



ICOMOS General Assembly

faced with appointments to the Board instead of elections. Only one name was brought to our attention after the Nominating Committee made its recommendation, that of Bill De-Grace. He was subsequently appointed as a Member-at-large.

It is a matter which will be addressed by the English-Speaking Committee at its spring meeting to be held this May in Halifax. In the meantime please be advised that there will be two vacancies from the west, two vacancies from central Canada, and one vacancy from the Maritimes (east) to the Board of Directors, and there will be four vacancies for Members-at-large. Should anyone from the English Speaking-Committee wish to have their names put onto the slate for election please write to me, care of ICOMOS Canada, and I shall ensure the Elections Committee will receive your name. If no one comes forward, we shall be faced once more with having to appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend at slate. Democracy depends upon participation and only your participation will make ICOMOS Canada more democratic.

In the meantime the Executive of the English-Speaking Committee would like to thank Gouhar Simison and Anna Kozlowski for their work as the Nomination Committee for the 1991 Board.



Herb Stovel is the new Secretary-General of ICOMOS International

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The ICOMOS General Assembly is held every third year in a different country. This year, it was held in Lausanne, Switzerland. ICOMOS Canada was well represented by a delegation of twenty participants.

During this year's General Assembly, ICOMOS' governing body was entirely renewed. The President, R. Di Stefano, withdrew his candidature to the post of President following a flamboyant speech declaring that he considered ICOMOS to be an 'organization of cadavers'; several other candidatures to important posts were withdrawn because the candidates had already reached the maximum amount of time that they were entitled to serve on the Executive according to ICOMOS' By-laws. One can easily imagine that all this activity took place amid quite a bit of chaos. Jacques Dalibard played an important role in keeping ICOMOS together as an organization through these agitated moments. I was nominated as the General Assembly's Rapporteur.

Roland Silva from Sri Lanka was elected President; Herb Stovel from Canada was elected Secretary General, and Jan Jessurun of the Netherlands was elected Treasurer General. Several other new Vice-Presidents were elected, including Elliott Carroll from the United States. This new team is committed to establishing a more democratic organization less focused on European

questions, and to initiate the process of developing a strategic plan.

Pierre Nadon from Canada was elected as the Chairman of the ICOMOS International Committee on Archaeological Resources Management. This international committee's secretariat will be moving from Stockholm to Montreal. The ICOMOS Charter on Archaeology was officially adopted.

Dozens of resolutions were adopted and hours were spent discussing the Symposium's themes.

ICOMOS was asked to develop a strategic plan, become more democratic, less Europeocentrist,

make better use of its National Committees in supporting the World Heritage Convention, manage its affairs in a more business-like way and become more relevant to its members and the general public. The Venice Charter is still a central tool notwithstanding its weaknesses which are recognized by everyone, and education was again confirmed as a top priority for the organization and the conservation movement as a whole.

ICOMOS Canada and US/ICOMOS were invited by all Latin American countries to join them in a sub-regional group made up of all ICOMOS National Committees from North, Central and South America. It was argued that the existing subdivision where Canada and the U.S. were considered as part of the European sub-group and Latin America was considered as another cultural entity created a sub-division based on wealth as opposed to culture.

The participants felt that ICOMOS is now heading in the right direction in preparing for the XXIst century.