



**Minutes of the RRI Council Meeting**  
**KEURUU, FINLAND**  
**MAY 11-13, 2005**

**Attendees:**

RRI Director/LAC Regional Coordinator  
Europe Regional Coordinator  
Eurasia Regional Coordinator  
Director of Int. Service Ministries, AGWM  
AGWM Missionary/Resource Member  
RRI Communications Coordinator

Doug Marsh  
Jukka Piirainen  
Mark Broberg  
JoAnn Butrin  
Robert Crabtree  
Andrew Whitman

**Opening:**

- 1) Mark Broberg opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2) Jukka Piirainen delivered a devotion.
- 3) Doug Marsh introduced all the attendees and thanked Jukka Piirainen for hosting the RRI Council.

**Routine Business:**

- 1) Doug Marsh read the minutes of the last meeting from March 29-31, 2004. The Council received and approved the minutes as given.
- 2) The Council decided to keep the date of the next RRI Council meeting as April 25-27, 2006 and the location as Camp Summit, Costa Rica.
- 3) The Council decided to keep the date of the 2007 RRI Council meeting as April 24-26, and accepted Mark Broberg's invitation to hold the meeting in Sri Lanka.

**Reports:**

- 1) Doug Marsh read the Director's Report and the Council accepted the report as read.
- 2) Jukka Piirainen gave an oral report for Europe. Highlights included: Europe has 36 nations with about 20 different languages, Germany has the largest RR program in Europe, three new nations joined last year

- (Bulgaria, Luxembourg, and Iceland), Europe has at least four different cultures, every nation has a co-ed program. Jukka Piirainen praised the work of Hanspeter Neck (his predecessor). He requested prayer for unity as the region moves forward. The report was received and accepted by the Council.
- 3) Mark Broberg gave an oral and written report for Eurasia. Highlights included: Eurasia has 1 billion children, regional office receives more request for the Ranger program than staff can meet, Project 2:8 has been created to get more Rangers involved, region is so large and undeveloped that communication is a huge challenge, goal is to reach all of Russia by 2010 and all of Eurasia by 2020, a Muslim curriculum is desperately needed. Mark Broberg's report was received and accepted by the Council.
  - 4) Doug Marsh read the report for Latin America & the Caribbean. The report was received and accepted by the Council.
  - 5) Doug Marsh gave an oral report for the regions of Africa and Asia Pacific. Currently these regions have no coordinator. Africa has five nations with RR programs. Asia Pacific has 13 nations.
  - 6) Andrew Whitman gave an oral report on John Maxwell Leadership Resources. Royal Rangers International is forming a partnership with Maxwell's EQUIP ministry to promote further education and advanced leadership training among Europe and some of Eurasia's Ranger leaders through regional conferences. Royal Rangers and EQUIP will also explore the possibilities of a similar arrangement in Latin America & the Caribbean. The report was received and accepted by the Council.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Doug Marsh reviewed the *RRI Partnership Plan* and RRI Organizational Structure
- 2) Doug Marsh reviewed the RRI official documents and the Council discussed minor revisions. A few terms were changed or clarified in the *RRI Operational Guidelines* and in the *RRI Cooperative Values and Practices*—a new section was added to clarify the *Copyright, Trademark, and Product Information*.
- 3) Doug Marsh read the Chartering Steward Agreement. The Council voted to revise some wording of the Agreement. The Council empowered the RRI Director and the Regional Coordinator to enter into agreements and sign Chartering Stewards Agreements with nations at their discretion—both must sign the agreement. The RRI Director was instructed to bring a list of new Chartering Stewards to future meetings of the Council for ratification. The Council received and accepted the changes to the Chartering Steward Agreement. The Council furthermore recognized Finland as the first nation to officially sign the Chartering Steward Agreement.
- 4) The Council voted to create a new document known as the Provisional Chartering Steward Agreement and agreed upon its wording. The

document contains the following provisions: It is time sensitive (has an expiration date), but may be renewed; the national organization signing the document is not automatically recognized as the permanent Chartering Steward, and more than one organization within the same country may enter into the agreement with RRI; and the Regional Coordinator may add extra conditions in the form of an addendum or set other special requirements. The Council received and accepted the new Provisional Chartering Steward Agreement.

### **New Business:**

- 1) RRI Communications and Promotions
  - A) Andrew Whitman presented *RRI 360°* (the bi-monthly newsletter of RRI). The Council agreed that the newsletter should be distributed via the Regional Coordinators.
  - B) The Council discussed the RRI website and the need to keep its scope broad in nature. The RRI website will be the only place for posting official RRI documents and access to some areas will be restricted to only those with special clearance.
  - C) The Council discussed the regional websites. Regional websites will be set up and maintained by the Regional Coordinators and they will have links to national websites within their region.
  - D) Brainstorming sessions: Doug Marsh asked for ideas for a proposed RRI painting to be done by Fred Deaver. He also presented information on a promotional video to target financial supporters, pastors, parents, & youth. Andrew Whitman is to follow-up with these projects.
- 2) Annual motivational medal, ribbon, & certificate for National Commanders
  - A) Doug Marsh presented the need to recognize National Commanders annually for their leadership and dedication in the form of an award for the purpose of encouraging annual reporting to the Regional Coordinators and recognizing personal and ministerial growth.
  - B) The award will be in the form of a medal and/or ribbon and have standardized criteria for all nations. The National Commanders will have the opportunity to earn a number for the award each year to reflect the number of times earned.
  - C) The Council decided to implement the new program in 2006 and begin promoting it now through the *RRI 360°* newsletter so National Commanders have time to learn about it and familiarize themselves with the concept and criteria. National Commanders will first be recognized in early-2007.

*Robert Crabtree delivered a devotion on the morning of May 12.*

### 3) *Global Curriculum*

- A) Doug Marsh presented the new *Global Curriculum*. The various sections of the *Leader's Manual* were discussed and the Advancement System was presented. The Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA) will be included in the *Global Curriculum*—the same standards to earn the recognition should apply for each nation of the world.
- B) The curriculum will be available on five separate CD's, and each region has the freedom to contextualize it before delivering it to nations. Regions must decide whether they will use a uniform regional curriculum or allow individual nations to contextualize the curriculum further.
- C) RRI is releasing new posters with the Pledge, Code, etc. in a gender-neutral format (with regard to wording and graphic design). They will be available on CD so that nations can easily translate the text into their own language. Doug Marsh showed samples of the insignias, patches, and sticker system that will accompany the *Global Curriculum*.

*JoAnn Butrin delivered a devotion on May 13.*

- D) Doug Marsh discussed the concept of a “World Class Outpost” (WCO)—a tool to help local leaders assess the health and effectiveness of their outpost.
- E) The Council discussed office insignias for the international service staff (members of the RRI Council and regional team members). Doug Marsh agreed to have a graphic artist design a new removable metallic insignia using the RRI logo. The Council decided the RRI Director will wear three of the new insignias on each collar, the Regional Coordinators and appointed RRI Council Members will wear two, and the Regional Staff/ Team Members will wear one.

#### 4) Open discussion: Future goals and projects

- A) *Global Curriculum*: Mark Broberg requested a timeline for the release of new materials and resources so he can develop a five-year master plan for Eurasia.
- B) *Global Training Guides*: Doug Marsh explained that once the curriculum was complete, the next focus would be on preparing the *Global Training Guides*. These will be available in stages beginning in late-2005 through early-2007.
- C) Product Distribution: Doug Marsh showed a chart with the “RRLAC channels of distribution” as an example. He recommends that Europe and Eurasia set up their own regional distribution center for program materials and resources. Nations may produce their own

product line and they should only plan to buy materials through the RRI website for a limited time.

D) Proposed Global Gathering, USA Camporama, July 2010: The Council decided that it would be appropriate to call a global gathering of National Commanders and their staff the weekend before the 2010 USA Camporama.

5) RRI organizational culture: (Brief discussion point; read *Powerful Conversations* by Phil Harkins by 2006 meeting.)

**Closing:**

1) Doug Marsh thanked Jukka Piirainen and the Rangers of Finland again for hosting the RRI Council meeting.

2) Mark Broberg closed the RRI Council meeting with prayer.