

Southeast Asia & Australia NVC Meeting, April 7, 2006

In attendance: John Buck, USA, Liz Gay, Singapore; Sherry Macree, Sydney; Cate Crombie, Brisbane; Linda Rysenbry, Sydney, Tena Meadows O'Rear, USA; Aniruddha, India; Dorset Campbellross, Byron Bay; Catherine Singer, Soule.

John began the meeting with Opening Round, followed by a brief history of NVC's introduction to Sociocracy, in Brussels, March, 2005. John explained that he was invited to introduce Sociocracy to the CNVC Board to assist them in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of their meetings. The Board reacted very favorably to the methodology, and determined that they would like to introduce Sociocracy to NVC. The goal defined in a meeting in Albuquerque two weeks ago was to develop a Global Coordination Circle (GCC), comprised of people elected from different parts of the world. This structure would replace the current Board, which would be merged into this new structure. The GCC it will assume all the responsibilities currently held by the CNVC Board, as well as broader responsibilities relative to the global nature of the organization.

John provided brief historical information on Sociocracy. He suggested that people find more information on CNVC.org/Sociocracy.htm. He followed this with an introduction of the four key concepts of Sociocracy.

John proposed to use the Sociocratic election process to elect a Southeast Asia/Australia representative to the GCC. This representative would participate in the development of a global structure for the NVC movement, and determining policy for NVC operations. Meetings will initially be a series of phone calls at a frequency determined by the GCC, beginning in June. Representatives are expected from Eastern Europe, France, USA, Germany. The exact definition of each region will be determined by the GCC. John stated that this region would initially include India, Korea, Australia, Singapore (all Asia, except for Middle East).

Following clarifying questions, John called for Quick Reactions to the proposal:

- > Liz – like it a lot; strategy that can work to bring people in this area together, and perhaps establish positive future possibilities
- > Sherry – curious; wondering whether selecting one person is appropriate; undecided
- > Kate – excited
- > Linda – welcoming experimentation; not clear whether one person is appropriate; also wondering how quickly within the first six months this question will come up for review in GCC
- > Tena – positive about strategy as a way of harnessing regional energy and moving toward eventual ideal model
- > Annirudda – excited; a seed has been planted; like to see how it grows
- > Dorset – like the idea of GCC, and happy with this proposal as an interim measure

> Catherine – would like to move proposal forward; it's a living process; we'll keep learning and adjusting; like getting started

Elect representative of Asian/Australian Region to GCC (approximately monthly meeting) starting in June through December, and assuming that this regional group continues to meet monthly, that this decision be reevaluated as appropriate. This proposal was approved in a no objection Round. John facilitated the election, in which Liz Gay was elected as representative.

Liz shared that she has some concerns about the financial commitment that is involved. However she said that she is happy to participate in meetings by phone. Over time, she stated that she believes each local network should finance its representative. John clarified that whether the GCC would have any face-to-face meetings will be a decision of the GCC, for instance, whether the October meeting will be held face-to-face, will be considered at the June meeting.

John proposed another phone conference because this meeting was overtime due to mechanical problems. He volunteered to facilitate the meeting without charge. The agenda of this meeting will be as stated on the last Power Point slide, *What Next?*

Tena agreed to send the minutes to Liz and John, with a brief email stating the outcome of the election for Catherine to take to the Board of Directors as a consent issue. Liz will forward them to the whole group.

Next meeting: 4/25/06, 7am India and Sri Lanka; 8am South Korea; 9am Singapore; 11am Queensland; 12pm New South Wales; 4/24/06 9pm Eastern US

Closing Round

Sherry – happy with this meeting; nervous about next

Kate – appreciative of the process; quickest we've made any decision

Linda – very thrilled with process; excited to learn more about Sociocracy

Tena – positive start; thanks to John for facilitation and Liz for dealing with technical problems; wonder whether there are any pre-meeting changes that can be made to avoid technical problems next meeting

Aniruddha – enjoyed being with all; celebrate this meeting

Dorset – very happy with this meeting; appreciate John's skill and knowledge

Catherine – grateful for John's facilitation; learn each meeting; celebrating big step

John – felt like I was on a galloping horse with the technical problems, but felt more like a team.

Liz – greatly relieved that we accomplished the agenda and only ran over by half an hour – less than usual; asks everyone to be careful about technical issues; so

we won't experience technical problems; also want to extend invitation to
Cumarjeev, India, and Father Chris, Sri Lanka will be invited to next meeting.
Thanks to John; really appreciate this; it's making a difference for us.