

You will find below the minutes from the last WAPI Governing Council meeting which was held in Birmingham on Wednesday 8th June 2005.

1. The GC Meeting was declared open by the Chairman Mr Ian Withers at 11.06 hours.

2. Those GC members in attendance were Ian Withers, Stuart Withers, John Hope, Beverley Flynn, Veronica King and General Secretary Matthew Thomas.

1. Apologies for non-attendance came from Keith Walker and Tony Smith.

1. Minutes from the last GC Meeting on 25th February 2005 were accepted by Stuart Withers and seconded by Beverley Flynn.

1. Chairman's Report

The Chairman discussed the issue of EU Investigators working here once licensing has taken effect in the UK. As it stands EU investigators will be breaking the GB law should they travel and carry out investigations in England or Wales, unless they first apply for and are granted a licence. According to the SIA Site, EU and Overseas Licence Applicants will have to attend Courses in the UK to study both English as a Language and English Law. The Chairman has written to the SIA stating that this should not be the case as it would appear to contravene both existing EU Law and ECJ Precedents + Humans Rights Act. To date there has been no reply from the SIA. Ian Withers, Tony Imossi and Gavin Robinson (ISG "European Sub Committee") will be attending a Meeting with the SIA on the 23rd June, after the ISG Meeting to review the EU Perspective and related concerns.

The Chairman attended the last SIA Meeting (as reported) and also attended the National Occupational Standards Working Group Meeting in Swindon. The stated time-frame for the NOS to be published is still on-track for August/September 2005. The SIA recently circulated that there was some doubt as to the Competence Criteria being determined in time for the November 16th Conference. The ISG will be making strong representations to the SIA on this question. The next ISG meeting is scheduled for 23 June 2005.

1. Membership Secretary Report - Since the last GC Meeting WAPI had received 11 applications for Membership - as follows:

Michael Allport	Full Member	Approved by the GC.
Marc Lepetit	Full Member	Approved by the GC.
John Norman	Associate Member	Approved by the GC.
Heather Maynard	Student Member	Approved by the GC.
John Lafferty	Fellowship Member	Approved by the GC.
Caroline Botha	Associate Member	Approved by the GC.
Kevin Boanas	Full Member (Overseas)	Approved by the GC.
Brian Golding	Full Member	Approved by the GC.
John Swales	Associate Member	Approved by the GC.
Ian Lambert	Full Member	Approved by the GC.
Rupert Wilhelm	Full Member (Overseas)	Approved by the GC.

The GC would like to welcome all the above as Members of WAPI. It was also decided by the GC that the application forms to join the Association that are sent out to Students who have undertaken the Distance Learning Course provided by the Academy of Professional Investigators should be updated to the same format as on the WAPI website. This was proposed by Beverley Flynn and seconded by Stuart Withers. – Carried

1. Treasurers Report The Treasurer provided the GC with a financial summary of the association. The GC accepted this report and noted that WAPI's finances were in a healthy position. A list was produced to the GC of members who need to be contacted with regard to renewing membership. It was decided that the Membership Secretary write to members asking for up to date contact details for the GC records and the WAPI website. Those members that we do not have current contact details will be traced and contacted accordingly. This was proposed by Stuart Wither and seconded by John Hope. – Carried

1. Mentors Report - It was again discussed and proposed by Veronica King (Mentor) that the Mentor service should be limited to WAPI Members. This was seconded by John Hope – Carried

1. New Member Application Dispute it was decided by the GC that the Member in question should be accepted as a WAPI Member.

10. Cancellation of Membership of Non Payers This was dealt with during Treasurer's report.

11. A) 2005 AGM and Annual Banquet Stuart Withers proposed that WAPI should hold the 3rd Annual Banquet to coincide with the AGM. This was seconded by Ian Withers Carried.

b) It was agreed that the Banquet and AGM take place in the City of Birmingham on a Saturday in October (date to be confirmed). This will provide easier access to the increased North of England Membership.

12. November Conference The GC decided unanimously to have a Vendor Stand at the forthcoming Investigators Conference 2005 (the Licensing of Investigators in the Private Sector). Scheduled for November 16. 2005

13. WIC Las Vegas Vendor Table It was agreed unanimously that WAPI have a Vendor Stand at the forthcoming World Investigators Conference in September 2005.

14. 2005/2006 GC Election Announcements General Secretary to invite qualified WAPI Members who may wish to stand for election. This is to be posted on the eGroups.

15. a) EU Matters WAPI recently contributed to the APDPE 2005 AGM and Congress in Madrid which took place on the 27 - 29th of May 2005. WAPI was represented by two WAPI Members Rick Howatson (WAPI European Representative) and Ray Ashton (Full Member). Some 200 Private Investigators from all over Spain and the EU participated at the AGM and double that figure attended in total, and very much enjoyed a really first class Gala Dinner. The main theme of the Spanish Association of Detectives Congress was the AGM of the APDPE (Spanish Association) Javier Iglesias (An Honorary WAPI Member) was voted once again as President of the Association, having held that Office since 2001. Rick Howatson was the second speaker of the evening - Rick took the opportunity and on behalf of WAPI Chairman Ian Withers and the WAPI - GC to be the first to officially congratulate Javier Igesias on being re-elected as President of the Spanish Association. The Speech - presented in English, German and Spanish was very well accepted by all in attendance. The GC congratulate Rick for his able contribution on behalf of our Membership

b) Ian Withers proposed that John Edwards should represent WAPI at the 5th European Congress to be held in Strasbourg, France at which a Pan European Representation is to conduct lobbying at the EU Parliament for an EU wide Standard and/or reciprocal recognition of PI Licenses.

16. A Review of Web Service on the WAPI Website - Stuart Withers proposed

WAPI terminate the current agreement with its Webmasters - as he knows of someone who is more suited to the needs of the WAPI Site. Stuart Withers also proposed that WAPI registers a Server in the USA. The above Proposals were seconded by Beverley Flynn. All Carried

17. a) Any Other Business: Ian Withers announced that the Winner of the Door Prize at the 2004 Annual Banquet has decided that the time is right

to accept his Door prize and will spend a couple of Romantic nights in the City of Edinburgh.

b) The Law 2006 Exhibition to be held in Birmingham for the Legal Sector Should WAPI attend? Before a decision is made costings must be sought.

c) Stuart Withers is to approach the SIA asking for a Reciprocal Link to be added to their Website It was noted that the other Associations within the Investigation Sector already have these up and running. - Carried

d) Stuart Withers proposed that a sizable amount of the Bank Balance be transferred to an interest bearing account. - Carried

WAPI is to approach the Yellow Pages with regards to advertising the association and its members. Carried

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 16.45 hours.

The next GC Meeting is to take place on the 3rd August 2005 in Birmingham.