

World Association of Professional Investigators Minutes of Governing Council Meeting held at Piccadilly on Wednesday 30th November 2005

1) Opening Address: The meeting was declared open by the Chairman Ian Withers.

2) Attendance: Governing Councils Members present were, Ian Withers, Stuart Withers, John Hope, Beverley Flynn, Matt Thomas. Also present was Lorraine Jenkinson from the WAPI accounts department and Ross Manson the recently appointed Moderator and Regional Representative for Ireland.

3) Apologies: Apologies were received from the following Governing Council Members for not attending: Veronica King, Tony Smith and John Edwards.

4) Treasurers Report: The Treasurer proposed that the Membership Secretary send to the Accounts Department at WAPI each month an updated version of the Membership Database. This was seconded by John Hope and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer also proposed that all renewals from existing members are collected by him and all new members dues are collected by the Membership Secretary. This was seconded by Ian Withers and carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that the Association do not reject delinquent members and that for the time being they will remain on the WAPI database but not the Directory. This was seconded by John Hope and carried unanimously.

Governing Council Member Matt Thomas proposed that WAPI members are given the option to pay their annual dues by Standing Order or Credit Cards on an annual basis. This was seconded by John Hope and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer proposed that the annual accounts be accepted but he would like to request to the Accountants that the presentation of accounts be in Total Revenue Format from here on. This was seconded by John Hope and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer wishes a motion of thanks to Lorraine Jenkinson for attending the meeting. This was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer informed the GC that the WAPI bank accounts have sufficient funds due to the steady increase in membership.

5) Minutes from AGM: The Minutes from the AGM were read out to the GC, they were duly proposed and accepted by John Hope, seconded by Stuart Withers and carried unanimously.

6) Chairmans Report: The Chairman informs the GC that WAPI and its members have been invited by the SIA to complete an Impact Assessment Questionnaire.

The Chairman proposed his reply to the SIA and this was carried unanimously. (Chairmans reply is available on WAPI Website)

The Chairman gave an update on the traces regarding delinquent members and advised the GC that this was ongoing and that a significant number had been traced.

The Chairman proposed that he release an email to the eGroup to monitor interest in from Members in attending a seminar which will have guest speaker Jimmy Mesis, owner of PI Magazine. The seminar will have two main sections the first being How to prepare your Business for sale and how to market and grow your business.

There will also be a one hour presentation from Peter Heims on how to trace people within the DPA. Should he accept the invitation John Edwards will be giving a presentation on Conflict Management.

7) Membership Report: There have been seven new application that have been agreed by the

GC and welcomed as members of the Association.

Martin Hucker

Insight Investigations

Full Member.

Steve Davis	Insight Investigations	Full Member
Eamon Gaffney	Fast Trak Investigations	Full Member
Paul Quinton	Amberton Investigations	Associate Member (to be offered Full Membership as it was agreed he met the criteria for this level)

Andrew Davis	Associate Member
Bjorn Grytoyr	Associate Member (to be offered Full (Overseas) Membership as he meets the criteria for this level)

Ron Peter Bonnelame Nationwide Investigations Group Full Membership

8) Corporate Membership (as deferred from AGM): Matt Thomas proposed that this item again be deferred to the next meeting. This was seconded by Ian Withers and carried unanimously.

9) WAPI Member Convicted under DPA: Complaints and Discipline Secretary proposed that the member in question be reprimanded with regard to his breach of the Associations Code of Ethics. This was seconded by Stuart Withers and carried 4 - 2.

10) Discipline Issues: Complaint a) The Chairman proposed that this issue be referred back to the Complaints & Discipline Secretary for further enquiry. In order to ascertain which ethical Code had been breached and to gather supporting evidence. This was seconded by John Hope and carried unanimously. Complaint b) The Chairman proposed that the Complaints & Discipline Secretary reply to the complainant stating that the evidence that has been presented does not amount to a breach of the Associations Code of Ethics. It was decided that this is a commercial dispute which should be resolved locally. Seconded by John Hope, carried unanimously.

11) WAPI Website: Matt Thomas will arrange with the webmaster to submit WAPI minutes on the website, both past and present. The website is now being updated on a regular basis.

12) Encourage Growth of Membership in Ireland: Ross Manson is to take over the Moderation of the Irish eGroup. Ross Manson is to also organising a meeting for members and potential members along with the PSA to Competency Criteria. Ross Manson is to get a list of all investigators in Southern Ireland and Ian Withers to get a list of investigators in Northern Ireland for the purpose of informing them of the above meeting. Non Members who attend will be invited to join the Association at a discounted rate, to be decided. It was decided that arrangements be made to include three currencies on all WAPI literature, euros, dollars and sterling.

13) Discuss 2005 Banquet: The Association has received positive feedback from many people who attended the Annual Banquet. The 2006 Banquet is again to be held in Birmingham at another location for up to 150 attendees. The date is to be late September. The same photographers and Toastmaster are to be used if available.

14) Any Other Business: The Chairman proposed that WAPI do not attend The Law Show in 2006, this was seconded by Stuart Withers and carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that the Thank You letter received from Acorns regarding the raffle donation be submitted on the website in the News section, seconded by Matt Thomas and carried unanimously. The GC has since received notice of resignation from GC member Veronica King due to business commitments and this has been duly accepted by the remaining GC. The GC would like to thank Veronica, on behalf of all our members for

her time and efforts that she has given to the Association.
Further enquiries for the mentor will be forwarded on to John Edwards.
Meeting ended 16.30 hours. Next meeting to be arranged for end of January
2006.