



## Learning Phase Meeting Notes

Weekend 4- Oct 28 & 29 2006

### In Attendance **Members, Public & Staff**

- 102 Assembly members, including the Chair
- 12 Secretariat staff
- 11 small group facilitators
- 37 public observers

### **Advisors & Technical Support**

- Evaluator: Lyn McDonnell, Institute on Governance
- Process advisor: Amy Lang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Technical support: TV Ontario, Seneca College, Mediaco, and Osgoode Hall Law School
- Simultaneous translation: International Conference Interpreters

### **Objectives for Session**

- Learn about the proportional and mixed families of electoral systems
- Prepare for consultation meetings
- “Take stock”

### **Proceedings**

1. The session began with approval of meeting notes from the previous session. An ‘open forum’ followed where members could raise issues on any topic.
2. Jonathan Rose made three presentations which were followed by small group discussions. The topics were: *List Proportional Systems*; *Single Transferable Vote*; and *Mixed Systems*.
3. Assembly members participated in simulated consultation meetings and discussed ideas on how to improve the process and format.

4. The Chair led the Assembly in a discussion to ‘take stock’ of how the Citizens’ Assembly process is progressing.
5. During the evenings, Assembly members participated in a second set of working group meetings facilitated by Ailsa Henderson and a question and answer session hosted by Jonathan Rose.

## **Follow-up Items**

### **Members**

6. Members will:
  - Distribute the consultation guide and brochure to interested organizations and individuals in their ridings, and request additional copies from ServiceOntario if needed
  - Let Susan Pigott know if they want to be connected to the Student Assembly representative from their riding to share experiences

### **Chair**

7. The Chair will:
  - On behalf of the Assembly, communicate to the Ontario government the importance of setting out its commitment and plan for public education in the event of a referendum

### **Secretariat**

8. The Secretariat will:
  - Prepare consultation folders to support members in the public consultation meetings
  - Provide members with contact information for the expert panellists from weekend 3 and for ServiceOntario

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