



Discussion Paper

International Council Police Representative Associations

"The Future"

At the 2006 ICPRA meeting in Texas the Council adopted the following Objects of the organisation:

- (a) to promote the rights, efficiency and welfare of Police Officers worldwide;
- (b) to foster and assist in the establishment of police representative associations across the world;
- (c) to secure the participation of, and influence of ILEC members in the administration, development and planning of international policing initiatives;
- (d) to cooperate with like organizations;
- (e) to promote international improvements in policing methods and the standard of policing; and
- (f) to enhance the professional standing of members of ICPRA.

It was agreed that the Membership of ICPRA be restricted to national police representative associations and a "condition of membership" protocol will be discussed at the 2008 meeting. It was also agreed that funding be by mutual agreement of member organizations, however a reasonable registration fee may be charged for attending the ICPRA Biennial Conference.

From the 2006 meeting an Executive Committee was formed which consisted of:

Chair	Greg O'Connor (NZ)
Secretariat	Dale Kinnear (CPA)

Committee:

Peter Ibsen	(Denmark)
Joe Grant	(SPF)
Chuck Canterbury	(FOP)
Mark Burgess	(PFA)

A logo has been agreed upon & a website developed all through the good work of Dale Kinnear from the Canadian Police Association.

It was agreed that the Committee would develop the strategic direction of the ICPRA by:

- Identifying key international policing issues;
- Developing strategies in relation to dealing with those issues from an international perspective;
- Using the research capacity of our organizations and the identification and collation of research that has already been undertaken on those issues identified;
- Developing a communication strategy; and
- Identifying and establishing liaison with identified international policing and related bodies to build credibility and relevance of ICPRA.

The Committee was also tasked with developing a discussion paper re the possible development of an ICPRA Journal and a further discussion paper on how the ICPRA can assume the International Policing Voice.

Whilst the Committee has endeavoured to meet those objects, it has all been done via the good will of the CPA & the NZPA who have taken the responsibility so far for all costs associated with running the ICPRA over the past two (2) years, including the development of the ICPRA website, the cost of teleconference for the Executive Committee and travel costs for both Greg O'Connor and Dale Kinnear.

Late in 2007 affiliates of the ICPRA was also asked to assist in funding a court matter for Swaziland police. As a result of that request the Executive Committee developed a proposed policy in relation to future donations requested of Branches which will also be discussed at the 2008 meeting. There was no ability for the ICPRA to assist financially as there are no funds for the organization.

This year we will hear a presentation from Mark Rammell representing the NZALPA and the International Federation of Air Line Pilots who will give an overview of their international association which will allow us to determine any future direction of the ICPRA.

Executive Committee:

Following the decision in Texas to establish an Executive committee, it would seem appropriate that such a Committee be continued.

As I understand, the current committee was selected from the meeting in 2006 with no clear prerequisite for positions with the exception of the Chair being from the affiliate who was to host the next ICPRA. If it is agreed that

the Committee process be continued, then the 2008 meeting will need to determine the most effective and representative process, including the pre requisite for the Chair being the host of the subsequent meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the 2008 ICPRA meeting elect an Executive committee to oversee the operations of the ICPRA and to plan for the 2010 meeting

That the elected committee re visit the key strategic direction issues as developed at the 2006 ICPRA

Funding:

One of the key issues that will need to be determined will be that of funding the organization. One idea that was floated several years ago was a fee structure based on the number of members an affiliate has. The suggestion was that 1USc per member per annum be struck as a membership (a maximum subscription could be placed on this figure to prevent bigger organizations from carrying the bulk of the financial responsibility for the organization and there may also need to be consideration for the waiving of subscriptions for less established organisations). Regardless of how we arrive at a figure as an annual sub, there is no doubt that such a process will be warranted to enable the ICPRA to operate more effectively.

A bank account would need to be opened in whatever country the Secretariat was established and a procedure for auditing and accounting developed. Likewise an appropriate methodology for the expenditure of any funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a membership fee for membership of the ICPRA be struck

That a bank account in the name of the ICPRA be opened in the country of the ICPRA Secretariat

That the Executive Committee establish an appropriate process for auditing and accounting of the ICPRA account

That the Executive Committee establish a methodology for the expenditure of funds

