Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #6/88
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 8:30 A.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1988

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Sean G. Conway
The Honourable Joan E. Smith
Ms. Barbara Sullivan, M.P.P.
Mr. Dave Cooke, M.P.P.
Mr. Ernie Eves, Q.C., M.P.P.

Absent:

The Honourable Richard Patten

Secretariat:

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms. Barbara Dittmer, Assistant Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Administrative Coordinator

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director - Assembly Services
Ms. Mary Dickerson, Deputy Executive Director and Head, Legislative Library
Mr. Harold Brown, Special Assistant to the Speaker

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #5/88:

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/88 be approved.

At this point, the Speaker advised he wished to change the order of Agenda Items to appear as follows:

ITEM 8: Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

Moved by Ms Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Conway, and agreed, that the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs' request for the Research Officer to accompany the Committee members to Europe, be denied.

ITEM 2: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the initial Board approval for 3 members and 1 staff from the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman to attend the International Ombudsman Conference in Canberra, Australia in October 1988 be upheld, and that the subsequent request for an additional number of members to attend be denied.

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ITEM 4: **Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills**
1988-89 Supplementary Budget

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Conway, and agreed, that the Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills in the amount of $4,353 be approved.

ITEM 6: **Employee Travel Approval**

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Employee Travel Approval policy is as follows:

"That prior approval in writing must be obtained from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by any employee (excluding Members of Legislative Assembly Committees) travelling on Legislative Assembly business outside Ontario but within Canada. For travel outside Canada, prior approval in writing must be obtained from the Speaker."

ITEM 10: **1988-89 COLA for Members' and Caucus Support Staff**

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1988 COLA increase for Members' and Caucus Support Staff of 4.6%, retroactive to January 1, 1988, be approved.

In addition, the Board authorized the corresponding increase in funding of $620,750 in the global salary for members' staff.

ITEM 11: **Standing Committee on Legislative Assembly**
1988-89 Funding for ONT PARL

After discussion on the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly's consideration of development of a promotional strategy for the ONT PARL television service, it was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting when both Messrs. Epp and Somerville can present a report to the Board.

ITEM 9: **DRAFT Organization Chart**

Mr. DesRosiers explained the changes in the Legislative Assembly Organization Chart, outlining those recently recommended by the Management Advisory Committee.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Ms Sullivan, and agreed, that the Management Advisory Committee Minutes be approved.

ITEM 3: **L.A.R.A. Pensioners and Dependents/Print-Out**

A column will be added to future reports to show the length of service.

ITEM 5: **1989-90 Estimates Planning Process**

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Ms Sullivan, and agreed, that the proposed letter from Mr. DesRosiers to the Division Heads and Program Managers outlining the guidelines for the 1989/90 Estimates Process, indicating an inflation target of 4% for the 1989-90 fiscal year, be approved.

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ITEM 7: **Food Services Review – Executive Summary and Trends Analysis**

Ms Speakman and Mr. Ponick presented an overview of the Food Services Study, explaining that the full report will be issued at a future date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Future B.O.I.E. Meetings:

The Board members discussed the necessity of meeting on a regular, monthly basis and unanimously agreed upon the following dates for B.O.I.E. Meetings this year:

October 13 – Thursday – 8:30 a.m.
October 17 – Monday – 3:30 p.m.
November 21 – Monday – 3:30 p.m.
December 19 – Monday – 3:30 p.m.

and thereafter the third Monday of every month. When the House is in session, meetings will commence at 3:30 p.m.; otherwise they will be held at 8:30 a.m.

Legislative Building Restoration and Renovation:

Ms Speakman presented a brief summary on the current status of this project.

At the conclusion of the formal Agenda, the following items were addressed by the Board:

French Language Services:

Moved by Ms Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the budget for Francophone Services for each Caucus be based on a formula of $150,000 for base services, plus $1,000 per member, to a maximum of 20 members per Caucus.

Management Advisory Committee:

Mr. DesRosiers advised that the mandates the Board gave the Management Advisory Committee are well in hand, and he will be reporting on the update to the Legislative Assembly Act as well as responding to the question of Security at the fall meeting.

Management Advisory Committee (MAC) Minutes:

Mr. Cooke requested that the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) Minutes be added to the B.O.I.E. Agenda as an item, in the form of a report. This suggestion was unanimously agreed to by the Board.

Freedom of Information:

The Members agreed that the Board must set a policy on freedom of information and requested that the matter be addressed at the next B.O.I.E. meeting.

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Access to Constituency Offices for Disabled Persons:

Ms Sullivan requested that this matter be added to the next B.O.I.E. Agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Hugh Edighoffer
Speaker

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 1988
8:30 a.m. – Speaker's Boardroom

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