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World Bush Mechanic Volunteers - the Gaian Artifice

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Introduction

From its formation in mid 2001 to its finalisation some 2½ years later I was directly involved with CIVIDA. Meetings were for 3 hrs per week with 3hrs work to do during the week between meetings. One of the outcomes of these citizen deliberations was this document. At any one time there were about a half dozen people involved in CIVIDA.

Declaration

Clearly the preparation of this document now a Bush Mechanics Auxiliary occurred between 2001 and 2003 and was a joint effort. Subsequent to the preparation of the original document I have incorporated the bush mechanic concept. I am not the author of this document. Ownership was jointly and severally, products such as the contents of this document were developed for open global consideration. As the group no longer exists there is no 'one' owner of the intellectual property and this basis I have edited this document.

In particular I wish to thank Richard Mochelle for his patient and persistent work over the years in the direction of Global Civic Governance.

Rationale

Given the above considerations this document/idea has been included in the Bush Mechanics Auxiliaries to illustrate two things (a) the global potential of a networked group of civically responsible Bushy's¹ and (b) the concrete nature of this potential international initiative.

¹ Clearly systems of communication would be most important for such an initiative e.g. the Internet - web based clearing house and email



Constituting a *World Bush Mechanic Stewardship Service Network*

2001, the UN Year of the Volunteer

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We take for granted the institutional idea of a State or Federal Public Service whose office-holders are obliged to act impartially, justly and without prejudice towards all citizens of the world developing exemplar projects in the interests of making a better future for all.

In view of the global situation, there is growing need now for a World Bush Mechanic Stewardship Service (WBMS) of integrity. We face mounting global challenges that threaten the interests of all, problems that may not be resolvable by rival nations acting in their self-interest. It is surely time to constitute a trustworthy body of self-organising 'protective yet creative' genuine public servants, who can be relied upon to serve impartially, fairly and without prejudice towards ensuring a positive future for all beings in the world.

If people are to be trusted to serve impartially, without conflict of interest, they must neither be allegiance bound to any nation, nor belong to any nation. This implies the establishment of a new, democratically organised world service network that functions in parallel and cooperatively with UN agencies, but not subordinate to the UN.

If such public service is to be trusted in a world rife with corruption, they must be strongly resistant to bribery and the temptations of salaries and special privileges. They must be able to address priority needs and challenges without undue concern for earning a living. They must be able to exercise integrity without charging, to serve consistently with a volunteer mind-set.

To enable them to do so their basic needs must be met, free of charge, as far as possible. They will require accommodation, transport, medical care, food and so forth. Such freedom to serve could be enabled only by a large scale, Internet-facilitated institution that achieved two paramount objectives, the first being *omni-diversity* in its service roles and functions. The choice to perform as world public servants must be open to anyone, in any country, no less to farmers, miners and truck-drivers as to planners, managers, educators and social innovators. The service will have the capacity, in conjunction with local needs, ideas, contributions, and 'regulations', to design and build hospitals, energy plants, transport systems and whole ecotowns, as well as soft systems of governance, planning, participation, socio-economic systems, NGO's themselves and so forth. All concrete expressions of Active Practical Wisdom at work to act ahead wisely in order to seek to build a better world for our children's children.

By blending learning, service and work we approach the original meaning of the enlightenment. Here thinking and doing are integrated into exemplar projects which are collectively prioritised from the needs of the Global Problematique, designed to demonstrate a practical response to the question - *given the present global problematique and its emergent priorities how then shall we live together today for a better world tomorrow for our children?* This would ensure that, in the long run, the service could be self-supporting when a sufficiently large scale.

In the shorter and medium term, an equal stipend support system – such as modeled by the Salvation Army – will enable each to purchase items not provided by the service, with funding provided by donation and by similar strategies used by prominent charitable service agencies. Basic provision for families 'back home' and some form of superannuation will be included and further such volunteer services can be full or part time thereby allowing for other forms of learning, service and work. The second paramount objective of the institution will be to function as a world property custodianship to maintain land and buildings in perpetual trust for free access by World Servants, volunteer and non-profit community organisations (and for limited lease, on an affordability basis, to the commercial sector).

Such a World Bush Mechanic Public/Trustee/Stewardship Service (WBMS) institution could provide tremendous service opportunities for the millions around the world committed to a voluntaristic service ethic, but who, on their own, have no option but to earn a living in unfulfilling employment. It could also provide a freedom gateway for millions of refugees who because they belong to no nation are ideally situated to move toward a nationally transcendent service support structure.

To maintain the integrity, credibility and democratic governance of such world service, qualification will need to be conditional on candidates undertaking a non-doctrinaire integrity development and civic communication course. Committed to the building of such world public service system, for instance in 2001 UN declared Year of the Volunteer, CIVIDA's action research associates are voluntarily undertaking such course themselves and have progressed considerably in its development.

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