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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Presidents
FROM: G. Eldon Horner,
FOLA Nominating Committee Chair
RE: Election of FOLA Executive
DATE: September 19, 2018

Dear Presidents,

At the Plenary Session to be held from November 7-9, 2018 in Waterloo, your Association will be electing its Board of Directors pursuant to its by-laws for the next 18 month term, from November 2018 to May 2020.

At the moment the majority of the current Executive members acting as Regional Representatives have indicated that they will stand for re- election. The one exception is our Central West Regional Rep, Jane Robertson. Jane will be remaining as a part of the FOLA executive as Chair of our Finance Committee, however she has reached her 3 term limit as a Director.

The list of the current Regional Representatives is set out at the end of this Memorandum. The fact that current Regional Representatives intend to stand for re-election does not preclude anyone interested or eligible from submitting their candidacy. We suggest the Presidents in each Region confer to assess their current representation and consider whether or not there are other qualified candidates who may be interested and prepared to serve on the FOLA Executive as a Regional Representative.

The rules of the election process are fairly simple and are summarized as follows:

1. There are seven (7) Regional Representative Executive positions open for election on the Board. These positions represent the Judicial Regions of the Province (Central South, Central West, Central East, Northwest, Northeast, East, and Southwest). Although the By-Laws provide that a representative of the Toronto Law Association is elected, there is an existing Memorandum of Understanding whereby a representative of that Association, currently their Vice-President, is appointed as a member of our Executive.

The Chair is elected, however tradition has been that the current First Vice Chair moves into this role. The Past Chair and First Vice-Chair are filled by succession pursuant to the By-Laws. The Second Vice Chair is nominated from among the Regional Representatives by the

Nominating Committee, following consultation with the existing executive members;

2. To be eligible, a nominee for a Regional Representative must be a current or past President of a County or District Law Association and conduct his or her primary practice within the Region in which election is sought;
3. All Regions elect their respective Representatives by Regional voting;
4. At Plenary, the Nominating Committee will submit the names of all nominations received in advance together with a mover and a seconder;
5. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at Plenary for the seven elected positions described above, but a mover and seconder will be required;
6. If a vote is required to select a Regional Representative, only current Presidents in attendance from that Region may cast a vote. Proxies are not provided for in the By-Laws for these positions;
7. If no seat is contested, the candidates will be confirmed by the Nominating Chair.

If you are interested or know someone eligible who may be interested in becoming a candidate, please advise Kelly at kelly.lovell@folo.ca , or contact me at ehorner@hp-lawyers.com or your current Regional Representative to discuss further.

Job Description for the FOLA Executive

Executive meetings are held in Toronto monthly, normally the second Thursday of each month to coincide with the Committee Day for the Law Society Benchers. Meetings are generally a half day followed by a luncheon with the Benchers. There are also frequent meetings on the Wednesday afternoon or evening before, either as an Executive or with representatives from Government, Law Society staff, etc. A Regional Representative is expected to attend in person at most meetings.

There may also be additional meetings such as a Strategic Planning Session, often held on the second Thursday of June of each year for three days at locations which are selected annually as “retreats” – normally within the Province of Ontario.

A Regional Representative Executive member will be expected to conduct a periodic teleconference call with the Presidents within his or her region, both to keep the Presidents informed and to provide the Executive with responses to current and critical issues. It is worth discussing the current arrangement with the Regional Representative, as each region does this differently.

While there is no remuneration for serving on the FOLA executive, a member is fully reimbursed for all travel, accommodation, communications and (reasonable) meal costs associated with your duties.

There are a variety of Committees that are chaired by Executive members. Some Committees require more of a commitment than others and many of them require attendance in Toronto and elsewhere for meetings

with other groups or judicial and government agencies. Quite often these meetings will coincide with the monthly Executive meetings.

Executive members are expected to present written reports on both their periodic teleconference meetings with their regional Presidents and any Committee(s) they may chair in advance of the monthly Executive meetings.

As the complexity of the issues we face as a Board increases, so has the expectation of the time and commitment needed. The time commitment is serious, although not overly onerous at the start, and you are expected to be available to attend the current set schedule of meetings for the next 18 months. We appreciate those who are willing to commit their time to volunteer to work with the Board for the next term.

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