

**SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF  
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**Executive committee:** Graham Fox (President),  
David Lane (Secretary and Spokesperson), Des  
Chambers and Roger Payne.

**ANNOUNCING  
SPCS AGM 2007**

**7.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.**

**Monday 18 June**

**(Audited Financial Statements for 2006 will  
be presented and the Election of new officers).**

*Followed at 8.15 p.m. by  
Guest Speaker*

**Roger Payne**

**M.Agr. Sc.** (Lincoln), **MBA** (Michigan State  
University), Assoc. Fellow NZ Institute of  
Management, Churchill Fellow and Rotary  
Foundation Fellow

**Public Address**

**(Followed by Discussion & Supper  
ALL are warmly invited)**

**Title: "Miscarriages of Justice  
Affecting Families: Implications  
for Society".**

**Venue: Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce  
(off Hill St), Thorndon, Wellington.**

Roger will deal with six representative case studies involving the dealings of Child, Youth and Families Services (CYFS) with families. He contends that each case has involved serious injustices committed against the family by CYFS.

**ADDRESSING THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL  
CRISIS SEE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ON P. 2**

**ANNOUNCING  
SPCS FORWARD PLANNING  
WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL  
SOCIETY MEMBERS  
Yes Please ALL Come!**

**Saturday 16 June 2007**

**10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.**

**Viard Lounge, Catholic Centre  
(off Hill Street, Thorndon)**

The decision to plan towards such a workshop open to ALL members came about from a Special Meeting of the Society held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 and follows the recommendations of a sub-committee that reported to that meeting. That committee concluded that SPCS needs "to have a five-year strategy and it put forward a draft strategy that covered 10 key strategies and called for a monitoring of and reporting against a 12-month action plan each month. A key focus of the Society's concerns should be children and families. A priority should be to establish a long term sustainable funding base. The executive committee's facilitating role would be to ensure that we achieved as wide a participation from members as possible in the administration and ongoing work of the Society." The sub-committee's discussion paper will be the focus of the workshop. (see Minutes summary p. 2)

A facilitator will insure that ALL members have more than ample opportunities to contribute towards the forward planning of the Society's work. This Special Meeting of the Society has the powers to recommend motions to the AGM, determine future direction, discuss finances etc. For more details see our Society's website [www.spcs.org.nz](http://www.spcs.org.nz)

Please email us with any of your queries  
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**The Society's Executive committee and sub-committee urge ALL members who can come to come prepared with fresh ideas that can help us move forward for the next five years.**

**Summary of Minutes of Special Society Meeting**  
**Held 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2006**

*(Note: Members: please contact us my e-mail if you wish to see a full copy of the Minutes)*

The auditor's reports for the Society's Financial Years 2003, 2004, and 2005 were received and approved. (These are available on-line under the "Incorporated Societies" section of the Companies Website [www.companies.govt.nz](http://www.companies.govt.nz) ).

A report from the special sub-committee looking the future direction of the Society was received.

The Meeting formally recorded the resignation of Mike Petrus as President and from all executive duties and formally appointed Graham Fox as Acting President until the 2007 AGM.

**Motions Carried:**

- **"That the Special Meeting congratulates the work of the committee in its preparation and presentation of its interim report and urges the Executive Committee to stage a full day workshop in the new year to develop and implement the recommendations of the sub-committee – and that this would be open to all. Members would be notified in advance of the meeting."**
- "That the meeting acknowledge the \$12,000 owed to the secretary (DL) for services rendered up to December 2005 and that this be paid to him immediately." [Paid at the meeting] and "That money owed the secretary for services rendered in the 2006 financial year be acknowledged and be paid as soon as funds became available." [This Liability still remains]

**IN BRIEF:**

SPCS opposes the anti-smacking bill.

SPCS believes all Classification Office written classification decisions for restricted publications (films, videos, DVDs etc.) should be made available to the public on its website in the same way that the BSA makes all its decisions available. (However, the Society is disturbed to find recently that the Office is no longer producing such written decisions, making it impossible for any proper scrutiny of its classification process methodology).

SPCS would like to see changes to and enforcement of, censorship laws that will ensure the "public good" is better safe-guarded from morally toxic and corrupting material.

***URGENT LETTER FROM SPCS  
PRESIDENT:***

***Dear Society members and  
supporters***

The Society executive is very concerned that the continuing existence of the Society is under threat due to wealened financial situation. We face a liability of \$10,000 from 2006. We believe that we should notify you all of a serious shortfall in our funding and assure you that we are committed to seeing the Society continue with its work. We believe that the gains made by the Society over the last six years are considerable. However, to build on these successes we really need significant financial assistance from you all. Membership of the Society is by way of a simple donation (*minimum* donation suggested of \$35.00). **However, to get through our current crisis we need a good number of members to make every effort to fund our shortfall and ongoing modest running costs.**

Please send your cheque to:  
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