

District of ONTARIO
Court No. 31-2665981
Estate No. 31-2665981

In the Matter of the Bankruptcy of

PAUL ANTHONY WILKINS PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
of the City of Markham, in the Province of Ontario

Minutes of the First Meeting of Creditors

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2020

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 741 944 1160

Chairperson: Murray Ferron, Official Receiver, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy

Secretary: Karen Rock, Official Receiver, Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy

Trustee: David Adams, Goldhar & Associates Ltd.

Trustee: Ken Tassis, Goldhar & Associates Ltd.

Attendance:

Attendance sheet attached to the Minutes as Exhibit "A"

Quorum: The chairperson examined and accepted proofs of claim filed, reviewed proxy, and established quorum.

Call to Order:

The chairperson determined that the meeting was legally constituted and called the meeting to order.

The Chairperson advised the following:

Pursuant to the authority of the BIA, any question or dispute arising at the meeting would be decided by the chairperson, and that any creditor may appeal the decision of the chairperson to court.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the affairs of the bankrupt, to affirm the appointment of the trustee or substitute another in place thereof, to appoint inspectors, and for creditors to provide such directions to the trustee as they may see fit with reference to the administration of the estate.

Report to Creditors by Trustee

Ken Tassis summarized the Trustee Report, which he advised is now available on the trustee's website. The trustee advised there was some additional information, which he shared verbally.

Web site and lead generator:

- Paul Wilkins (PW) advised the Trustee that Jacob from Subsumo Media, who hosted his website, was potentially selling leads received on the website to other lawyers and recovering "finders fees" for referring the lead to the other lawyer.
- Subsumo Media has also excluded PW from accessing the website to see what "leads" are coming to the website and contact them himself.

Collection matters:

- i. there is another matter that should be noted with respect to fees owing by a former client who went directly to another unidentified lawyer.
- ii. PW feels that the Trustee could examine those who "took" or "referred out" files to other lawyers in order to determine what files and fees may be involved and attempt to recover these amounts.
- iii. Goodman Elbassiouni (GE) who took over many of PW files has not been reporting on files settled nor paying PW any of the agreed upon fees. GE has subsequently sent a cheque to the Trustee for \$2,059.46 re some files settled; however, it was sent without any breakdown or allocation. GE has not responded to the Trustee's request for this information.
- iv. GE also took over and is occupying the former premises of PW in addition to taking on many of PW's staff; however, the landlord of PW's former premises has advised that no one has been paying the rent at the premises.

The "deal" GE made with PW was to pay all the expenses, including rent, and for PW to share in a portion of fees from settlements. It appears that they are keeping substantially more than agreed to, have not been paying expenses (including the premises rent), this has significantly increased the debt owing by PW and in turn reduces all the other creditors share of any potential realization.

FLA matter:

PW advises he has a support order against him for \$1,400 - \$1,500 per month and costs to be awarded re the FLA matter noted in the TPRTC.

Questions

Chris, representing Network Reporting and Mediation asked for the identity of the entity that took over the former premises. Ken Tassis responded that this information was included in the Preliminary Report.

Note: After the meeting had commenced, Richard Patterson of Richard Patterson Professional Corporation, a creditor joined the meeting. The creditor had not filed a claim with the LIT prior to the start of the meeting. Those in attendance were asked if they objected to the creditor attending

the meeting at that point. There were no objections. The chair clarified that as the creditor had not filed a claim, the creditor would be allowed to sit in, but not to vote.

Affirmation of Appointment or Substitution of Trustee

At the time of making a Motion to affirm substitution of trustee, no creditors had proved their claim. Network Reporting and Mediation proved their claim during the meeting, at which point the chair asked those present if they took issue with the claim being reviewed. A brief adjournment was taken to permit the trustee to review the claim. The trustee reviewed the claim and allowed it for voting purposes. Chris Belisto of Network Reporting and Mediation made a motion to affirm the appointment of the trustee. As there were no other proven creditors present, the motion carried.

Appointment of Inspectors

The chair did not receive any directions by creditors to nominate inspectors.

Directions to Trustee

No directions were given to the trustee.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Belisto, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am



Dated: October 28, 2020

Murray Ferron
Chairperson, Official Receiver
Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy