



**Board of Regents**  
**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**

A Special meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, February 26, 1999, at 9:40 a.m. in the Board Room of the University.

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chairman  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor  
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Mr. Alick Andrews  
Ms. Gail Aylward  
Mr. Cyril Bonia  
Mr. Robert Brown  
Mr. Fred Durant  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Ms. Jeannie French  
Dr. Georgina Hedges  
Ms. Nancy Kelly  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Ms. Joan Pinsent  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Alexander Roche  
Mr. Harvey Short  
Ms. Lorelei Stanley  
Mr. Mel Woodward  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice-President (Academic), Mr. William Dilny, Ms. Sharon Duggan, Dr. Brendan Lewis, Mr. Brendan Paddick, Mr. Stephen Power and Mr. Robert Stack.

Mr. Bonnell, Vice-Chairman of the Board, acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Roberts, Chairman of the Board, who, along with the President, was attending

the special meeting of Senate called to consider the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Copies of the following documents were circulated at the meeting for discussion and review.

- (a) The Report of the Search Committee recommending that Dr. Axel Meisen be appointed President and Vice-Chancellor.
- (b) The resume of Dr. Axel Meisen, his covering letter to the Search committee and his research interests copied from the University of British Columbia web page.
- (c) Section 51 of the *Memorial University Act*, outlining the authority and responsibility of the Board of Regents in the appointment of a President.
- (d) The Minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive and Executive Compensation Committee held on 10 February, 1999, called to consider the terms and conditions to be offered to a candidate for the position of President.
- (e) A draft letter to Dr. Meisen from the Chairman of the Board outlining the terms and conditions of his appointment.
- (f) A letter dated 25 February 1999 to the Minister of Education from the Chairman of the Board advising that the Search committee has recommended that Dr. Axel Meisen be appointed as President, and requesting formal approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in accordance with the *Act*.

Mr. Roberts and Dr. May joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Mr. Roberts thanked Mr. Bonnell for chairing the meeting in his absence and then assumed the Chair.

He informed the Board that he had reported to Senate on the deliberations of the Search Committee and was pleased to advise that, following a discussion, the Senate had unanimously endorsed the Report of the Search Committee recommending the appointment of Dr. Axel Meisen as President and Vice-Chancellor.

He reviewed the process to be followed for the appointment of the President by the Board of Regents in consultation with the Senate and with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, in accordance with s.51 of the *Memorial University Act*.

The Chairman answered questions and provided further information concerning the Search process. He provided information pertaining to the compensation package and terms and conditions of Dr. Meisen's appointment.

After discussion the following resolutions were passed:

**RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Regents, after consultation with the Senate, as evidenced by the Senate's adoption of a resolution endorsing the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee; AND upon consideration of the Search Committee's Report by the Members of the Board; appoints Dr. Axel Meisen to be the President and Vice-Chancellor of the Memorial University of Newfoundland with the appointment to become effective on 1 September 1999 and to terminate on 30 June 2005. The Board, which acts pursuant to the authority and responsibility conferred upon it by s.51 of the *Memorial University Act*, acknowledges that the appointment is subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, which has been requested.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Regents, after considering advice from the Executive and the Executive Compensation Committees, and further advice from the Chairman, approves the terms and conditions of employment of Dr. Axel Meisen as President and Vice-Chancellor, as outlined by the Chairman. It is understood and acknowledged that these terms and conditions may be modified as a result of further discussion between Dr. Meisen and Mr. Roberts, in consultation with the Executive Compensation Committee, provided that final ratification of the terms of the contract with Dr. Meisen rests with the Board.

Mr. Roberts left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to invite the President Designate to join the meeting.

The following resolution was then passed:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members of the Board of Regents acknowledge with appreciation the work of the Members of the Presidential Search Committee constituted by the Board in May 1998, and thank them individually and collectively for their contribution to the University.

Mr. Roberts and Dr. May rejoined the meeting with Dr. Axel Meisen. The President Designate was introduced to the members of the Board and was given a warm welcome to the meeting. Dr. Meisen thanked the Board for their consideration in appointing him President and Vice-Chancellor and he then addressed the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NOTE: The Chairman received a letter from the Minister of Education, dated February 26, 1999, subsequent to the meeting, conveying the approval of the the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.