



Council Meeting 2005

Saturday November 5, 2005

Announcements and Greetings

Knut Berdal offered a reflection on the life of Roy Breivik. As General Secretary of Én Verden and Councilor of WFM he was an inspiration to all world federalists. Ton Macéel mentioned that two former presidents of WFBN Herman Haverkamp and Chris van Wijngaarden had passed away recently. In addition former honorary advisor Yasuhide Fujiyoshi and Kazuhiko Kawamura, Secretary General, WFM of Japan had died. A moment of silence was held in honor of the deceased. Gratitude for the many years of service of these members was to be recorded in the minutes.

Approval of Agenda

The items on Climate change and the next Council and Congress meetings were moved to immediately after the lunch break on Sunday. John Sutter requested that dues status be included in the future Council packets. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the minutes were submitted to Stephanie Getson. The minutes were approved subject to implementing the proposed corrections.

Opening the floor for co-option of new Councillors

Karen Hamilton explained that there were three Council positions available for co-option. She stressed that it was a good idea to have a geographically and gender diversity in the Council and that the CNSC recommended filling all three co-option positions this year. To be formally recognized, the candidate had to consent for the nomination in writing, and present a nomination which included three reasons why that person should be a Councillor. Nominations would be received until 5 PM.

Council Chair's Report

Jim Christie offered a reflection on the recent riots in Parisian suburbs, the protests in Argentina in relation to US President Bush's recent visit there, and the image of the possibility for extraordinary growth in the Global South. These opportunities were also opportunities for world federalism to work. He commented that the movement has made enormous strides towards a world that is sanely and equally governed and stressed that the Movement needed to take a serious look at its goals for the future.

Acting President's Report

Lois Wilson reflected on the achievements, failures, and postponements of the UN Reform Summit. In the summit the International Criminal Court and the Responsibility to Protect were very important and she congratulated WFM on all of its efforts. She also commented that the follow-up work on the Peacebuilding Commission, the Human Rights Council, and other initiatives would be good opportunities for world federalists to apply the principles of federalism.

The IS Report

Bill Pace mentioned that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find funding for these governance meetings, however this year they were able to sponsor Folake Kowa from the Pan-African Reconciliation Centre to attend the meeting. He congratulated the staff of the IS on their wonderful work. The IS has expanded its reach with offices around the world and they are regularly able to convene meetings throughout the world with high-level officials. He commented that the minimal level of funding received from the members was problematic. Lene

Schumacher mentioned that the consolidation of all of the staff on one floor of a new office was a dramatic improvement. The IS continues to improve its electronic communication and all of the websites had undergone large overhauls. The new reformtheun.org was widely successful in promoting openness and transparency of the UN reform summit. The IS had also collaborated with Earth Action to update their database of parliamentarians to use as an additional outreach tool. Bill Pace mentioned the IS's desire to work more closely with its members on a variety of projects such as the Responsibility to Protect, the UN Parliamentary Assembly, and the International Criminal Court (ICC). The IS continues to monitor the developments and the challenges of the new ICC. Much of the work this past year revolved around the UN reform summit and the IS was very involved in working to promote a more democratic UN and enhance the Human Security capabilities of international institutions.

The ICC continued to face difficulties in its first investigation. And the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) continues to expand its membership and interact with those trying to strengthen the Court. The Responsibility to Protect – Engaging Civil Society (R2P-CS) project had been a driving force behind the inclusion of the responsibility to protect norm in the September UN Summit Outcome Document. The IS also works closely with the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict and is starting a relationship with the International Alliance Against Small Arms. Bill Pace hoped that some MOs and AOs could look into the use of the veto and track how that veto has affected global governance. Jim Christie commented that because of the great work of that we are doing, WFM can now take its place with some of the best NGOs in the world. He also welcomed Lene to the Council Meeting and to the Movement.

Keith Best asked what the IS has done to involve refugees particularly in its work on the Responsibility to Protect. Bill Pace responded that many UN agencies were waiting to see if the Responsibility to Protect gained more widespread support before they began working with NGOs on those issues. Lucio suggested that priority be given to the economic and social governance issues. Bill Pace reported that the IS had been involved in those issues by attending the World Economic and Social Forums. In addition the IS advocates for a strengthened ECOSOC that has the ability to review international treaties and resolve discrepancies if they arise. Fergus Watt wondered what the next steps were for advancing the Responsibility to Protect and what stance the ICC was taking on confronting government officials with the crimes that they are committing/ have committed. Bill Pace replied that the ICC has issued arrest warrants for five people who it determined were the largest perpetrators of the war crimes. Although government officials were not among them, it does not necessarily reflect a precedent for the future, but instead looks at the gravity of the crimes committed. Joseph Simbwa commented that he doubts the ICC's capability to bring peace to Uganda.

Financial Report

Staci Alziebler reported on the "Management Statements for the period January 1-September 2005 (Unaudited)," and the "2005 Approved Budget, 2005 Revised Budget, and 2006 Proposed Budget". According to the Management Statements, budget versus actual, the deficit in income for WFM was due to MO-AO dues which had not been received by the end of September, including dues from CGS, UEF, and Japan, and a decrease in administrative fees due to lower grant receipts than anticipated during this period, as well as multiple year grants where the administrative fee had been applied to 2004 expenses. The deficit was also due to higher than anticipated costs related to Professional Contract Services, International Contract Services, and Governance Meetings. The net deficit for WFM-IGP programs was \$212,781.36 which would need to be offset by fundraising in the last quarter of 2005.

For the CICC project, Staci reported that several grants had been received during the period, including multi-year grants: 1.5 million from the European Commission, \$610,000 from the Ford Foundation, and \$750,000 from the MacArthur Foundation, as well as new funding of \$272,331.65 from the Netherlands, Canada, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, and the UK. The net surplus for the CICC project was \$522,024.42 which would be used in the future periods.

For the R2P project, the administrative fees for the period were lower than budgeted, as some fees were applied to the 2004 period. Expenses were slightly higher due to Local Contract Services, and Local Activities expenses. The net surplus for R2P was \$54,611.85 which would be used in the last quarter of 2005.

Overall, the net surplus for all projects was \$363,854.91, mostly grant restricted, which would be used in the last quarter of 2005.

Andreas Bummel asked about the unanticipated charges due to a grant consultant, and Staci indicated that the consultancy was temporary and was expected to raise funding for unfunded WFM projects over the next several months.

Peter Luff inquired if the EC vetted the statements prior to Council submission, and Bill Pace and Keith Best assured him that they did.

James Arputharaj moved to accept the statements. Barbara Walker seconded. Andres Bummel abstained. The motion carried.

Staci presented the revised 2005 budget, as well as the proposed 2006 budget, which, she said, were more closely in line with actual and anticipated spending patterns. Any potential revisions to the 2006 budget would be presented to the EC for approval during the annual conference call in January 2006.

Bente Neilsen moved to approve the revised 2005 budget, and the proposed 2006 budget. Ton Macêl seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

As for the Financial and Administrative Department, Staci reported that Katrina Dorn had accepted a full-time staff position in January and was helping to ensure that WFM was in compliance with all local and national regulations, as well as overseeing WFM's employee benefit packages. Sonia Wright had left, and WFM had recently hired Laura Pavan to replace her and assist part-time. The office coordinator, Alice Suh, had been instrumental in coordinating the move to new office space, and to increasing staff communication. WFM had retained the services of John Ventimiglia, formerly of Callaghan Nawrocki, WFM's external audit firm, who was contracted to internally audit WFM's finances on a quarterly basis. To date, he had audited through June, and September was nearly complete. Staci reported that the department was aiming for an earlier than usual audit in 2006, preferably in March or April.

Keith Best thanked Staci for her report, and asked for some clarity regarding the massive deficit and how it would be covered through unrestricted reserves and requested a report at future meetings which would include donor restrictions on grant funding, as well as the disposition of accumulated interest. Keith also raised concerns over nonpayment of MO and AO dues, which amounted to close to 5 % of the annual budget and that dues and payment of dues should be raised as part of the Statutes and By-Laws discussion, as the governance structure and procedures are critical to the organization, and yet are not funded. Fergus Watt requested that future financial reports present a balance sheet and a copy of the audit. Staci indicated that they were not part of the individual packets, but both were available for those who wished to read them. Ed Chobanian mentioned that while the running budget of the organization had moved from 100,000 dollars to 3.1 million dollars in five years, the amount of membership dues received each year has not increased.

Bill Pace mentioned that the WFM projects were relying on the administrative charges of the CICC project, and that this reliance had risen to an unsustainable level, and WFM could not depend on 30-40 thousand dollars of MO-AO dues. Bill also reported that several grants had been booked as temporarily restricted, even though the funders had given them as unrestricted, and that overall there had been 1.6 million dollars in new grants. He

also indicated that some work on the UN reform summit had been done without funding, in the hope of securing new funding in the future. James Christie moved to accept the report. Lucy seconded. Tony Fleming indicated that he was pleased that best business practices were going to be implemented. Discussion on these practices was deferred to after the approval of the financial report. Aaron Knight requested a breakdown of governance meeting expenses at the next meeting. The motion to approve the report was unanimously carried.

Staci Alziebler reported that the IS was in the process of developing several policies to comply with the Best Business practices and asked that the EC be allowed to review the draft policies in the interim before they were presented to Council for approval. The Council agreed. Ed Chobanian asked if there were any volunteers who wished to be on the investment committee. There was a consensus for any volunteers who wish to be on an investment committee to contact Ed.

Staci Alziebler thanked Welföderalisten der Schweiz and Wereld Federalisten Bewegin Nederland for their contributions to the Travel Assistance fund.

Federalist Debate

Lucio Levi thanked the IS for its support of the *Federalist Debate* especially for its inclusion on the WFM website. He announced that the *Debate* had been updated and called for people to contribute articles to and try to boost subscriptions to the *Debate*, possibly by asking libraries to subscribe to it.

Candidates for Co-option

Karen Hamilton announced that there were three possible spaces for co-option to the Council and that there were three nominees for co-option. Pascal Bruderer and Sakhtidhara Saha had been nominated and agree in writing to their willingness to serve on the Council. Jean-Paul Pougala had also been nominated, but there was no official written confirmation of his willingness to serve on the Council. It was decided that the voting would take place the following morning by secret ballot. The meeting adjourned for the day.

Meeting resumed.

Karen Hamilton again presented the nominees for co-option to the Council and stated that they had received written confirmation from Jean-Paul Pougala that he was willing to serve on the Council if elected. Jim Christie mentioned that the Councillors should keep in mind that the cost of coming to Council meetings. Rolf Haegler spoke on behalf of Pascale Bruderer, John Sutter spoke on behalf of Jean-Paul Pougala and Sakhtidhara Saha spoke on her own behalf. Voting took place and ballots were collected for tabulation.

WFM Presidency

Lois Wilson outlined her proposal for a WFM co-presidency including provisions to ensure that the co-presidency had both gender and geographic balance. The role of the president would be more titular and the terms would be for two Congresses. She suggested that the post of honorary president be eliminated. Attached to the proposal was a list of suggested candidates, although none of them had been officially asked whether or not they were willing to serve. Lucy Webster supported the proposal. John Sutter expressed reservation that there could be a power struggle between the two co-presidents. Lucio Levi suggested a flexibility in the office of the president by allowing for the possibility of one or two presidents. Peter Luff suggested a large list of vice presidents and the clarification of the role of honorary presidents and vice-presidents. Joseph Simbwa opposed the idea of a co-presidency and urged that instead WFM look to find one person that can truly embody the movement. Tony Fleming noted that whatever was decided, that the role of the president should be very clearly defined.

Candidates for Co-option (continued)

Karen Hamilton announced that Pascale Bruderer, Jean-Paul Pougala, and Sakhtidhara Saha had received the necessary votes and been co-opted to the Council.

CNSC Report

Martin Hagvall presented the report from the Credentials, Nominations, and Statutes Committee. He commented that it was very rewarding that 5 organizations had expressed interest in becoming affiliated with the Movement.

Weltfederalisten Deutschland

He report that the committee had received an application for Associated Organization status from Weltfoederlisten Deutschland. After looking into the organization, the Committee determined that the capacity of the organization was very limited, however their goals were very similar. Ton Macel suggested that perhaps the two groups who had applied for membership within Germany be merged, however, Andreas Bummel stated that he did not wish to do this. The Committee recommended that the people involved in Weltfoederlisten Deutschland should be encouraged to join the Movement as individuals supporters and that the Movement continue to look into ways that we could continue to cooperate with them. The recommendation received unanimous approval.

Committee for a Democratic UN

Martin Hagvall reported that they had received an application for Associated Organization status from the Committee for Democratic UN (CDUN). In the Committee's assessment, the group had a solid foundation and they had been able to attract respected individuals and mobilize support in favour of their ideas. The Committee strongly recommended that the CDUN be accepted by the Council as an Associated Organization. Lucy Webster moved to accept the recommendation and John Sutter seconded. Ed Chobanian asked how many members the CDUN had. Andreas replied that they had five member organizations whose membership totaled about 8,000. Martin Hagvall mentioned that under the Statutes and By-Laws, there were no membership requirements for a group to be accepted with Associated Organization status. The recommendation was carried with one abstention.

Sapiens Movement

Tony Fleming reported that they had received an application for Associated Organization status from the Sapiens Movement, New Zealand. The Committee had contacted the leader of the Sapiens Movement and found out that their goals were very similar to those of WFM and that the Committee was very impressed with the strategic plan and the goals of the organization. The Committee recommended in favour of accepting Sapiens Movement as an Associated Organization. Lucy Webster moved to accept the recommendation and Barbara Walker seconded it. John Sutter remarked that the group was newly founded and that it might be prudent to wait to accept the organization until it was more established. James Arputharaj asked if Councillors could be given copies of the applications prior to coming to the Council Meetings. Ed Chobanian mentioned that it would be useful to receive membership figures in the written report of the Committee. Martin Hagvall stated that if a Councillor wanted the information that it would be provided electronically by sending it to the Council email list prior to the Council Meeting. The recommendation was carried.

Planetafilia

Tony Fleming reported that the Committee had received an application for Associated Organization status from Planetafilia and was recommending that Council accept the organization. Bill Pace stated that the IS had had several meetings with the group's founder, Francisco Plancarte and Barbara Walker mentioned that she had also met him at an NGO meeting at the UN. Stephanie Getson mentioned that the group was applying for DPI accreditation at the UN. Lucy Webster moved to accept the recommendation and Barbara Walker seconded. The recommendation carried with two abstentions.

Friends of the Universal Culture

Tony Fleming reported that an application for Associated Organization status had been received from the Group of Friends of the Universal Culture. He reported that although the group was not specifically addressing world federalist issues, that the Committee was impressed by its capacity to represent WFM in Cote d'Ivoire and recommended that the Council accept them as members. Lucy Webster moved to accept the Committee's recommendation and Ton Macel seconded. Peter Luff commented that he didn't feel he had enough information about the organization to make a decision and moved to table the motion to accept the Committee's recommendation until more information had been gathered about the organization. James Arputharaj seconded. Keith Best stated that the current process was to allow the Committee to review applications and assess the available information. Bill Pace stated that from the IS point of view, it would be useful to have more information presented in the written report. Martin Hagvall stated that this particular application arrived too late to be included in the written report and perhaps in the future, it would be useful to table all applications that arrive too late for consideration. The motion to table the decision was carried. Keith Best moved that the consideration of this group's membership be tabled until the EC could make a decision in January so that the answer could be given to the applicant organization less than a year from now. The motion was carried.

Dormant Organizations

Martin Hagvall explained that there were several organizations that had not been in contact or active in the Movement for several years. Over the past year, the IS tried to make contact with these organizations. In response there was renewed communication with several organizations. The Committee welcomes these groups back to the organization and hopes that the relationship can be strengthened. The IS had also received communication from the World Federalists of Australia, the World Federal Authority Committee, and Globe-Lib that they no longer had members or wished to be considered members of WFM. He also stated that there were several groups that the IS has not been able to restore contact with over the past year and a half. The Committee recognized that the groups Bashkortostan Federalist Association, the Federation of Christian Churches in Pakistan, and the Korean League of World Federalists were no longer functioning as members of the Movement. He also mentioned that one Councillor had been in phone contact with the Bashkortostan Federalist Association. The Committee therefore recommended that the Council formally recognize that the Federation of Christian Churches in Pakistan and the Korean League of World Federalists were no longer functioning as members of the Movement. They also recommended that the IS send one more letter to the Bashkortostan Federalist Association asking that they send a letter by February 1, 2006 stating whether they wished to remain affiliated with the Movement or not. They should also include a statement of the finances. The Committee recommended that the Council entrust this final decision to the Executive Committee following the February deadline. The recommendation was carried.

Membership of the Credentials, Nominations, and Statutes Committee

Jim Christie stated that in normal practice the incoming Council elects the chair of the CNSC and that the members are co-opted by the chair at the next Council Meeting. Jim Christie invited the Council to ratify membership of the CNSC as Gautam Dey, Tony Fleming, Bente Nielsen, and Karen Hamilton, with Martin Hagvall as its chair. James Arputharaj mentioned that according to the Statutes there should be actual voting on the members of the CNSC. Jim Christie asked that because the committee had already been functioning that in this case, the membership simply be ratified by the Council. The membership of the Council was ratified as proposed.

Young European Federalists

The CNSC had received an application from the Young European Federalists to change their status with the Movement to Associated Organization. Bill Pace stated that the IS would try to consult with them in

conjunction with the Treasurer and reach a decision by which JEF could remain an MO. If no decision could be made, that the Movement would shift their status from MO to AO.

Union of European Federalists

Martin Hagvall stated that following the changes of status of the Union of European Federalists from AO to MO, that the IS had been consulting with the groups Federal Union, The Movimento Federalista Europeo , WFM Belgium Section and UEF Rhone-Alps to determine which groups would come under the UEF “Umbrella”. So far both WFM Belgium Section and Movimento Federalista Europeo had expressed interest in coming under the UEF umbrella. The IS would continue communicating with all the groups to resolve their status.

Next Council Meeting

Jim Christie reported that applications had been received for the 2006 Council Meeting to be held in Sri Lanka in late October or early November and that the 2007 Congress be held in Montreux in 2007 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Movement. Keith Best mentioned that James Arputharaj was planning to hold a seminar Colombo at that time whether or not the Council Meeting was held there. He also stated that there would be merit to holding the Council Meeting in the Global South to make it cheaper for participants traveling from that region of the world although at the meetings themselves there tends to be little interaction with the local community. Keith also mentioned that there would be a major cost in airfare for participants from other regions, and especially for the IS staff that would need to participate. James Arputharaj mentioned that the seminar he was planning to hold would look at the conflicts of the South Asia region and investigate how federalism could contribute to a solution to those problems. He also stated that he had looked into arrangements at a hotel in Colombo that would be able to provide accommodation, food, and meeting halls for a fixed price per person. Currently they were planning to hold the seminar on the 21-23 of October 2006. The 24th could be the start of the UN day seminar and the WFM Council Meeting. Bill Pace requested that James Arputharaj submit a formal application with all of the figures on cost and funding options to the IS. Bill Pace also mentioned his concern that because of the costs for travel and funding the Executive Committee, that the MOs and AOs must be willing to contribute to funding their representative’s travel costs. Rolf Haegler mentioned that he had a problem with the dates and inquired whether it would be possible to postpone the meeting a few days. Tony also recommended postponing the Meeting because travel in November was much cheaper than in October. Additionally, other MOs and AOs often liked to organize UN day events and those might conflict with the Council Meeting. Tony Fleming also stressed that wherever the Council meeting was to be held, that there needed to be a clear budget in advance. Bill Pace said that because there were so many important issues that needed to be discussed at the Council Meeting prior to the Congress, he wanted to be sure that people would be able to attend. It was agreed that the preferred site for the Council Meeting would be Colombo in late October.

Next Congress

Jim Christie noted that the consensus at the last Council Meeting was that the Congress be held in 2007 in Montreaux. Rolf Haegler stated that he was helping to organize a commemoration of the meeting in collaboration with the university of Fribourg along with a seminar on federalism and UN reform. It is possible that the University would be able to provide additional funding for the meeting and could provide staff and materials. Jim Christie mentioned that a “fallback” option was the University of Winnipeg which had cheap accommodations and facilities as well as staff and an office to support the materials that need to be produced. It was suggested that the meeting be held in the Fall of 2007. It was agreed to allow the EC to make the final decision on the location of the Congress, noting that the Council preferred Montreaux with Winnipeg as a backup option.

Discussion of the Statutes and By-Laws

Tony Fleming prefaced the discussion with the statement that many members had expressed the need to revise the Statutes and By-Laws. He mentioned that the CNSC had asked the officers, the members of the Committee, and relevant IS staff. He requested that Council affirm this group and the group would report on its progress at each EC meeting. He stated that Councillors, MOs, and AOs were encouraged to present their suggestions to the facilitating group and the results of this could be posted on the WFM website. Bill Pace stressed the need for MOs and AOs to go back to their relevant governing councils to formally identify an individual within each organization who would be the primary point of contact between the facilitating group and each individual organization. He also mentioned that although many questions had been distributed in the Council packets as a discussion paper, he wanted to stress the urgency for decisions on these issues. Jim Christie mentioned that co-opted and elected members of Council should be treated individually and be involved in the discussions. Keith Best briefly outlined his proposal to create an enlarged board by combining the functions of the Council and Executive Committee. In his proposal the Congress would meet much less frequently, if at all. Jim Christie asked the Council to break up into smaller groups and have a brief discussion of these issues.

After Jim Christie called the meeting back to order, Karen Hamilton took the floor and mentioned that one of the main points to come out of the discussion in her small group was that there needs to be a stronger relationship between the finances of the governance structure and the program priorities. Jim stated that the facilitating group should collect suggestions from MOs, AOs, and Individual Councillors. This discussion would be a standing item on all EC agendas and the facilitating group would report on its activities at each meeting. Peter Luff suggested that they set up as specific time frame for these discussions and a specific point of contact from each MO and AO. Fergus stated that he hoped that the discussion would not be centered specifically on Statutes and By-Laws, but that it would deal with a general view of how they wanted the movement to go forward in the future. The Statutes and By-laws changes should be a result of conclusions drawn from that discussion. The Council approved the general framework for continuing and leading the discussion. Bill Pace stated that the facilitating group should receive official notification of the contact person from each MO and AO on official letterhead, signed by the head of each organization.

Climate Change

Peter Luff reminded the Council of the seriousness of the climate change and called for a through debate within the Movement about how to address this issue. He referred to the lack of adequate institutions to deal with the problem and explained the different models used by governments. He recommended that it be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Join UEF/WFM Statement on UN Reform

Jim Christie explained that this joint statement came out of the session the previous day and may be sent to the media, but it was more of a show of solidarity with UEF. Lucio stated that he did not feel that the failure of the UN Summit and the need for the EU to speak with one voice were unrelated. He also felt it would be important to mention the contributions of the AU. Bill Pace asked that the Council approve the joint statement in principle and allow Lois Wilson to negotiate the details with the appropriate representative of UEF. Lucy Webster pointed out that there were a number of linguistic things about the document that needed to be cleared up. The Council agreed to the statement in principle and the idea that Lois Wilson would resolve the minor issues with UEF.

MO and AO Reports

Jim Christie asked that Councillors take ten minutes to review the MO and AO reports. At the end of the ten minutes he asked if anyone had questions about another organization's report or if an organization wished to supplement its report. Ton Macel mentioned that WFBN was supporting the publishing of a book about Dag Hammarskjöld and urged other Councillors to ask local libraries to purchase that book. Eric Schultz mentioned that DWF was promoting a book written by one of its major supporters, *One World One Democracy*. Joseph

Simbwa added that his organization had recently submitted a bill about the International Criminal Court to Ugandan Parliamentarians.

UN Parliamentary Assembly

Andreas Bummel presented the proposal of WFM support in favour of the UN Parliamentary Assembly. He stated that it was a favourable time to move on this issue, because it had been endorsed by other organizations recently. It is important to show that WFM and its members are aware of these initiatives. Jim Christie noted that this resolution could be an opportunity to reinforce the policy that had been adopted at Congress. Andreas moved to accept the resolution and Eric Schultz seconded. Fergus Watt reported on the discussions held by the Policy and Development Review Committee. He stated that the understanding was that the primary place for advocacy on these issues was at the national and regional level. The IS could serve as a repository of developments on these issues and possibly be a source of resource materials. He also suggested to amend the resolution by deleting lines 8-9 and to add the phrase “subsidiary bodies such as” at the end of line 11. Eric Schultz asked what the IS could do to promote a UN Parliamentary Assembly. Bill Pace responded that the IS had supported the publication of a monograph on Second Assemblies. The IS had also been following the developments of the relationship between the UN and the IPU. Recently the IPU had become much more open, inviting the IS to attend meetings and host side events. In addition, the IS has put forward a proposal on a civil society assembly. He noted that the IS hoped to continue to promote the discussion, but that foreign ministries at the UN did not approve a second assembly. The resolution was unanimously approved as amended.

MO/AO Reports (continued)

Aaron Knight reported on the activities of Citizens for Global Solutions. The past year had been working on communication with several initiatives online. In addition, they had launched a campaign against John Bolton’s nomination as US Ambassador to the UN. Although he was eventually nominated, it was still a successful campaign. This next year, CGS would be concentrating on expanding membership.

John Sutter suggested a resolution to congratulate Stephanie Getson, on behalf of the Council, for her efforts to ensure the success of the Council.

MO/AO Dues

John Sutter mentioned his disappointment over dues not having been paid. He asked Bill Pace why, if MOs and AOs are not willing to pay their dues, they should be able to vote. Jim Christie commented that this is a difficult situation to maintain.

World Federalist Archive

Bill Pace reported that the IS was hoping to compile resources on world federalism from around the world. Ton Macel mentioned that several boxes of WFM archival materials had been returned. Lucio Levi suggested that the materials be eventually housed in the US because that is where the movement was born and mentioned that universities were becoming less able to archive materials from outside organizations. Ed Chobanian suggested that state universities in the US often were required to accept archive materials from organizations that were registered in that state. Ton Macel suggested that materials in a specific language could be housed in the relevant country, however a record of it could be made in a central inventory.

Policy and Development Review Committee Report

Fergus Watt present the report of the Policy and Development review Committee. The Committee had agreed that there will be a compilation of various Congress, and other resolutions. The Committee also discussed Security Council Reform and agreed to produce short one-page summary of the discussions. The Committee also had a discussion about federalism and suggestions for how WFM could better become a repository of knowledge and resources on world federalism. The Committee agreed to produce a short summary of existing initiatives of other NGOs are doing to reform the Bretton Woods institutions and strengthening ECOSOC. The

Committee also discussed federalism and conflict resolution and agreed to produce a short two-pager on federalism and conflict resolution to be presented at the seminar at the next Council Meeting. In the Committee's discussion of the Global Marshall Plan, the recommended that WFM should broadly endorse the initiative, but recommend a name change. The Council agreed to support the Committee's recommendation. Andreas Bummel agreed to send the contact information to the IS.

Closing

Jim Christie thanked Bruno Boissiere and UEF for hosting the Council Meeting. Bill Pace thanked Bruno for his service to the Movement and expressed how he had enjoyed working with Bruno and hoped that it could continue. Bruno said that he was very grateful for all of the support that Movement had given him and that he hoped that they could continue to work together. Keith Best thanked Jim Christie for chairing the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.