



# The WorldVoter

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## Vote World Government

— democratic world government through a global referendum —

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### Quotes of the month

**“Mark my words ... the only problem which deserves the devotion of contemporary man, the problem to which I myself am determined to devote the rest of my life, up to my very last day ... is, very simply, the survival of the species. It is a question of knowing whether mankind ... will disappear by its own hand, or whether it will continue to exist.”** Albert Einstein (circa 1947)

**“Democracy is the best revenge.”** Bilawal Bhutto Zardidi, 19-year-old son of Benazir Bhutto, three days after his mother’s assassination (it was one of her favourite sayings)

### News in brief

#### **YouTube videos posted on *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth***

Ted Stalets, our ever-ingenious VP, has created two YouTube videos for VWG, featuring the *Rescue Plan* book, VWG and Jim Stark’s songs *One World Soon* and *I’m Fine*. To see these videos, go to <http://www.RescuePlanForPanetEarth.com> and scroll down beneath the image of the book cover. *One World Soon* is about democratic world government, and *I’m Fine* is a more personal song about the terrible stresses of working for peace during the Cold War. Both of these songs were written by Jim in the late 1970s, and performed in the 1980s by his long-gone band, Evolution. (A third video has now been added, set to Jim’s song *Hawk*, about a Native Canadian hitchhiker he picked up in the early 1970s.)

#### **Marketing has begun for *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth***

The Key Publishing House Inc. has begun marketing *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*. Ads will be sent to radio and TV producers through the RITR (“Radio-TV Interview Report,” which is where the media often go to find guests for interviews). *Rescue Plan* will also be included in the New Title shows at bookfairs (London Bookfair, April 2008, BookExpo America, end of May 2008, BookExpo Canada, June 2008). 7,500 flyers will be sent to libraries and bookstores, and 26 review copies of the book will go to key magazines and newspapers in May. The distributor of the book is among the world’s largest distributors, about 40 sales staff all over the world. VWG is very lucky to have The Key Publishing House Inc. as the publisher for Jim’s book.

### **In search of reviews for *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth***

It is disappointing to report that George Monbiot and David Suzuki have both responded that they are too busy to do a review of Jim’s book. David wrote to say he would put the book into the well-used library at the Suzuki Foundation. On the bright side, there was a great review from Jerry Tetelman, California president of Citizens for Global Solutions and co-author of *One World Democracy* (his review was quoted in the last *WorldVoter*, and is available in full in the “Reviews” link at <http://www.RescuePlanForPlanetEarth.com>).

### **Converting to a membership organization**

Work continues (by Ted) on the project to convert Vote World Government to a member-based organization. Unless there is an impediment, we would like to give a one-year free membership to all those who voted “yes” in the global referendum on DWG.

### **Student Referendum Campaign**

The plan for the CMS (City Montessori School) to seek student referendums in hundreds of other schools in India and some neighbouring nations has not gone ahead yet, but we trust it will soon. Ted Stalets has asked his friend Elizabeth Guth, an American teacher, to see if she can get a student referendum organized at her school. To download documents needed to seek and to do a student referendum, click the following link <http://www.studentreferendumprogramhowto.pdf>. You are encouraged to think of a high school or college or university (or church congregation or company or whatever; it does not have to be a school) where a mini-referendum could be organized, and to just do it, just go ahead and organize it. Contact VWG if you need more advice than is given out in the downloadable documents.)

### **Reviewing our Board members involvement**

Some of our Board Members are very active, but others are either occasionally in contact or virtually inactive. As we move towards the launching of the book and the simultaneous launching of the global referendum initiative, a letter has gone to all our less active Board Members asking them to reconsider whether they want to stay on this *appointed* Board. It is to be hoped that those who recommit will accept to be given specific assignments from time to time, and will carry them out conscientiously. The preparation phase is nearing an

end (after more than four difficult years), and the time has come for less-involved Board members to pick up a paddle or get out of the canoe.