
Kanuka Thuringer LLP

IMMIGRATION LAW NORTH & SOUTH

JYOTI HAEUSLER

2018 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 24th, 2018*
Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, Entrepreneur and Farm Program Requirements and Upcoming changes with members of the SINP office.
- *November 26th, 2018*
Section Planning
- *January 21st, 2018*
(Joint meeting between the Criminal and Immigration sections)
Enforcement Proceedings in Saskatchewan, the Removal of Permanent Residents and Removal of Temporary Foreign Workers in Canada When They are Convicted of a Criminal Charge.
Chris Case, *Manager of Inland Enforcement for the CBSA*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Our group reached out to the Alberta chairs of the CBA immigration sections to see if we could call in for one of their meetings. However, due to the structure and cost of their sections we were not successful in establishing a joint meeting. We are exploring other possibilities for the upcoming year.

I also attended the CBA Immigration National Executive Meetings in Ottawa in November of 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jyoti Haeusler
McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR / LLR

Chris Veeman
Veeman Law LLP

SECRETARY

Mandeep Chaudhery
TTH Law

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW SOUTH

KRISTÉL KRIEL

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 16, 2018 (Joint session with Labour & Admin SK South)*
Workplace Investigations and Related Privacy Considerations
Bonnie Durnford (DCMS)
Greg Fingas, *Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP*
Lynn Sanya, *Saskatchewan Health Authority*
- *November 5, 2018*
Privacy and Privilege at the Border (*Ethics)
Kristal Allen, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *December 10, 2018 (Joint session with CCC SK South)*
GDPR/Federal Legislative Change/Cambridge Analytica: Current Events and Privacy Best Practices
Charles Taillefer, *Director, Privacy and Data Protection Directorate, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada*
- *February 25, 2019 (Joint session with Articling Students SK South)*
Client Privacy and Electronic Records - Ethical Considerations for Lawyers (*Ethics)
Randy Brunet, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *March 11, 2019 (Joint session with Privacy and Access SK North)*
Social Media and the Workplace: How Employees can Like, Share or Tweet their way out of a job
*Cancelled due to presenter illness
Shannon Whyley, *MLT Aikins LLP*
- *April 8, 2019*
Year End Review & Update
Ronald Kruzeniski, *Saskatchewan Information & Privacy Commissioner*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Privacy and Access South Section meets to discuss various topics of interest to the group, and was fortunate to have a number of exceptional speakers this year, including Ronald Kruzeniski, the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner. Privacy and Access topics are relevant to many areas of the law, and the Section will continue to look for opportunities to raise awareness among the bar and the public about interesting topics relating to Privacy and Access. Any member of the bar who is interested in Privacy and Access topics is encouraged to participate in our luncheons, either in person or by telephone.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Kristél Kriel

MLT Aikins LLP

LLR

Kristél Kriel

MLT Aikins LLP

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW NORTH

ASHLEY SMITH

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

The section did not have any other executive members this year.

2018-2019 was the first year of the Privacy North Section being revived after a fairly lengthy hiatus. We had a wonderful selection of presentations which were offered to members, including: the privacy implications of smart cities; social media and the workplace; practical and ethical obligations for invoking privilege in the context of privacy legislation; creating or improving an access and privacy program; and an update from the Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Ashley Smith
Saskatoon Police Service

LLR

Ashley Smith
Saskatoon Police Service

PUBLIC SECTOR & MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION

STEVEN DRIBNENKI

This Section addresses the needs and concerns of lawyers practicing in the public sector and municipal law, promoting the views and interests of government, municipal, and public sector lawyers while providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas and professional development programming.

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *September 25, 2018 (Joint meeting with Aboriginal Law South Section)*
A View of Reconciliation from the Bench
The Honourable Paul Favel spoke on his experiences as lawyer in Saskatchewan and as Federal Court Justice, and the need for reconciliation to achieve justice.
- *October 23 (Joint meeting with Business Law South)*
No More Beer Runs?: The "Beer Case" and Interprovincial Trade
Theodore Litowski, *Crown Counsel with the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice* talked about what *R v Comeau* means for the future of Canadian internal trade.
- *November 27 (joint meeting with Aboriginal Law South Section)*
Reconciliation and Treaty Land Entitlement
James Fyfe, *Senior Crown Counsel with the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice*, presented on what Treaty Land Entitlement means for Saskatchewan and its role in reconciliation.
- *January 17, 2019 (joint with Aboriginal Law South Section)*
Duty to Consult Update
Sonia Eggerman, *MLT Aikins LLP*, reviewed issues and trends on the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate.
- *January 22, 2019 (joint meeting with Business Law South)*
Legal Cannabis: Challenges and Opportunities
Cheryl Willoughby, *Legal Counsel with the City of Regina* spoke on balancing growth opportunity with community safety.
- *February 26, 2019*
Update from the Ministry of Government Relations
Keith Comstock, *Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement with the Ministry of Government Relations*, and Leanne Lang, *Crown Counsel with the Civil Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice* provided an update on new legislation and emerging municipal issues.
- *March 26, 2019*
Saskatchewan Municipal Board: Progress through Innovation
Dianne Ford, *Chair of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board* presents on improving procedures, identifying trends, and ensuring the best decisions are made.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Steven Dribnenki,
Saskatchewan Urban
Municipalities Association

VICE CHAIR

Leanne Lang
Legal Services Division,
Ministry of Justice

LLR

Tom Irvine, Q.C.,
Constitutional Law Branch,
Ministry of Justice

SECRETARY

Jayne Krueger
City of Regina,
Office of the Solicitor's Office

REAL PROPERTY & WILLS SOUTH

JEFF NORWIG

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *November 19, 2018*
Update from City of Regina - Bylaw Enforcement – Building Codes
Delaine MacDougall, *City of Regina*
- *March 18, 2019*
Joint Asset Transfers and Probate Planning
Jeff Hansen, *Virtus Group*
- *April 17, 2019*
Zoning Bylaw Changes
Lauren Miller, *City of Regina – Manager, City Projects*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

We are still looking for members to join the Executive of the Real Property and Wills South Section. It is a worthwhile and fun time to become involved. If you are interested in joining our executive team, please contact the Chair at jnorwig@mcdougallgauley.com.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jeff Norwig
McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR

Jeff Norwig
McDougall Gauley LLP

WILLS ESTATE & ELDER LAW NORTH

JAN KING

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

The listing below does not include two cancellations on great topics we hope to reschedule this coming season.

- *September 19, 2019*
The Latest on Medical Assistance in Dying
Evert van Olst, Q.C., *Chief Legal Counsel, Saskatchewan Health Authority*
- *October 2018 – Cancelled*
- *November 2018*
Post-Mortem Tax Planning
Stephen Miazga, *Felesky Flynn LLP*
- *January 2019*
Beware the Interspousal Boiler Plate Provisions that Could Extend the Spousal Support Obligation beyond the Death of the Recipient!
Connie den Hollander, *Knott Den Hollander*
- *April 17, 2019*
Perspective from the Bench
Mr. Justice Currie

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jan King
TD Wealth, Private Trust

VICE CHAIR

Allison Katarey
Cuelenaere LLP

LLR

Jan King
TD Wealth, Private Trust

WOMEN LAWYERS NORTH

JESSIE BUYDENS

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 3, 2018*
Non Traditional Legal Career Opportunities
Reche McKeague, *City of Saskatoon*
- *December 5, 2018*
Arctic Sovereignty & Arctic International Law Agreements
Heather Exner-Pirot, *Outreach & Indigenous Engagement, U of S, College of Nursing*
- *February 8, 2019*
LISTEN Project Information and Update
Jocelyn and Sharon from the *LISTEN Project*
- *March 6, 2019*
View from the Bench
Judges Monar-Enwani, Wilson and Hildebrandt

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Meetings this year were well attended. We were able to arrange for excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics. As always, the View from the Bench was our most well attended session.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jessie Buydens
Scott Phelps & Mason

LLR

Jessie Buydens
Scott Phelps & Mason

WOMEN LAWYERS SOUTH

CARLY ROMANOW

2018 - 2019 MEETINGS

- *October 3, 2018*
Senior Female Practitioner and Judiciary Panel
Amanda Quayle, *McDougall Gauley LLP*
The Honourable Madam Justice M.R. McCreary
- *November 7, 2018*
Path to the Judiciary
The Honourable Madam Justice Georgina Jackson
The Honourable Mr. Justice B.A. Barrington-Foote
- *December 5, 2018*
Ukrainian Women Lawyers' Experiences and the Importance of Mentoring
Susan Amrud Q.C., *Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board*
- *February 8, 2019*
Activism and your Legal Career: Advocacy in the Community
Meara Conway, *Legal Aid*
Kara-Dawn Jordan, *Policy Counsel, Law Society of Saskatchewan*
- *March 8, 2019*
Diversity in the Practice of Law
Riva Farrell Racette, *MLT Aikens LLP*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The WLF South had another great year of interesting topics and engaging speakers. Momentum has grown with our group and we have experienced increased numbers of attendees to our meetings. We look forward to another year of learning and networking to further support the advancement of women lawyers in the legal profession.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Carly Romanow
Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

VICE CHAIR

Andrea Johnson
Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP

LLR

Carly Romanow
Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

YOUNG LAWYERS SOUTH

BREANNE LOTHIAN

2018-2019 MEETINGS

- *October 11, 2018*
Criminal Law: A View from the Bench
Judge Pat Reis, *Provincial Court*
- *November 8, 2018*
The Intersection of Accounting and the Law: A focus on Corporate Law, Estate Law, Tax Law, and Litigation
Tait Nystuen, *MNP LLP*
- *February 14, 2019*
An Introduction to ISC: Tips for Avoiding Common Mistakes
Peter Nokonechny, *Information Services Corporation*
Ryan Kotylak, *Information Services Corporation*
- *April 11, 2019*
Wrap-Up Social / Networking Event
Held at Copper Kettle and attended by members of the CBA Young Lawyers South Section

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Young Lawyers South section had another year full of interesting and diverse topics. We were fortunate to have a number of exceptional speakers this year. Most of the Section meetings were lunches held at the Hotel Saskatchewan, with a social held at the Copper Kettle to wrap up our year.

These sessions would not have been possible without our speakers who volunteered both their time and expertise. We so appreciate all of our presenters and attendees. If you have any feedback or suggestions for our Section, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. I have no doubt that 2019-2020 will be a great year with Katie as Chair. We look forward to another successful year ahead and hope to see you out at our sessions!

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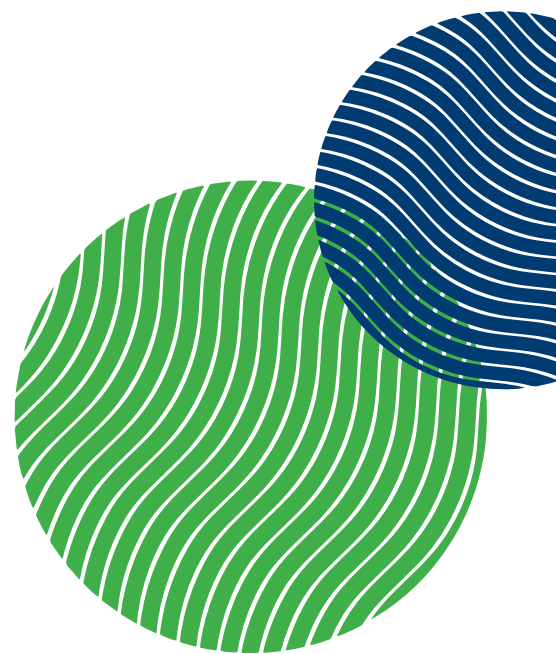
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2018 – 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
August 31, 2018

December 10, 2018

Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Members of Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch as at August 31, 2018 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

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Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

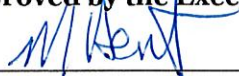
Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

As at August 31, 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	328,300	284,013
Short-term investments (note 2)	196,614	104,981
Accounts receivable	4,111	-
	<u>529,025</u>	<u>388,994</u>
Long-term investments (note 2)	134,503	220,352
Property, plant and equipment (note 3)	11,177	13,508
	<u>674,705</u>	<u>622,854</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	294	8,252
Deferred revenue (note 4)	37,667	34,822
	<u>37,961</u>	<u>43,074</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	323,894	266,930
Internally restricted operating reserve	312,850	312,850
	<u>636,744</u>	<u>579,780</u>
	<u>674,705</u>	<u>622,854</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee



Officer



Officer

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Memberships and CBA rebates	259,060	254,743
Professional development	111,456	108,788
Legal directory sales and advertising	67,028	67,983
Section fees	36,540	72,391
Online revenue sharing	9,355	11,285
Canadian Bar Insurance Association license fees	8,075	8,566
Bar notes advertising	7,930	6,735
Interest income	7,019	7,042
Law day	4,545	4,860
Miscellaneous	3,857	229
National sponsorship	2,062	2,361
Sub-lease	-	2,033
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	516,927	547,016
Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	155,446	161,038
Professional development	74,946	66,854
Section lunch	42,795	46,997
Office and administration	32,108	24,003
Legal directory	31,030	30,428
Board of directors expenses	22,318	9,597
Rent (note 5)	22,094	24,030
Promotion	14,449	14,084
Bar notes	12,763	18,758
Law day	11,992	13,539
National sections	7,671	21,008
Professional fees	7,550	6,184
CBA 2.0 launch	6,602	-
Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan donation	5,000	5,000
Branch committee expenses	2,771	2,763
Service recognition	2,616	8,549
Amortization	2,331	2,813
President's dinner	1,741	2,474
Branch annual meeting	1,386	2,305
Council	1,268	2,286
Miscellaneous	1,086	3,957
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	459,963	466,667
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<hr/>	<hr/>
	56,964	80,349

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Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2018

	Internally restricted operating reserve \$	Unrestricted \$	2018 Total \$	2017 Total \$
Net assets - Beginning of year	312,850	266,930	579,780	499,430
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	56,964	56,964	80,350
Net assets - End of year	312,850	323,894	636,744	579,780

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	56,964	80,349
Item not affecting cash		
Amortization	2,331	2,813
	<u>59,295</u>	<u>83,162</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(4,111)	2,407
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(7,958)	8,218
Deferred revenue	2,845	746
	<u>(9,224)</u>	<u>11,371</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(5,784)	(5,056)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(4,026)
	<u>(5,784)</u>	<u>(9,082)</u>
Net change in cash for the year	44,287	85,451
Cash - Beginning of year	<u>284,013</u>	<u>198,562</u>
Cash - End of year	<u>328,300</u>	<u>284,013</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

August 31, 2018

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of organization

The Provincial Council of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Bar Association is the governing body of the provincial organization which has the duty to carry on the work of the Branch and advance the objects of the Canadian Bar Association at the provincial level.

The objective of the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch (the CBA, SK Branch) is to serve as an advocate for all members of the legal profession.

The CBA, SK Branch is exempt from income tax under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations (ASNPO).

Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand, balances with banks and investments which mature within three months of the date of acquisition and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Amortization is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight line method and the following rates:

Office equipment	15 years
Computer hardware	5 years
Computer software	3 years
Artwork	N/A

In the year of acquisition, amortization is recorded at one-half of the annual rate. Artwork is protected and preserved and is not amortized.

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August 31, 2018

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, and accounts payable. Investments consist of term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates and fixed income bonds.

These financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis.

Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications that an asset may be impaired.

Revenue recognition

The association uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions whereby restricted contributions related to expenses of future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred. All other contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

The association accounts for membership fees, organization's program delivery, administrative activities associated with general membership, and luncheon activities of the CBA, SK Branch.

Revenue sources received in advance are deferred and recorded as revenue in the period to which they relate.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Contributed materials and services

Contribution of materials and services are recognized both as contributions and expenses in the statement of operations only when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials are used in the normal course of the association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased. The amount of contributed materials and services recognized in the financial statements is nil (2017 - nil).

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

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2 Investments

Investments consist of:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
High Interest Savings Account (cost: 2018 - \$107,316; 2017 - \$nil; interest earned and accrued at 1.38%)	107,316	-
Fixed income bond (cost: 2018 - \$46,595; 2017 - \$45,489; interest earned and accrued at 4.7%; maturing March 2019)	46,899	46,218
GIC (cost: 2018 - \$44,923; 2017 - \$44,923; interest earned and accrued at 1.75%; maturing June 2022)	45,881	45,092
GIC (cost: 2018 - \$41,378; 2017 - \$41,378; interest earned and accrued at 2.3%; maturing June 2020)	44,532	43,530
GIC (cost: 2018 - \$43,745; 2017 - \$43,745; interest earned and accrued at 1.9%; maturing June 2021)	43,745	43,745
Term deposit (cost: 2018 - \$42,205; 2017 - \$41,622; interest earned and accrued at prime less 2.25%; maturing December 2019)	42,744	41,768
Fixed income bond (cost: 2018 - \$nil; 2017 - \$52,725; interest earned and accrued at 5.59%; redeemed during the year)	-	52,863
GIC (cost: 2018 - \$nil; 2017 - \$47,326; interest earned and accrued at 2.3%; redeemed during the year)	-	52,117
	331,117	325,333
Less: Current portion of investments	(196,614)	(104,981)
	134,503	220,352

3 Property, plant and equipment

	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	2018 Net \$	2017 Net \$
Office equipment	12,445	9,906	2,539	3,260
Computer hardware	14,301	10,663	3,638	5,120
Computer software	2,710	2,710	-	128
Artwork	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	34,456	23,279	11,177	13,508

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4 Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Prepaid advertising	37,217	34,372
Prepaid administration levies	450	450
	<u>37,667</u>	<u>34,822</u>

5 Commitments

The association's total obligations under operating leases for equipment and occupied premises are as follows:

	\$
2019	15,876
2020	14,631
2021	10,896
2022	1,816
	<u>43,219</u>

Operating lease rent expense for occupied premises for the year ended August 31, 2018 amounted to \$22,094 (2017 - \$24,030).

6 Financial instruments

Credit risk

The association, in the normal course of business, is exposed to credit risk from its members and customers. The association's financial assets that are exposed to credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable.

Interest rate risk

The association's exposure to interest rate risk pertains to investments, which are subject to future changes in interest rates.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the association will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The association's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient cash flows to fund its operations and to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions.

Other risks

The association does not consider itself to have significant exposure to currency risk, market risk, or other price risk.