

**MINUTES** of an Annual Meeting of the Members of **THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY** (the "Society"), held o n Z O O M on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023 at the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m.

**PRESENT:** a quorum of the members of the Society.

#### CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Justice Robert Sharpe, the President of the Society, chaired the meeting and, with the consent of the meeting, Amanda Campbell acted as Secretary of the meeting.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chair stated that, a quorum of the members being present and notice of the calling of the meeting having been provided as required by the Society' s By-laws, the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

Justice Sharpe requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED:** On Motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were accepted.

Justice Sharpe introduced a discussion of the 2022 Annual Report and financial statements and noted that members should feel free to offer comments and ask questions following reports.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair presented to the meeting the review engagement financial statements of the Society for its financial year ended December 31, 2022, prepared by BDO Canada LLP, which had been sent to the members with the notice of this meeting.

Ian Hull, Treasurer, briefly reviewed the Society's financial position, noting that the Society had a clean review engagement and that there are no financial concerns. The Chair then called for any comment or questions concerning the financial statements or the Auditors' Report thereon. There were no questions.

**MOTION PASSED:** On Motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the resolution to accept the 2022 audited financial papers was approved.

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF R E P O R T

Editor-in-Chief Prof. Jim Phillips reported that the Osgoode Society had another excellent year in 2023. We published three books, bringing our total to 121. Those books serve as further testaments to the richness and variety of our nation's legal history and our publishing programme. Our members' book was Lori Chambers and Joan Sangster, eds., *Essays in the History of Canadian Law Volume XII: New Essays in Women's History*, published with the University of Toronto Press. We also published two optional extras: Jonathan Swainger, *The Notorious Georges: Crime and Community in British Columbia's Northern Interior, 1909-1925*, published by University of British Columbia Press; and C. Ian Kyer, *The Ontario Bond Scandal of 1924 Re-Examined*, published with Irwin Law. We also have an excellent lineup of four books publishing in 2024.

There were no questions.

## REPORT ON ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMME

Oral History Coordinator Patricia McMahon reported on the oral history programme. The Osgoode Society's Oral History Program is dedicated to preserving stories about the Canadian legal profession, whether they involve judges, lawyers or others involved in the administration of justice. It is the largest oral history program of its kind. With more than 715 oral history interviews dating back to 1980, it is an invaluable tool for legal historians now and in the future. collection through Twitter (you can follow us at @OSOralHistory). In 2023, we worked with a filmmaker who is preparing a documentary about the provincial court at Old City Hall in Toronto, which was vacated midway through the year upon completion of the new provincial courthouse in Toronto. We continue to work with the Filipino Canadian Lawyers Network (FCLN) to help document the experience of Filipino legal professionals and Arthur Gans, a retired judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Ontario, to document the professional experiences of Jewish lawyers and judges in Canada. These initiatives will all continue in 2024.

## Election of Directors

The Chair then stated that it was in order to proceed with the election of directors. He informed the meeting that The Attorney General of Ontario (currently represented by Joshua Hunter), The Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada (currently Jacqueline Horvat Donnelly) and the Society's Past President (The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry) are directors ex-officio. He then declared the meeting open for nominations. The persons listed on Schedule B hereto were duly nominated.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and the number of nominees being equal to the number of directors eligible for election at the meeting, the Chair then declared each of those nominated to be duly elected a director of the Society, each to hold office until his or her successor is elected or appointed, subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act of Ontario and of the Society's By-laws.

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Chair stated that the next item of business was considering the appointment of an independent auditor for the Society and authorizing the directors to fix such auditor's remuneration. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED THAT** BDO Canada LLC be and they are hereby appointed auditors of the Society, to hold office until the holding of the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Society unless they are earlier duly removed from office, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of directors, the Board being hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.

## AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The Chair then asked Professor Phillips to present the winners of each of the Osgoode Society awards for 2023.

Peter Oliver Prize. Named for the Society's first and long-serving Editor-in-Chief, the Peter Oliver Prize is given for published work in Canadian legal history by a student. The winner in 2023 is Kenneth Grad, 'A Gesture of Criminal Law: Jews and the Criminalization of Hate Speech in Canada', published in *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, Vol 59, 2022.

The Hon. R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship in Canadian Legal History. Created on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Justice of Ontario, the McMurtry Fellowship honors Roy McMurtry's contributions to Canadian Legal History as the founder and long-time President of the Osgoode Society. It supports a graduate or post-doctoral student working in the field of Canadian legal history. This year the Society was able to award two fellowships. The first was to Kenneth Grad, a P.H.D. candidate at York University for his legal-historical study on the prosecutions of Holocaust deniers Ernst Zündel and James Keegstra in the 1980's and their appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada in the early 1990's. We also granted a fellowship to Melanie Ng a P.H.D. candidate at the University of Toronto for her research on Chinese migration, immigration regulations, and law.

The John T. Saywell Prize in Canadian Constitutional Legal History. Created to honour the memory and legacy of one of Canada's leading political and legal historians, the Saywell Prize is awarded every other year to a book that has made a substantial and enduring contribution to Canadian Constitutional History. This award will be given next in 2024.

Congratulations to all our award winners.

Justice Sharpe asked if there was any other business, and there being none, Jim Phillips introduced the guest speakers, Professor Lori Chambers and Joan Sangster, whose collection of essays on women and the law is forthcoming

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting then adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Schedule - Osgoode Society Directors for Election to the Board in 2021\*

THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ELECTED AS DIRECTORS OF THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY:-

Professor Constance Backhouse  
Professor Heidi Bohaker  
Brendan Brammell  
Bevin Brooksbank  
Shantona Chaudhury  
Paul Davis  
Timothy Hill  
Ian Hull  
Trisha Jackson  
Justice Mahmud Jamal  
Waleed Malik  
Rachel McMillan  
Dana Peebles  
Mr. David Rankin  
Justice Paul Schabas  
Justice Robert Sharpe  
Jonathan Silver  
Linda Silver Dranoff  
Alex Smith  
Justice Lorne Sossin  
Justice Michael Tulloch  
John Wilkinson

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