

Society for Sensory Professionals
October 29, 2007 Tampa, Florida, Held at ASTM Venue
Meeting Minutes

Present: C. Civile, M. Wolf, C. Findlay, C. Van Dongen, J. Robichaud, A. Goldman, J. Kenny, B. Pappas, S. Ojeh, D. Germain, L. Templeton, C. Kelly, C. Hekert.

1. A brief history of meeting held on this topic was summarized by G. Civile. First meeting was held at Toronto Spring 2006 ASTM and there have been two additional meetings since then (The Hague, September, 2006 Sense of Diversity Conference and in Minneapolis, MN Pangborn, August, 2007).

2. Mission/Scope statement was refined and agreed upon, using inputs from all the e-mails C. Van Dongen received and the group discussion. Everyone agreed that the final draft was a starting point and additional revisions may be made given inputs from the sensory community.

3. Society Management: Blackwell and Elsevier were two organizations contacted to manage the group. To work with them, we would have to have the following:

1. Defined Mission/Scope,
2. Elected Officers, and
3. Application for a Non-Profit status.

The group agreed that this should be pursued, although not a necessary ending point. We may decide to manage the budget and administrative work ourselves in order to ensure all energies are returned to the organization and benefit its members. G. Civile will look further into these options.

4. Temporary Officials Designated (Until Elections can be held):

Co-Chairs - G. Civile, E. Chambers,
Finance - M. Wolf,
Secretary/Historian - C. Van Dongen/R. Bleibaum,
Communications & Website - Kernon Gibes/Chris Findlay

5. The sensory.org website will be changed to have an SSP link where Mission/Scope and minutes are to be posted. Input from members can also be recorded. All activities of the organization will thus be completely transparent. Additional web site possibilities discussed but more information and responses from members need to be tallied before a decision is taken.

6. Goal is to arrange meetings along with existing Sensory & Consumer meetings so members can conveniently cover two meetings in one trip. First meeting tentatively planned in Cincinnati piggy-backed with fall ASTM meeting. M. Wolf and G. Civile to gather more information to determine feasibility.

7. Next meeting via phone conference call: Date, time TBD