

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION MINUTES

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 1995 with Peter Lown, Q.C. as Chair and Claudette N. Racette as Secretary.

Report from the Criminal Law Section

The Chairperson, Paul Monty, reported on the work of the Section. The Minutes of the Criminal Law Section are set out on page 77 in English and 95 in French.

Report from the Uniform Law Section

The Chairperson, Douglas Moen, reported on the work of the Section. The Minutes of the Uniform Law Section are set out on page 38 in English and 51 in French. Joint session minutes are at page 65 in English and 71 in French.

Registration Fee

The President submitted a proposal that the Conference approve a "conference materials fee" to be set during the course of the year by the Executive with notice to the Jurisdictional Representatives. The purpose of this fee would be to offset some of the costs of preparing, translating and assembling the materials. Further, he proposed that the Executive be authorized to set a different Conference material fee for sponsored delegates and non-sponsored delegates. The reason for the difference is that some jurisdictions may argue that they have already contributed to the Conference by their annual assessment or by their contributions in kind and that it would be piling on to ask for a further fee for the preparation of materials.

One delegate wondered whether the Executive had given any thought to the difference between the Criminal Law Section and the Uniform Law Section in that materials prepared for the Criminal Law Section were currently prepared by the Federal Government and the cost incurred therein are borne by the Federal Government. There may be double differential depending on whether you are attending the Uniform Law Section or the Criminal Law Section meetings.

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In response, the President indicated that the Executive would have to look at that, but that clearly it might well deal with this issue by setting the fee at such a modest level that double differential would not be important.

Some delegates wondered whether it would not be more appropriate to charge a "registration fee". In their opinion, this would be easier to justify since a registration fee is considered a normal cost of attending meetings. It was also suggested that it might be easier to justify a fee of two figures rather than three figures. What the Executive is aiming at is the incremental per capita costs of running the meeting and that is what a registration fee is designed to do.

MOVED by Peter Lown, seconded by John Gregory, THAT the Conference may charge a fee which shall be of modest proportion set by the Executive and may differentiate between sponsored and non-sponsored delegates. Motion carried.

Presentation of Baseball Trophy

Once again, the West has won. In Peter Pagano's absence, Howard Morton presented the trophy to Michael Allen, the Captain of the Western team, the 1995 champions.

Report from the Resolutions Committee

The Committee, Daniel Grégoire, Chris Curran and Susan Amrud presented the following resolutions:

RESOLVED THAT the Conference express its appreciation by way of a letter from the Executive Director to:

The Province of Quebec and the Justice Department for hosting the 77th Meeting of the Conference during which we enjoyed fruitful and stimulating intellectual discussions and lively camaraderie and conviviality.

The Organizing Committee: Paul Monty, Daniel Grégoire, Louis Drouin, Aldé Frenette, Marie José Longtin, André Cossette, Caroll Roberge and Micheline Laberge.

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La Chambre des notaires du Québec, the Barreau du Québec, the Barreau de Québec for their financial contributions.

René Chrétien, director of les Affaires parlementaires et législatives à l'Assemblée nationale and Michel Leclerc of the Bureau des règlements du ministère de la Justice for the excellent translation services.

The Communauté urbaine de Québec for providing very useful tourist information.

Françoise Trudel and Sylvie Rouleau who assumed the responsibility of the secretariat, along with Claudette Racette, our Executive Director.

Catherine Roberge et Michel Grenier, organisateurs de la partie de balle-molle et du party de hot-dog.

Nous voulons aussi souligner les excellentes contributions des présidents de nos sections du droit pénal et de l'harmonisation des lois qui ont réussi à nous maintenir au travail et qui nous ont permis d'avoir des échanges fructueux.

Nous voulons également adresser nos remerciements à nos collègues de la Conférence nationale américaine, le président Mr. Bion Gregory et son épouse, Mme Patty Gregory ainsi que le président du comité de liaison M. Jeremiah Marsh et son épouse, Mme Marietta Marsh.

Nous souhaitons tout particulièrement remercier les interprètes, Dorothy Charbonneau, Ronald Dandenault, Louise Perry, Yanis Dambergs, Huguette Lemieux et Jean-Pierre Lessard. Comme vous le savez, nos délibérations n'auraient pas été aussi fructueuses sans la collaboration de nos interprètes.

Enfin, par la présente résolution, nous tenons à témoigner une grande appréciation pour le travail effectué au cours de l'année par Madame Claudette Racette, notre Directrice exécutive qui participait pour la troisième fois à notre session annuelle.

The Chair commented that the outgoing President or the new President would write the letter of appreciation to Claudette Racette.

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Acknowledgement

The President expressed his personal thanks to members of this year's Executive. The Executive had a great deal of work to do this year. The work has been done willingly and enthusiastically and always of high quality. He gave a very special vote of thanks to John Gregory as Vice-President, Paul Monty and Doug Moen as Chairs of the Sections, for their preparatory work for this year's Conference. It has very helpful to have been able to rely on them. He thanked Howard Morton, the Immediate Past President who was there to be called upon when necessary.

A special note of thanks was extended to Carol Roberge, Françoise Trudel and Sylvie Rouleau who worked diligently in the background during the Conference and prior to the commencement of the Conference.

Report from the Nominating Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Howard Morton submitted the following nominations:

Past President - Peter J. M. Lown, Q.C.

President - John D. Gregory

Vice-President - Richard Mosley, Q.C.

Chair of the Criminal Law Section - David L. Winkler

Chair of the Uniform law Section - Douglas E. Moen

Chair of the Drafting Section - Lionel A. Levert, c.r.

MOVED by Howard Morton, seconded by Michael Allen, THAT the nominations be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

The 1996 Conference

The new President, John Gregory, reported that the Conference had received an invitation from the Government of Canada to host the 1996 meeting from August 11 to the 15th and that we looked forward to meeting in Ottawa next year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.