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Agenda

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TITLE : 2nd weekly Committee conference.

Time and place 17:00 GMT to 19:29 GMT Online Skype conference

Participants: Liz Ashley, Nara Petrovic, Peteris Spels, Steven Amey

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1.	Status of Organisation	<p>Liz contacted GEN and is awaiting a reply, via phone. Their aims are very close to our own and networking with them will be useful.</p> <p>We will begin writing the goals of our own Organisation down.</p> <p>In the forums they like the idea of being a non – profit Organisation.</p> <p>Igor is the main organizer on the Russian and Ukrainian forums. We hope he will contact us to find out whether they are going to go with us or work parallel on their Own Russian/Ukrainian Organisation.</p> <p>Peteris has been attempting to contact Igor. And called him 2 days in a row, every few hours. He has not yet responded. He also sent an email.</p> <p>If he does not respond, we must move on.</p> <p>Liz offered to research the legal implications becoming a non- profit Organisation.</p>	<p>Steven wonders Vladimir's thoughts on all this. "Everything we are doing to co- create this Organisation is being done only because it was his request that such an Organisation be created."</p> <p>Has anyone heard of his thoughts on this?</p>
2.	Constitution	<p>Everyone agreed to work on writing goals down for the Constitution. It was noted that these may then be posted online with encouragement for others to add their own suggestions.</p>	<p>Steven searched online, but did not yet find The GEN Constitution. He will continue looking.</p>

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		<p>Nara has a partially translated document from Slovenian to English of the document we have seen in Turkey... This may be useful. But, it is not a Constitution.</p> <p>A sample Constitution to be used as a guide post was discussed...</p> <p>The GEN Constitution was suggested as a reference point since our aims are similar.</p>	
3.	Country of registration	<p>A deadline of one week was set for The Committee members along with the help of those on the forum to choose the country of registration.</p> <p>Slovenia was discussed as potential Country of first registration.</p> <p>In Slovenia there is local multi-lingual support, most everyone speaks English, and the country is easily accessible, in regards to Visa's etc...</p> <p>Edith Bartko, is helping a lot, talking to local officials etc... she agreed to be a contact in Slovenia.</p> <p>Liz mentioned the country of registration can be in any country. She is familiar with this and the registration, just needs be a registered office in the country of choice.</p> <p>Nara will study the local legislation for registering in Slovenia.</p> <p>Peteris said it is not easy to set up something International in Latvia, Belarus, or Russia.</p> <p>The Committee agreed it is wise to register ASAP.</p> <p>Peteris will send out the request for help online.</p>	
4.	Name of Association	<p>The committee agreed that the use of the word "Anastasia" in the title of the Organisation should not be used.</p> <p>Nara offered writing down some name suggestions for the forum to discuss as well as asking the forum members to offer their own name suggestions for the Association.</p>	<p>In the Books Anastasia herself requests that her name Not be used in such a way. The committee felt it was best to honour Anastasia's request.</p> <p>One example of this can be found in book 3: chapter 22 – The Anastasia Centers, Page 173 in the English edition.</p>

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		<p>Then the readers decide which name they like best.</p> <p>The Committee favored the title: World Wide Ringing Cedars Association. It was also agreed the words "World Wide" and "Association" were good choices.</p> <p>Nara mentioned that a number of people in the forum liked the title: KEDR- which is the phonetic spelling of the word – "cedar".</p> <p>Nara also expressed that perhaps the name "Ringing Cedars" was good because it is familiar but it may be holding us back if we become too tied to the idea of it.</p> <p>It was also noted that Vladimir himself recommended using the words "Ringing Cedars", because it is already familiar to many people.</p> <p>We can list name options online and let people decide which ones they like best.</p>	<p>"If people plan to name all the centres after me, it will result in the formation of a cult, and that must not be. A personality or image cult always distracts Man from the essential thing, from himself." Anastasia.</p> <p>I think it is also mentioned elsewhere in the series, when Vladimir discusses using her name or image in regard to selling something... but I have not found it yet. - Steven</p> <p>Steven expressed confusion about the name Ringing Cedars as it is already unfortunately sometimes regarded as a "sect".</p> <p>However, this was Vladimir's suggestion.</p>
5.	Funding	<p>Peteris suggested setting up a bank account and asking for donations.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is best to swiftly set up the website and give people the options of making donations.</p> <p>It was also suggested that people on the forums be asked to come up with ways to help raise funds using their own creativity.</p> <p>Peteris suggested we must take care, so as to not appear like beggars, and to find ways to make money for the Organisation on our own</p> <p>Liz and Peteris spoke of things like possibly importing and exporting heritage seeds and selling t-shirts. And that a department like this will need to be created.</p> <p>Liz noted that people who make donations need to know what they are getting for their donations, membership benefits etc... People need to know what they are donating</p>	

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6.	Conference spreadsheet	<p>Liz stated we need help on this from forum volunteers by providing a spreadsheet they can fill in., visa info, country accessibility, etc...</p> <p>Write down the pros and cons of each country suggested.</p> <p>The committee agreed the forum members should offer their countries, listing pros and cons on the provided spreadsheet.</p> <p>Then we will list the offered countries on a spreadsheet and show the forum members why we chose one country and rejected another, based on Pros and cons.</p> <p>Liz will make an Organisational chart.</p> <p>The chart will be put online.</p>	<p>Liz said we need a more explicit spread sheet, one that is better explained.</p> <p>Liz will look at the current spreadsheet and email everybody with the notes.</p>
7.	Organisational structure	<p>Nara said that we need to know what positions we require, what sort of departments we will need.</p> <p>Liz – We need to start with the structure, what is our mission and aims etc...</p> <p>Peteris offered to create a chart and everyone can put their suggestions in there.</p> <p>Liz proposed a typical company structure.</p> <p>Liz- We need an external as well as internal legal entity.</p>	<p>Peteris will send Liz a chart for the structure. Liz will make corrections, then send it to everyone and we can offer suggestions. Peteris has the software for this.</p>
8.	Website	<p>Everything Nara needs for the website is in the email he sent us.</p> <p>Nara already has a template for the web page that is half way done.</p> <p>Liz stated the importance of quality control in responding to inquiries, and tracking, etc... directed to the Organisation.</p> <p>Liz and Peteris suggested since</p>	<p>Steven agrees with Nara, green is the colour to predominate. Perhaps with hints of gold or golden yellow.</p> <p>Graphics- Nature, perhaps knotted, golden, design-work patterns that are common in old cultures around the globe.</p>

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		<p>Steven is an artist perhaps he can offer some design ideas, decorations and such for the website to Nara and Marco. Steven agreed to this.</p> <p>It was suggested the site have a resource section/skills data base where people can offer the skills and service, that we need now to build the Organisation efficiently.</p> <p>It was also noted that a logo for the website may need to be designed.</p> <p>Peteris mentioned that we have legal rights to use the Ringing Cedars logos and such.</p> <p>Peteris recommended putting photographs and videos of the elections on the homepage.</p> <p>Peteris mentioned that when creating a homepage there should be the keywords, "Ringing Cedars", and "Anastasia" so that people who have read the books can find us. Nara knows this.</p> <p>There will be links to all the other pages from our site.</p>	
9.	Volunteers / Help	<p>Nara's friends are volunteering for now.</p> <p>The Committee agreed put a call out to volunteers on the forums listing the tasks that need to be done.</p> <p>We need volunteers for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Countries of registration - For English countries-(legal work) - Country for holding next Conference-(Where will it be held?) - To make a team to organize the next Conference. - For data base of skills-(to attract those willing to help to the Organisation) . <p>Peteris mentioned that we will need a professional IRT team who must</p>	

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		<p>be paid to keep the site running.</p> <p>It was agreed something must be written down and emailed out.</p>	
10.	Any other business	<p>Skype communications were poor and we kept losing connections.</p> <p>The need for an official language was mentioned on the forums.</p> <p>Peteris agreed with the forum members that Russian was a good language, for obvious reasons. But, it was also noted that this Organisation is International and needs two Languages.</p> <p>We must deal with EU and UN, which apart from a local UN, must be communicated to in English.</p> <p>Russian and English were agreed on as the most practical Language choices.</p> <p>Some of the departments discussed for the Organisation were; a department for getting the funding for earning money on our own selling things etc, organizing seminars for learning.</p> <p>Liz stated the Committee needs an Agenda work sheet for next meeting.</p> <p>In the forums some were upset and said there was no voting for such a committee. This issue was quickly dropped, for everything was recorded at the conference and will be posted on the homepage.</p> <p>It was agreed that the committee will keep posting their progress on the forums.</p> <p>There were good suggestions made by people on the forums. Peteris suggested contacting them and asking them to volunteer.</p>	<p>Liz kept losing connection.</p> <p>Nara's connection was poor and then lost altogether.</p> <p>Peteris stated that the Organisation must carry on. We are not creating a Russian Organisation. It is a world-wide Organisation. This is an important point. This was Vladimir's request. And it must include, not exclude.</p> <p>It was noted that the people in the Ukraine speak both Russian and English, and on the forums they agree with two languages.</p>

