

MINUTES of an Annual Meeting of the Members of **THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY** (the "Society"), held at Osgoode Hall on the 2nd day of June 2025 at the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: a quorum of the members of the Society.

CHAIR AND SECRETARY

The Hon. Paul Schabas, 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 Schabas requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: On Motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were accepted.

Justice Schabas introduced a discussion of the 2024 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, 2024, 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 2024 audited financial papers was approved.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF R E P O R T

Editor-in-Chief Jim Phillips provided an update on our publishing programme. The Society published four books in 2024. We will publish a further four books in 2025, bringing our total since 1981 to 129. The publishing programme in any given year also includes work done on a number of manuscripts, which will actually not be published until the following year. In 2024 we brought to fruition four manuscripts which we will publish in 2025, which will bring our total of books published since 1981 to 129.

Our members' book for 2025 will be *My Life in the Law: Lawyer, Scholar, Judge* by Robert Sharpe. We will also publish three optional extras in 2025. One will be *Challenging Exile: Japanese Canadians and the Wartime Constitution*, by Eric Adams, and Jordan Stanger-Ross. Another will be Carolyn Strange, *Fatal Confession: A Girl's Murder, a Man's Execution, and the Fitton Case*. The third will be *I Did Not Commit Adultery: Law and Gender in Ontario in the 1870s*, by Jim Phillips . These four books will bring our total since 1981 to 129.

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.

In 2024 we are finalizing a series of interviews with the Filipino Canadian Lawyers Network (FCLN) to document the experience of Filipino legal professionals. Arthur Gans, a retired judge of the Superior Court of Justice, continues to serve as a frequent interviewer. In addition to conducting these interviews, the work of revising transcripts and obtaining releases is ongoing. In 2024, interviews continued with women leaders in Canadian legal education. Interviewing also began in two of our newer projects: the Artists' Legal Advice Services (ALAS) and the history of defamation law in Canada. A fourth project, the life and contributions of Charles and Anne Dubin, will begin in 2025. We have also started to work with the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto to document the school's history and contributions to legal education and the profession more generally.

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 2025.

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 first winner in 2025 is Julien Bich-Carrière, ' "J'attends vos lumières de tous:" collégialité et délibérations d'appel à la Cour du Banc de la Reine/du Roi, 1891-1907'. The second winner is James Collie, 'Municipal Constitutionalism and Its Origins,' published in the *UBC Law Review*, Volume 57, 2024, 723-725.

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. The winner of the Saywell Prize for 2025 was Professor Kent Roach of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. The Prize is awarded as a recognition of Professor Roach's more than 30-year career as Canada's leading scholar of constitutional remedies and the interplay of criminal law and the Charter of Rights, particularly, though not solely, in the field of wrongful convictions. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Justice Schabas asked if there was any other business, and there being none, Jim Phillips introduced the guest speaker The Hon. Robert Sharpe.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

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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