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HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE
OF CANADA

ANNUAL MEETINGS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The first Board of Directors meeting of the Human Rights Institute of Canada was held May 2, 1974 at Le Cercle Universitaire.

Marguerite Ritchie, Hilda Cryderman, Doris Edwards and Janice Hayes were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order, followed by a suggestion by Ms. Ritchie that a unanimous vote of congratulations be given to all. Ms. Cryderman moved the motion; Doris Edwards seconded it.

Carried unanimously

The first item on the agenda was with reference to classes of memberships and membership fees. Ms. Ritchie noted that there are three classes of members, Honourary Members, Active Members and Associate Members. Honourary Members need not be decided at present. The Directors will form the Active Members' group. Associate Members will be deeply interested persons who pay the fees and have certain rights but do not vote or hold office. The Institute (which, for the purpose of these minutes refers to the Human Rights Institute of Canada) should not try to exist on fees; fees should only serve as a qualifying basis of membership. Ms. Cryderman commented that those who become members should feel strongly about the matter. An open discussion on membership fees included the following points:

- It was suggested that possible members fill out an application clearly subscribing to the aims and objects of the Institute.
- Mrs. Edwards suggested that the fee for membership be a nominal one.
- Ms. Ritchie pointed out that the Peace Research Institute and the Vanier Institute do not have open membership. She mentioned that if the assistance of other persons is required, that person or persons could be put into on Associate Membership capacity. Associates could support and assist.

- She noted that the number of Active Members would be limited to avoid problems. She stated that financing of the Institute should be through donations, and asked the members to consider for discussion at the next meeting the question of the amount of membership fee. (Bylaw 6)

The next Agenda Item was a Motion to confirm formal appointments of the Officers; the Officers being the following: (Bylaw 19)

President	- Marguerite Ritchie
1st Vice President	- Mrs. Howie
2nd Vice President	- Hilda Cryderman
Executive Assistant	- Doris Edwards
Secretary	- Janice Hayes

Mrs. Edwards moved the Motion; Janice Hayes seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried.

The President asked for a Motion to give her authority to appoint a Treasurer. Ms. Cryderman moved the Motion; it was seconded by Doris Edwards and carried. (Bylaw 20)

Marguerite Ritchie asked for a Motion to fix the terms of office. Janice Hayes moved that the terms of office be four years for the first Board of Directors; that it be possible for said persons to resign or retire; that said persons could be re-elected for a two-year term. The Motion was seconded by Hilda Cryderman and carried. (Bylaw 19)

Following these Motions, the President distributed copies of the Letters Patent and copies of the private objects of the Institute, as well as copies of a sample format for Income Tax receipts. Ms. Ritchie asked the Directors to think of a format for receipts and a seal. She mentioned that the message should be aggressive with respect to the format of both, and that we would discuss the matter at a later date.

It was suggested that we think of possible Patronesses and Patrons. Also, it was suggested that we think of material to use for approaching donor companies.

Ms. Ritchie then thanked the members for attending. She mentioned that the B's and P's should continue to press for a capable woman lawyer as the Human Rights Commissioner for Canada. Ms. Cryderman replied that the B's and P's should appoint their own Human Rights Commissioner if the Government failed to implement Recommendation 165 of the Status of Women Report.

Ms. Ritchie adjourned the meeting. All were in favour.

President

Margaret E. Ritchie O.C.

Secretary

Janice Hayes

Annual Meeting of Human Rights Institute of Canada

May 2, 1974

The Members of the Institute and the Board of Directors being the same, the meeting of the Board of Directors was also considered by the Board as an Annual Meeting.

President

Margaret E. Ritchie O.C.

Secretary

Janice Hayes