



Minutes of the RRI Council Meeting
CAMP SUMMIT, COSTA RICA
APRIL 25-27, 2006

Attendees:

RRI Director & LAC Regional Coordinator	Doug Marsh
Europe Regional Coordinator	Jukka Piirainen
Eurasia Regional Coordinator	Mark Broberg
Director of International Service Ministries, AGWM	JoAnn Butrin
U.S. National RR Commander	Richard Mariott
LAC Assistant Regional Coordinator	Jeff Cooper
RRI Field Advisor	Robert Crabtree
RRI Communications Coordinator	Andrew Whitman
Asia Pacific Representative & Auditor	Jim Guneratnam

Opening:

- 1) Doug Marsh introduced all the attendees and welcomed Jim Guneratnam, Malaysian Programs Coordinator, who came to audit the meeting in representation of Asia Pacific.
- 2) Doug Marsh reviewed the meeting agenda.
- 3) Bob Crabtree, JoAnn Butrin, and Doug Marsh shared devotional thoughts. Bob Crabtree prayed for the physical and spiritual needs of those present.
- 4) Jukka Piirainen officially opened the 2006 RRI Council meeting with prayer.

Routine Business:

- 1) Doug introduced *Meyer's Rules of Order* as the procedural guidelines for RRI Council meetings and recommended it be adopted in each region. A copy will be sent to each member following the meeting.
- 2) Doug defined the purpose of annual RRI Council meetings
 - a. To conduct team business

- b. To receive and give information
 - c. To enjoy fellowship and deepen relationships
- 3) Doug encouraged each region to share feedback about specific needs and about agenda items that should be included in future Council meetings.
 - 4) Andy Whitman read the minutes of the May 11-13, 2005 meeting. The Council received and approved the minutes as given.
 - 5) The Council agreed that the minutes would contain few details of meeting discussions, but would clearly spell out rationale leading up to decisions made.

Reports:

- 1) JoAnn Butrin presented an oral report on International Service ministries. She has eight ministries in her portfolio and RRI is the newest. JoAnn presents each ministry to the annual meeting of district Assemblies of God leaders and to the annual meeting with the top missions giving churches in America. She also showed the Council the new "Red Card" brochure produced by Global Aids Ministry to fight AIDS.
- 2) Doug Marsh read the Director's Report and the Council accepted the report as read. Bob Crabtree asked if the "RRI Vision, Mission, Values, & Strategy" could be produced in poster form. Doug agreed to do so.
- 3) Mark Broberg gave an oral and written report for Eurasia. He emphasized the size and language challenges in the region. Mark's report was received and accepted by the Council.
- 4) Jukka Piirainen showed a video clip of the 2003 EuroCamp video and gave an oral and written report for Europe. He noted that Royal Rangers is a powerful ministry in the region and he discussed some of the logistics for the upcoming 2007 EuroCamp in Norway. He also informed the Council that Royal Rangers is in 23 out of 39 nations in Europe and commented on the progress of Chartering Steward Agreements in the region. He thanked Doug Marsh and AGWM for their support during the recent transition period in Europe. The report was received and accepted by the Council.
- 5) Doug Marsh showed the "Seminario de Actualización Latinoamericano" (SAL) video to the Council and explained that the event attracted 100 leaders for the purpose of being introduced to the new Latin American version of the *Global Curriculum*. Jeff Cooper then read the report for Latin America & the Caribbean. Jeff spoke about the impact of the recent SAL conference in Orlando, Florida and the new curriculum. He also shared testimonies about growth and unity in the region and some interesting survey results on why boys leave the church. The report was received and accepted by the Council.
- 6) Doug Marsh introduced Jim Guneratnam to the Council and shared some background information about the Asia Pacific region. Jim showed

pictures and video from the 2005 National Camporama in Malaysia. Jim mentioned that the Royal Ranger ministry is very successful in Malaysia and Singapore due to the large number of people that understand English. Curriculum in Chinese, however, is needed for the ministry to reach its fullest potential. Also, Indonesia has huge possibilities for Royal Rangers because of the rapidly growing churches. Churches in Singapore and Malaysia are using Royal Rangers as their Sunday School program. There are great growth opportunities for Royal Rangers to spread to other Pentecostal denominations within the region.

- 7) Doug gave an oral report for the region of Africa. Currently this region has no coordinator, but a special “African Royal Rangers Summit” is being planned for late-2006 or early-2007 and this could change. Africa has five nations with official programs. None have signed Chartering Steward Agreements.
- 8) Richard Mariott read a report on the development of the Royal Ranger ministry in the USA and shared about preparations underway for the upcoming U.S. National Camporama and improvements at Camp Eagle Rock, the Royal Rangers campground in Southwest Missouri.
- 9) Andrew Whitman gave an oral and written report on his role as the Communications Coordinator.
- 10) Bob Crabtree gave an oral report about his role in promoting RRI at U.S. district councils and events, such as Light for the Lost (LFTL) tours. His goal is to serve as an ambassador for RRI and his goal is to raise \$1,000 per month in pledges for the ministry.
- 11) Doug Marsh presented a list of nations that have Royal Ranger and the Council worked to correct the list—adding the names of some nations and deleting others. Doug mentioned that the cell group movement has affected several nations in LAC and Asia Pacific and that some countries now have no national ministry office or staff, leaving local outposts to operate independent of national assistance. The status of Croatia was discussed and the Council decided that all correspondence and dialog concerning Croatia needed to be directed to Jukka Pirrainen. The Ukraine is now officially a part of the Eurasia region and needs to communicate directly with Mark Broberg.

Old/ Routine Business:

- 1) Doug Marsh discussed RRI structure and stated that regions need to hold routine regional meetings every year or two and build up so they can eventually elect their own coordinator—a national from within the region.
- 2) The Council discussed regional funding for RRI. The Council will continue to discuss the funding mechanism for each region.
- 3) Doug Marsh asked for recommendations on wording and any needed changes in the *RRI Operational Guidelines* and/or *RRI Cooperative*

Values and Practices. The Council approved of the documents as they now stand and made no recommendations for changes or updates. Doug reminded the members to submit any recommendations in written form well in advance of Council meetings to allow members to be notified of proposals before our regular meetings.

- 4) Doug Marsh reviewed and handed out the new RRI office insignia agreed upon during the 2005 Council meeting in Finland.
- 5) The Council reviewed the list of nations that have signed the Chartering Steward Agreement.
- 6) Andy Whitman shared a report on the RRI partnership with John Maxwell's EQUIP ministry.
- 7) Doug Marsh presented the pros and cons of Royal Rangers trademark protection through near-world coverage (there is no such thing as total global coverage) via the Madrid System or via registration in individual nations. He stated that in order to best protect the ministry, the name and logo each need to be registered under category 16 (printed matter) and 41 (education)—these two are a reasonable minimum. Most nations currently using Royal Rangers could be registered and covered under the Madrid System (which covers 60 plus nations) for \$35,000. Rich Mariott stated the U.S. Rangers could cover between \$10,000-\$15,000 of the cost. Mark Broberg suggested going to AGWM Regional Directors for help with the rest of the costs. The Council decided for the broad coverage approach (via the Madrid System) and Doug Marsh will request a financial proposal from the law firm to present to the AGWM Executive Committee. Doug clarified that nations not covered under the Madrid System would need to register the name and logo themselves within their nation.
- 8) The Council agreed that approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 would need to be budgeted each year to renew the trademarks every 10 years. The RRI Director will need to keep that figure constantly before the Council. The Council decided that this should become a routine business item for the annual RRI Council meetings.
- 9) Jukka Pirrainen proposed that RRI receive 100% of member nation support (versus the 25% stated in the *RRI Operational Guidelines*). Mark Broberg and Jeff Cooper disagreed, based on indigenous church principals. The Council voted to keep the policy as it now stands.
- 10) Doug Marsh reviewed the previous year's decision to have an annual motivational medal, ribbon, and certificate for National Commanders. The Council decided the official name for this new program would be the "National Leadership Award" (NLA) and that it would be announced in upcoming editions of the *RRI 360°* newsletter. The Council decided on all three forms of recognition (the medal, ribbon, and certificate), and that Doug Marsh would adjust the scoring of the proposal to make it attainable in each category. The Council decided to change the wording of the criteria and instructions to: "The evaluation form must be completed early January each year, and sent with all documentation

requested to the Regional Coordinator. Reports post marked after January 15 may not be considered” in order to avoid possible confusion about the deadline. The Council also decided that one “Continuous Learning” score must be a Global University course.

- 11) Rich Mariott made a presentation of the new “World Class Outpost” training course.
- 12) Doug Marsh presented the new *Global Curriculum* CD’s to the Council. The Council discussed distribution and translation challenges. Translation will remain a regional challenge, but some funds may be available to help.
- 13) Doug Marsh presented the Global Training CD with several courses. He then reviewed the delivery schedule of all the remaining training guides between 2006-2009.
- 14) The Council viewed the World Congress evangelism video provided by JoAnn Butrin.
- 15) Doug Marsh reviewed the *RRI 360° ThinkOne* articles and asked the Regional Coordinators to attempt to translate the newsletter into the major languages in their region. These are topics that should be widespread to instill or reinforce Royal Ranger-ministry values worldwide. Doug also discussed the focus of the “*Four Winds*” and the “*Behind the Falls*” newsletters. The former is a promotional piece directed at a U.S. audience, the later to overseas missionaries. He invited the Regional Coordinators to use these mediums to communicate their vision, testimonies and stories in future installments.
- 16) Doug Marsh reviewed the RRI Global Gathering planned for 2010 in Branson, Missouri, USA (immediately before the U.S. Camporama). The Council officially named this event the “RRI Global Leaders Encounter” and set the date for July 14-18, with the 14th set aside for registration and the 18th as a free planned activity day. The Council determined the theme will be “One Family.” Doug asked the Regional Coordinators to request input from within their regions regarding topics and ideas they would like to see included in the program. These ideas will be reviewed in the next Council meeting.
- 17) The Council reviewed details concerning the International Delegation to the U.S. National Camporama 2006 and RRI’s responsibility and plans to host them.

New Business:

- 1) Doug Marsh introduced the new RRI promotional theme video “Royal Rangers—Where Great Leaders are Made!” The one-minute video is available in three versions, each are similar but directed to a different audience. These can easily be adapted into any language for approximately \$100-\$150 each. Doug also introduced a new correlating

- evangelism brochure and poster that can easily be adapted and translated. Printing costs for these are LFTL-eligible.
- 2) Doug Marsh introduced the Royal Ranger Alumni program to retain aging leaders for ministry and Andy Whitman read the proposal. The Council approved the proposal. Doug explained that the Regional Coordinators should present this to the nations inside their regions for adaptation as and when needed.
 - 3) The Council discussed an annual motivational award for RRI Council members and adopted the official name "Global Leadership Award" for this new program. Doug Marsh is free to develop this idea further and present it to the Council in 2007.
 - 4) The Council reviewed the current training received by individual Council members and RRI-AGWM missionaries.

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Doug Marsh introduced the "RRI Council Report" proposal to share information on RRI Council decisions with National Commanders and friends of the ministry. He explained that RRI Council meeting minutes would always be public documents posted on the website. But a concise and colorful report, included in the July edition of *RRI 360°*, would make the information more available and interesting to nations and interested parties. The Council agreed; Andy Whitman will implement this in July 2006.
- 2) The Council briefly discussed last year's suggested book "Powerful Conversations and Doug Marsh gave out two new books, "The On-Purpose Person" and the "On-Purpose Business." These will be discussed in the 2007 meeting during a 20-30 minute window.
- 3) Mark Broberg presented information on Mathews Bows, Inc. They are a U.S. company interested in identifying potential Royal Rangers related archery sites around the world. They would supply all equipment and training materials at no cost. Mathews has requested that all such proposals be prepared in writing and presented to the RRI Director for consideration and recommendation.
- 4) The Council reviewed dates for future Council meetings. The 2007 Council meeting will be held in Sri Lanka the week of April 23-27. Mark Broberg will announce the costs at a later date. RRI Council members are expected to cover their own expenses to attend the annual meeting, but some financial aid may be available on a case-by-case basis.
- 5) The Council discussed RRI's fifth anniversary (in 2007) and Doug Marsh asked for ideas pertaining to fundraising and celebrating from Council members via e-mail. Jeff Cooper suggested a commemorative patch to sell and Rich Mariott suggested a DVD highlighting RRI's history and mission. Jukka Piirainen would like to promote RRI's anniversary at the 2007 EuroCamp in Norway. Jukka noted that the Royal Ranger ministry

started in the USA in 1962, in Europe in 1982, and RRI began in 2002 – each 20 years apart. JoAnn Butrin suggested that the Council approach Randy Hurst at AGWM with help for a promotional anniversary video.

- 6) The Council broke for an open forum session, where members reviewed the new curriculum and asked questions regarding its uses and potential applications and adaptations. The Council unanimously reaffirmed the direction the Director had set for the *Global Curriculum* and Training, its use and its distribution—which were decisions agreed upon in the 2004 RRI Council meeting.

Closing:

The RRI Council meeting concluded with prayer for the nations.