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APPLICANTS

THE SIERRA LEONE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA and FODAY CONTEH

RESPONDENTS

DR. ABU CONTEH, MOHAMED

JALLOH, DOMINIC KANU,

JOHN ELLIOTT, MARIAMA TURAY OSMAN BANGURA, ABASS KABIA

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March 25, 2025

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Edmonton, Alberta

NAME OF JUSTICE WHO MADE THIS ORDER:

The Honourable Justice S. Davis

**UPON** the Application of the Applicants, The Sierra Leone Association of Alberta ("SLAA") and Foday Conteh;

AND UPON having read the filed materials of the Applicants and Respondents;

AND UPON hearing submissions of counsel;

AND UPON the balance of the Cross-Application being adjourned to Specials, to be scheduled;

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECLARED THAT:

1. An interim executive committee of The Sierra Leone Association of Alberta is appointed by this Court, on a without prejudice basis, until its next annual meeting. This executive committee is comprised of those individuals listed on the Annual Return for Alberta Society, as filed with the Government of Alberta Corporate Registration System on April 30, 2024:

- a. Abu Conteh President;
- b. Ivan Jackson Vice President;
- c. Mohamed Jalloh Secretary;
- d. Dominic Kanu Secretary;
- e. Frederick Williams Secretary-Treasurer;
- f. Zainab Kamara Treasurer;
- g. John Elliott Other;
- h. Mariama Turay Secretary;
- i. Prince Thorpe Other;
- j. Osman Bangura Other;
- k. Fatima Bangura Other; and
- 1. Abass Kabia Other.

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Executive Committee").

- 2. The powers of the Executive Committee are limited to a caretaker role until the annual meeting, exercising the absolute minimal requirements to keep the organization running. For clarity, Dr. Abu Conteh is authorized to represent himself as the President of the SLAA and to exercise normal authority in all relevant dealings with external parties, including banks, the City of Edmonton, accountants, law firms, service providers, landlords, and grant-providing entities, and this Order provides sufficient authority for external parties to deal with Dr. Abu Conteh.
- 3. Dr. Abu Conteh and the Executive Committee do not have the authority to change Bylaws, as filed with the Registrar of Corporations Province of Alberta on December 23, 2015 ("Bylaws").
- 4. Dr. Abu Conteh is to refer to himself as "Caretaker President" for internal SLAA communications.
- 5. This Order provides the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) with sufficient authority to deal with the following members of the Executive Committee who previously had signing authority, until August 10, 2025:
  - a. Abu Conteh -- President;
  - b. Ivan Jackson Vice President;
  - c. Frederick Williams Secretary-Treasurer; and
  - d. Zainabo Kamara Treasurer.

in the same manner as they did, provided that Dr. Abu Conteh is one of the signatories.

- 6. The Executive Committee shall:
  - a. call a general meeting to occur no later than the end of May 6, 2025, for the purpose of determining membership under the Bylaws;
  - b. the Executive Committee shall publish a list of current SLAA members fourteen (14) days prior to general meeting;

- c. Service of meeting notices by way of email and/or text to the last known address or phone number of known members, which at a minimum, include those individuals named on the list as assembled by the Executive in July 2024 ("July 2024 Membership List") shall be permitted; in addition to posting notice of any meeting on the SLAA website. In addition, all notice periods are hereby abridged, except as required by this Order.
- d. in the event of a dispute as to eligibility of a member, the Executive Committee at the general meeting, shall determine if an individual is a member or not;
- e. shall call an annual meeting of the SLAA before the end of June 21, 2025, at which an election will be held in accordance with the Bylaws; and
- f. have available for inspection by members at the annual meeting, the books and records of the SLAA.
- Until the annual meeting, the records office of the SLAA will be Snyder & Associates located at: #3500
  Manulife Place, 10180-101 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 3S4 ("Records Office")
- 8. The Executive Committee shall provide to Applicant's counsel, Deborah McGuire of Forum Law LLP.:
  - a. all financial records related to SLAA operations created after October 27, 2018 (which was the date that Abu Conteh was elected President of the SLAA) by April 29, 2025; and
  - b. an informal accounting of SLAA funds spent during this interim period, within two (2) weeks from the date the funds were spent.
- 9. Any SLAA member may inspect all accessible financial documents upon providing reasonable notice to the Records Office after April 29, 2025, during normal business hours. Further, as outlined at paragraph 12 of the Bylaws, the books and records of the SLAA may be inspected by any member of the SLAA at the Annual Meeting.

Each party shall bear its own costs.

JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

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