

WSV MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
24 AUGUST 2006

1. President's Report

Marlene Young presents 3 key activities, which have been the focus of her attention as President over the past 3 years.

1. A Strategic Plan was developed and will guide the activities of the Society for the next 5 years. The Strategic Plan outlines 5 purposes of the Society: 1) research 2) services 3) education and training 4) 5).
2. The Society has been active in the push to establish an international Convention, which would compliment the UN Declaration.
3. Organization of the 12th International Symposium on Victimology

2. Secretary General's Report

Irvin Waller reports on developments over the last 3 years.

- the Basic Statutes of Incorporation have been modified. The EC's Committee structure has been modified. The aim is to facilitate the active involvement of the membership in the Society's activities. Modifications were presented to the members and voted on in a mail ballot. All modifications were accepted.
- The Procedures Manual has been improved. In it are the Terms of Reference for each of the Committees.
- The vote for the new EC members was conducted by e-mail and regular mail. 67 envelopes were received of which 64 were accepted. The following persons were elected to the EC from 2006 to 2012:
  - Groenhuijsen
  - Young
  - Friday
  - Chockalingam
  - Winkel

The following person was elected to the EC from 2006 to 2009:

- Ren

3. Treasurer's Report

Due to a death in the family, the Treasurer, Paul Friday was unable to make his report to the members. As soon as possible, the report will be made available on the Society's website.

4. UN Liaison Committee

Chair of the Committee, Irvin Waller, announces that the Draft Convention is available on the INTERVIC website. Members are invited comment on the Draft. Members who wish to translate the Convention are invited to do so.

5. The New EC Officers

President, John Dussich

Vice-President, Marc Groenhuijsen

Vice-President, Irvin Waller  
Treasurer, Paul Friday  
Secretary General, Jo-Anne Wemmers

#### 6. Announcement by the new President

John Dussich presents his objectives for the Society as newly elected President:

1. To support the Convention
2. To improve transparency within the Society. This includes the publication of all EC minutes in *The Victimologist*
3. To increase the membership
4. To develop a strong regional structure
5. To improve services for members

#### 7. Report of the Publications Committee

Committee Chair, Jo-Anne Wemmers announces that an agreement has been reached to offer the *International Review of Victimology* to WSV members at a 40% discount.

The new Managing Editor of *The Victimologist*, Michael O'Connell is introduced to the members. Michael reports on the up-coming issues. The Dutch Ministry of Justice will no longer send the newsletter to members. Therefore, *The Victimologist* will be sent to as many members as possible by e-mail. The Managing Editor requests that members continue to send him articles for *The Victimologist*.

#### 8. Comments and Questions from the Members

- The EC is encouraged to take measures to enhance the collaboration of African and Eastern European members in the Society as well as their participation at the international symposia.
  
- Members from Latin America announced the establishment of the Latin American Society of Victimology. This newly established Society plans to become a regional member of the WSV.
  
- Report of the Regional Meetings held 20 August 2006, Dame Helen Reeves, Chair.
  - Members want to have a membership directory
  - They want to know the policies of the WSV
  - They want a more active society
  
- Members are encouraged to participate in the various Committees.