

The Sapiens Society Incorporated.

Chairman's report: Year ended July 2007.

- 1. Background.** This is the Society's second Annual Report. Over the past year, the society has grown slowly. Over the past year, the number of hits on our website has more than doubled and membership has grown by about a third. We now have thirty-five members scattered throughout fourteen countries. Many of the members from outside New Zealand are active in other mundialist organisations, with their presence providing a valuable communication channel.
- 2. Conferences.** In December 2006, I attended a symposium on global governance held by the City Montessori School in Lucknow, India. A full report on this conference was contained in the subsequent issue of 'Determined.'
At the end of August, I will be attending the 60th Anniversary Conference of the World Federalist Movement (of which Sapiens is an Associate organisation) in Geneva. Both these conferences have provided an opportunity for people, who are active in the fragmented mundialist movement, to come together to work on the creation of an umbrella organisation designed to present the world with a more unified and more readily comprehensible front. This is the global initiative referred to in the first annual report. The next issue of the newsletter will provide a report on the Geneva meeting.
- 3. Simpol-NZ Inc.** As was anticipated in the previous annual report, Simpol-NZ has now been incorporated and has started to make progress. Many of our New Zealand members are members of both Sapiens and Simpol-NZ. I will be publishing a separate Annual report for that society shortly, so will not include much detail here.

As Sapiens members will be aware, Simpol is what could be termed a "precursor" organisation. Through its working through existing national democratic parliamentary process to influence political decisions in the direction of internationally cooperative outcomes, it will enable mundialist policies to be propagated, debated, and, it is to be hoped, ultimately, implemented.

As re-iterated in the June Newsletter, Sapiens' chosen route to mundialism is via the Andy Strauss route of the Inter-State Treaty

Process. It has become ever more apparent to me that the most hopeful way in which the requisite initial grouping of thirty or so independent states could come about, is through the initial success of Simpol campaigns in those countries. The only alternative I can see to a Simpol success, is in an overwhelming, grassroots response to a referendum campaign such as that being mounted by Vote World Government. (Again: see the June Newsletter.) For the above reason, I do not apologise for having devoted far more of my available time in the past year to getting Simpol-NZ established than to the expansion and development of Sapiens.

- 4. TrustPower.** In the previous Annual Report, reference was made to the use of a controversial local issue as a means of activating public opinion and sensitising them to the potential faults in the global system on which their state of innocent bliss depends. In this context I mentioned the attempt of an international corporate, through TrustPower, its local subsidiary, to divert the major portion of an iconic braided river in order to generate a very small amount of energy. (We suspect, the board's justification for such a marginally economic generation scheme, is to gain rights over water, which they can subsequently sell to agriculturists made increasingly desperate by climate change.)

In June, the report of the judicial hearing into the TrustPower application was made public. Much to everyone's surprise, given the weight of the technical evidence against the proposal presented to the commissioners, the ruling was in favour of TrustPower's application. This was on the basis that in the commissioners' view the extraction of 60% of the river's average flow would have an effect on the river that was "minor or less than minor." Economic expansion still wins over environment nearly every time. The case will now be appealed to the Environment Court, where it has all the makings of one of the most significant and controversial cases ever to be heard there.

Immediately following the publication of the commissioners' report, Save the Wairau River Inc. held its AGM. To my surprise, and initial dismay, I found myself elected Chairman of the Society. For the next year or so, this will be a hugely time-consuming position (hence no Sapiens newsletter in July.) Though it will distract me from my routine work with both Sapiens and Simpol, the longer-term outcome will, I hope, be to greatly enhance the penetration into New Zealand public awareness of the idea behind

both these societies. Already, I find myself in almost daily discussion with national journalists, politicians and other key public figures. The tempo will build up as, in two weeks time, we are due to launch a nation-wide PR campaign.

- 5. Sapiens Promise.** Sapiens Promise is our Website dealing with the search for justice in the Middle East and to thereby reduce the possibility of yet further wars designed to secure the Realm of Israel. One of our members, Leslie Bravery, has been keeping the site alive. However, no work has been done on expanding its list of four hundred or more linked organisations and the two hundred or so organisations that receive its bulletins.

We are not doing this site justice. It has the potential to perform a significant role in helping to resolve the conflict. It is extremely frustrating to see the waste of this opportunity. In the last report the finding of a management team to operate this site was stated as a first priority for the year. It remains so for the coming year.

- 6. Financial.** The costs of the society have been carried out of my own pocket for the last year – and will be for the next. It is hoped that the financials for the year ended July 31st 2007 will be finalised by the accountant in time to be posted on the Website before the AGM. Failing that, they will be emailed out to members at the earliest possible date thereafter.
- 7. The AGM.** Last year's AGM was not only a virtual meeting on the Internet but was also virtually unattended. This year's AGM starting at 1100hrs NZ time is both at a real location in Marlborough and virtual, on the Website. The details and Agenda have already been circulated.
- 8. Conclusion.** Another slow year for the Society – but things are happening. The same tempo will no doubt be maintained until more members come on board and more members find they have the time and enthusiasm to become active participants in the campaign.

Hugh Steadman,
Chairman, >
5/08/07.

I don't know if anyone tried to participate in the virtual AGM and failed but if you did and require a second chance, here goes!

Firstly the financial report which, by the rules of the society has to be distributed to all members, are posted on the Sapiens website at <http://www.sapiens.org.nz/pdf/accounts.pdf>

Agenda for AGM **Sapiens Movement Incorporated**

To be held from 1200hrs (NZ Time) 2100hrs, Saturday 11th August 2007 at
the Society's Registered Office at Rapid 393, Redwood Pass Road, Blenheim, New Zealand.
And by Internet using the forum at the Sapiens Website.

Present: In person:-

Present: On line:-

Information Posted on Website Prior to AGM. Members are encouraged to comment on any of these posted items prior to the meeting. Discussion on points raised will take place during the meeting.

1. Apologies:

2. Minutes: The minutes of last year's AGM are attached

3. Chairman's Report. Will be posted alongside this agenda on the Sapiens Website at www.sapiens.org.nz

4. Presentation of proposed Standing Orders. According to the existing Rules of the Society,
"6.2.4 The business and procedures of the conference and the AGM shall be governed by Standing Orders which shall include procedures on decision taking. *These Standing Orders shall be presented to and approved by a majority of members present at the first AGM.* They shall include electronic provision for those members unable to attend to have their votes taken into consideration".

It is proposed that the writing and approval of these Standing Orders should be delayed by a further year and until the Society is better established, has more active members and has better determined the optimum arrangements for its executive functions. In the meantime the rules alone would seem to provide adequate procedures.

5. Election of Officers. Currently the officers of the Society are:

- Chairman – Hugh Steadman
- Chief Executive Officer – Hugh Steadman
- Treasurer – Wayne Bailey (Non-Member.)

- Webmaster – Steve
- General Secretary – Hugh Steadman.

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If any member would like to stand for any of these offices or propose another member, could they please put this proposal forward at the earliest point of the day's proceedings so that we have plenty of time to reach consensus or, if need be, to vote on the matter. (See Section 10 of the rules.)

Is this a satisfactory board structure? Should the Society appoint an advisory board? If so, who should it consist of and what should be its function? Do we have any members willing to commit time to such a board?

6. Financial:

- Unaudited Balance sheet and statement of Income & Expenditure for 2006/2007 will be posted on the Website. All funding came as a donation from the Chairman.
- Estimated Statement of Income & Expenditure for 2007/2008 year will be posted on the Website

Business to be conducted during the meeting.

- **Discussion** on Chairman's report of activities up to the AGM and on proposals for the coming year.
- **Remits** put forward by members for discussion.
- **Discussion** of voluntary work towards achieving goals of Sapiens and its associated initiatives, Sapiens Promise and Simpol-NZ.
- **Discussion** on Standing Orders and the timing of their production and adoption.
- **Nominations** for election of officers and committee members: (Nominations to be accepted from the floor.) Discussion of appointment of Advisory Board.
- **Any other business.**