

Draft

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING OF HANSARD  
ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 23/24, 1973, HELD IN  
THE WEST BLOCK OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
OTTAWA

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1.) Representation: The meeting was attended by the following

✓ Katherine Murphy,	Newfoundland
✓ Ralph S. Morton,	Nova Scotia
Beverlee Hendrickson,	Nova Scotia
Garfield Hendrickson,	Nova Scotia
✓ Peggy Argue,	Manitoba
✗ J.E. Ross Doxsee,	Saskatchewan
✓ Benoit Massicotte,	Quebec
France Dubord,	Quebec
✓ Elizabeth Bishop,	Alberta
Jack Robertson,	Ottawa (English Branch)
Lucien Guertin,	Ottawa (French Branch)
Peter Brannan,	Ontario
Ernie Hemphill,	Ontario
Don Cameron,	Ontario
✓ Maurice Chazottes,	British Columbia
Gordon Price,	British Columbia

2.) Meeting Chairman: It was suggested by Lucien Guertin (Ott<sup>awa</sup>)  
and agreed, that Peter Brannan (Ont.) should take the chair.

3.) Minutes: Katherine Murphy (Nfld.) offered to take the minutes of the meeting.

4.) Title: After some discussion the title of "Hansard Association" was proposed by Benoit Massicotte (Que.), seconded by Ralph Morton (N.S.) and agreed unanimously.

5.) Officers: A resolution, proposed by Lucien Guertin (Ott<sup>awa</sup>) and seconded by Ross Doxsee (Sask.) that Peter Brannan (Ont.) should be elected president, and Benoit Massicotte (Que.) vice-president, was carried unanimously.

6.) It was suggested by Peter Brannan (Ont.) that the Association's officers should rotate annually. Ralph Morton (N.S.) said the suggestion should be given consideration but there was no resolution.

7.) Eligibility for membership: It was proposed by Ralph Morton (N.S.) seconded by Maurice Chazottes (B.C.) and resolved ~~that~~:

1 (a) That the chief of each provincial Hansard group plus the chiefs of the two federal Hansard groups (English and French) making 12 in all, should be eligible for full membership of the Association, with voting power at meetings;

(b) In the absence of the chief this voting power may be delegated to some other member of his/her staff, and indicated to the chairman at the beginning of each meeting.

2 That all working Hansard staff members, as nominated by their chiefs, shall be eligible for associate membership in the Association, able to participate in discussion but with no voting power, except as covered in 1 (b).

8.) Exchange of information: Following discussion it was decided that there should be no formal newsletter for the present, but Peter Brannan offered to serve as a central point for the receipt and dissemination of information, brochures, etc... to the other members of the Association. This was accepted as a solution for the time being.

9.) General discussion: -Numerous topics were discussed for the general information of those present without any formal decisions. These included the following: recording of interjections; reporting of obscenities, asides, out of seat remarks, out of order persistence etc.; dependence upon members and time allowed for transcript returns; acceptance of members' changes; extent of editing; indexing system;<sup>S</sup><sub>K</sub> recording problems; and printing developments.

10.) Staff <sup>recruitment</sup> ~~equipment~~: Discussion of the difficulties of recruiting and retaining qualified staffs indicated a wide variance in the problem in different provinces. It was suggested that the only really satisfactory solution in many cases was the establishment of an adequate full-time complement.

11.) Future meetings: It was resolved, proposed by Maurice Chazottes (B.C.) and seconded simultaneously by Betty Bishop <sup>(Alta)</sup> (A) and Ralph Morton (N.S.) that the 1974 conference of the Association should be held in Quebec City and the 1975 conference in B.C. The dates were left open but there was general agreement that the conferences should be held in late August, preferably <sup>b</sup> running into a weekend.

A suggestion by Ralph Morton (N.S.) that the host member should provide some details of rates of suitably located hotels and ~~note~~ <sup>other</sup> expenses likely to be encountered, met <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ general approval.

12.) The meeting closed with expressions of appreciation to Lucien Guertin (Ott <sup>awa</sup>) for his efforts in arranging the Ottawa meeting and a very enjoyable and educational tour of the Parliament buildings.

Approval of the minutes:

Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_