

and the composition of the CBC membership on the BBG's Advisory Committee on Public Broadcasting.

Status of Col. Landry

In the light of its previous discussion, the meeting agreed that Col. Landry should carry the title of vice-president. The President said he did not feel any announcement about such a change should be made until an appointment to the Programs and Sales vice-presidency could be announced. The Chairman noted that this change in Col. Landry's status would require an amendment to the by-laws. The meeting agreed that by-law changes would be dealt with under a separate agenda item.

Mrs. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Leeson

THAT Col. R.P. Landry, now occupying the position of Assistant to the President, henceforth bear the title of Vice-President and Assistant to the President, and that the by-laws of the Corporation be amended accordingly. CARRIED.

Status of Principal Financial Officer

The Chairman referred to telephone conversations which members of the Finance Committee had had with the President and to an exchange of letters between himself and the President in which the concern of Mr. Leeson, Mr. Ganong and himself at the proposal to make the Comptroller responsible to the Vice-President, Administration and Finance, was expressed. The Finance Committee members who had expressed this concern were all of the opinion that the Comptroller should have direct access to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation on financial matters.

The President noted that the objections in question had all been expressed to him after the September meeting of the Board at Halifax and after the proposed Head Office organizational plan had been discussed at some length with the officers concerned and with the principal officers of the Corporation across the country. The letter of the Chairman of the Finance Committee requesting delay in implementing this aspect of the organizational plan had reached him the same afternoon on which he was committed to hold a press conference to announce the organization changes. He stated further that, if the Comptroller were removed from the orbit of the Vice-President, Administration and Finance, it would be very difficult in practice to hold out against demands for removal of engineering from the orbit of the Vice-President, Engineering and Operations, something for which many professional engineers in the Corporation had pressed. In view of the discussions which he had had almost immediately following the Halifax Board meeting and the arrangements which he had communicated to senior officers at that time as decisions, the President said he would be placed in a most awkward administrative position if he were forced to make this change to the status quo ante against his better judgment.

Dr. Morton noted that Corporation finances were a subject of special concern and scrutiny for the present and immediate future. He wondered if it would be possible, without destroying the organization plan agreed upon at Halifax, to arrange by resolution of the Board that the Comptroller should report directly to the President on certain policy matters. The President pointed out that his decision to appoint the Comptroller as Chairman of a Management Finance Committee was meant to accomplish what Dr. Morton was suggesting.

Mr. Leeson said that he had nothing to add at this point. He noted that he had expressed his concern at the proposed relationship between the Vice-President, Administration and Finance, and the Comptroller in a letter to the President from Montreal early in the week following the Halifax Board meeting and before discussing the matter with any of his colleagues on the Finance Committee. Mr. Ganong said he felt strongly that the custodian of the money in an organization of the size of the CBC should not report to anyone below the very top of the structure.

Dr. Lumsden said that, even though he might disagree with the President's views, he could not agree that an organization pattern should be forced