

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Wednesday, 10th November, 1999

10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Robert P. Armstrong, Q.C.), Aaron, Arnup, Backhouse, Banack, Bindman, Boyd, Braithwaite, Carey, Carpenter-Gunn, Chahbar, Cherniak, Cronk, Crowe, Curtis, Diamond, DiGiuseppe, E. Ducharme, Elliott, Feinstein, Goodman, Gottlieb, Harnick, Hunter, Krishna, Lamont, Laskin, Lawrence, Legge, MacKenzie, Manes, Marrocco, Millar, Mulligan, Murphy, Murray, Porter, Potter, Puccini, Ross, Simpson, Swaye, Topp, Wilson and Wright.

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The reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer and Benchers were joined by members of the County and District Law Presidents' Association and the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association who were present to make representations for a proposed merger which would result in an Ontario wide organization as well as members of the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association-Ontario.

The Treasurer advised on the procedure to be followed which was to hear presentations from members of CDLPA and MTLA as well as statements by the CBA and CBA-O.

The Treasurer explained that Convocation would receive this information today and that a motion could be brought at Regular Convocation in November or in January.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Ritchie, President of the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association presented an overview of the merger argument and the legislature framework.

Ms. Johanne Morissette, Chair of the County and District Law Presidents' Association spoke in support of universality.

Mr. Fred Myers, Treasurer of MTLA spoke on the constitutional issues regarding mandatory membership.

Mr. David Sherman, a Vice Chair of CDLPA made closing remarks.

Convocation took a brief recess at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 11:45 a.m.

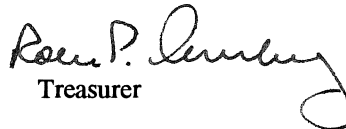
Following an introduction of those representatives present from the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association - Ontario, the President, Ms. Susan McGrath explained the reason for the withdrawal of the CBA-Ontario from the merger. She advised that the CBA-O was prepared to continue working with CDLPA and MTLA toward universality provided that 2 conditions were met: that the Ontario Bar Association remain a branch of the Canadian Bar Association and that membership fees be collected by the Law Society of Upper Canada and remitted to the Canadian Bar Association.

Mr. Eugene Meehan, the President of the Canadian Bar Association spoke in support of the Canadian Bar Association-Ontario's position emphasizing the need for a strong national body to represent the interests of the profession.

There were questions from the Bench to members of the 3 groups.

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 12:30 NOON

Confirmed in Convocation this 27 day of January, 2000

  
Treasurer