

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Thursday, 31st July 2003
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Frank N. Marrocco, Q.C.), *Aaron, Alexander, Backhouse, *Bourque, Campion, *Carpenter-Gunn, *Caskey, Cass, Chahbar, *Cherniak, Copeland, Curtis, Dickson, Doyle, *Dray, Ducharme, Eber, Elliott, *Feinstein, Filion, Finlayson, Gotlib, Gottlieb, Harris, Heintzman, Hunter, *Lawrence, MacKenzie, Millar, Murray, *O'Donnell, Pattillo, Pawlitza, Porter, Potter, *Ross, Ruby, *St. Lewis, *Silverstein, *Simpson, *Swaye, Symes, Topp, Warkentin and Wright.

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*Participated by Telephone

The reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer thanked the staff for all the hard work they put into arranging the Calls to the bar.

Regrets were extended to John Arnup for the loss of his brother Harold Leeson Arnup who passed away on July 18th in his ninety-first year.

The Treasurer reported on his meeting with the three Chief Justices since June 26th, and advised that their comments on a number of important issues would be passed on to the chairs of the respective committees.

In accordance with section 49(1)(e) of the Courts of Justice Act, the Treasurer reappointed Julian Porter to the Ontario Judicial Council.

Copies of a letter from the law deans thanking the Law Society for its support on the study on tuition fees were distributed to the Benchers.

MOTION – COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Ducharme that the following list of Committee appointments be approved.

Carried

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SUMMARY DISPOSITION BENCHER

Todd Ducharme

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The Treasurer welcomed Mary Louise Dickson to Convocation.

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 10:10 A.M.

Confirmed in Convocation this 25th day of September, 2003

Treasurer