



International  
Social Role Valorization  
Association

## Sixth Annual Report December 2022

The purpose of the International Social Role Valorization Association is

***“To promote SRV development, education, assessment, and leadership to assist people and organizations to implement SRV concepts so that vulnerable people may have access to the good things of life”***

Can we even say that things seem to be returning to normal? Sure, COVID seems to be less of a concern with most mandates having been revoked. Fewer folks are wearing masks and getting their vaccine boosters. But new (or rather old) concerns and worries have arisen. There is war in Europe as well as ongoing wars in Africa, and there are threats of nuclear war. Relatedly, there are concerns about the availability of energy for the upcoming winter in the Northern hemisphere, and food and famine are ongoing worries around many parts of the World. The World economy seems to be in chaos and inflation is on the rise. Life seems to be increasingly fragile, and more so for the downtrodden and vulnerable, with signs of social devaluation gathering steam. Social Role Valorization is always in Season. The attribution of valued social roles and access to the good things of life will not solve all problems but it could bring to the fore more voices of good will coming together.

### Membership

ISRVA is able to operate because of the support of our membership, who make financial contributions to meet our mutual goals of strengthening the global SRV community. 2022 membership consists of 169 members from 10 countries and 4 continents, at varying levels of contribution, a decrease of 31 members in 2021. Countries represented include Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, France, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, and the USA. We invite readers of this Annual

Report to join ISRVA for 2023 to support the work of the International Social Role Valorization Association (ISRVA). This past year 47 organizations made a sustaining, supporting, or contributing pledge to this work, compared to 48 in 2021. Thank you to all members for the support – SRV dissemination continues to be a collective effort.

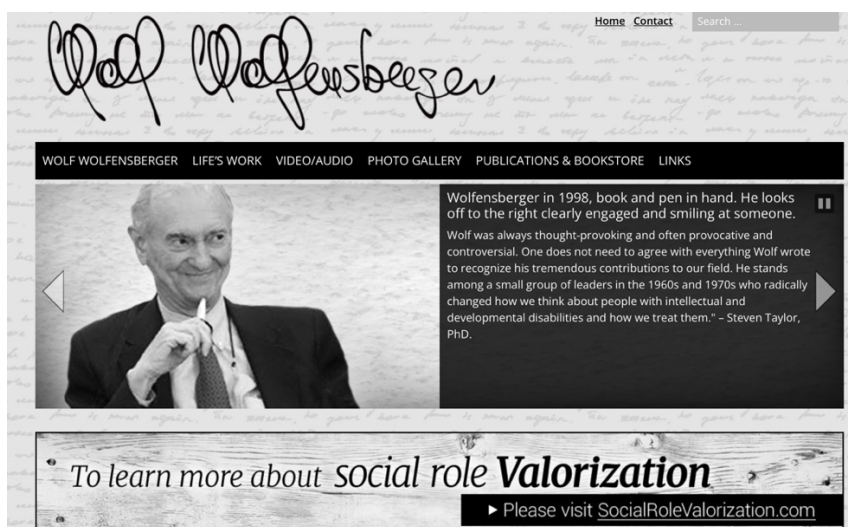
### Financial Position

During this current year we have had expenses of \$20,337.68, and revenues of \$25,647.37USD. 100% of our revenue is from membership and conference fees. On December 31, 2022, our bank balance is \$112,877.59, including \$8,500 held in reserve as seed money for the 8<sup>th</sup> International SRV Conference. Virtually all our expenses were directed towards maintenance to the website, meetings, organization of two important events that will occur in 2023 (Wolfensberger Festschrift and the SRV online conference) and work on the Applied SRV Institute and support of the Wolfensberger Archives. We did not award a research grant in 2022.

The International SRV Association is a membership organization operating on a 100% voluntary basis, striving to make significant accomplishments towards our purpose. Membership fees reflect the commitment of our members – individuals and organizations – to support global interest in Social Role Valorization and serve as a valuable resource.

### Wolf Wolfensberger website

ISRVA continues to host the tribute website to Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger. This website, [www.wolfwolfensberger.com](http://www.wolfwolfensberger.com), has also seen a modest increase in visitor traffic this year. We have added a bit of content to the site, the most important is granting access to Dr. Wolfensberger's 2002 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "The New Genocide of Handicapped and Afflicted People" which can now be downloaded from the site.



Webpage activity	2021	2022
Visitors	8,029	8,119
Sessions	10,118	10,297
Pages viewed	15,272	15,507

## Social Role Valorization Website

The current website which was launched in mid-2019 has demonstrated a dramatic increase in traffic. Over the previous 365 days, as of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the website had 122,189 visitors making 879,330 visits to the website. Some of the interesting stats include:

### The top 5 pages

### The top 12 countries

Visits to SRV website	Number of Visitors			Country	2020	2021	2022
Page visited	2020	2021	2022				
Home page	11,960	23,009	44,429	USA	5,388	14,057	30,359
SRV Theory	6,085	9,006	7,039	Australia	3,733	5,735	3,539
Contact us	4,050	5,874	4,612	Canada	2,245	3,663	2,716
Articles	1,359	1,991	988	Hong Kong	2,145	2,325	638
Trainers & Speakers	1,069	1,420	737	China	1,735	3,207	3,828
2023 SRV conference			1,039	United Kingdom	1,607	2,941	3,646
Online visitors – last 365 days	22,182	43,413	122,189	Singapore	1,510	2,082	2,068
Online Visits – last 365 days		366,527	879,330	Germany	1,225	2,806	6,115
				India		2,375	2,465
				Russian Federation	818	2,497	2,532
				France		1,714	2,944
				Ireland	900	1,638	1,365

ISVA continues to add French content to [www.AIVRS.ca](http://www.AIVRS.ca). Our francophone web site can be accessed by selecting the website link: [www.valorisationdesrolessociaux.com](http://www.valorisationdesrolessociaux.com)

## Social Media

ISVA manages two Facebook groups. One provides a forum for English-speaking SRV practitioners from around the world. The purpose of this group is for the international community of Social Role Valorization leaders, teachers, students, practitioners, and researchers to share our work, look for connections, learn about the events and activities happening worldwide, and assist each other in SRV use in a welcoming,

supportive manner.

The ISRVA Facebook group has as of the writing of this report 247 members (174 in 2020) and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280067349420572/>.

The second group is a Francophone Facebook Group that has 30 members and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/614131435753569>.

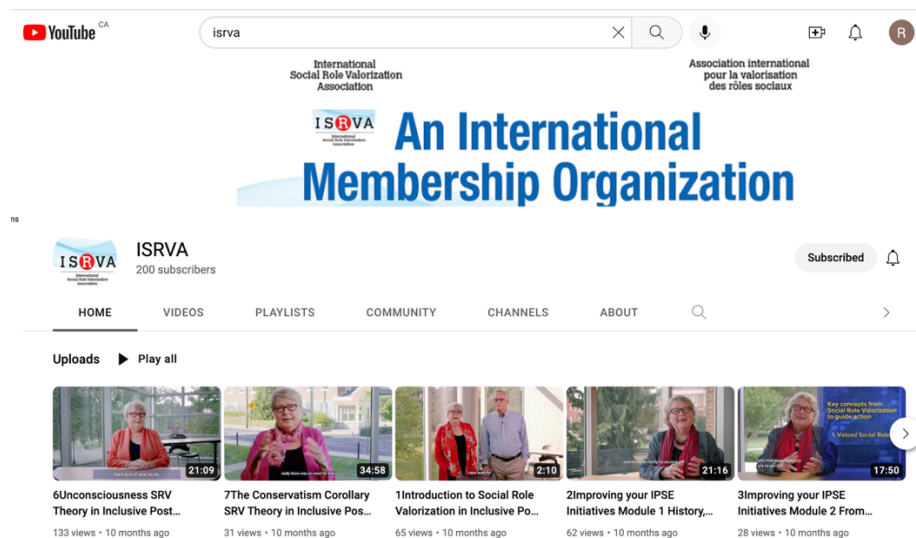
We participate in two other social media groups via Facebook. S.R.V. (Social Role Valorization)] has 717 members can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/177849802342830>

“Social Role Valorization” has 1100 members and is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8623212156>

You can join these private Facebook groups by visiting the URLs listed above, and requesting admission to one, several, or all of the groups.

## YouTube channel

ISRVA launched a simple to use YouTube channel in November of 2019. It can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/ISRVA>. This year, we have continued to add material to the channel. ISRVA members were relied upon for recommendations of videos to include, and Guy Caruso, Erica Tinsley-Baker and Betsy Neuville are leading efforts to curate and categorize videos by SRV theme.

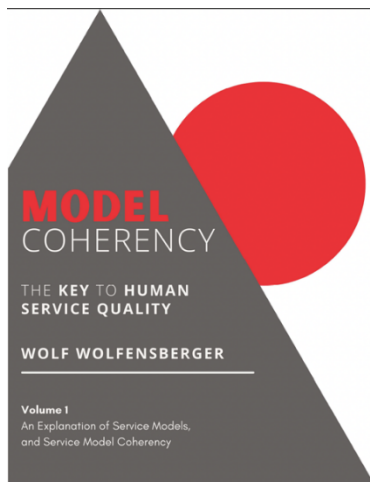


## 2022 Research Grant

We received one application in 2022 but no grants were awarded this past year. The first \$5,000 ISRVA Research Grant was awarded to Dr. Anne Masters, Ph.D., FAAIDD, in 2021. The grants are still available in 2023 and the grant application process and description are available at <https://socialrolevalorization.com/international-srv-association/grant-opportunities/>.

## The Institute for Applied SRV (IAS)

Development of an Institute for Applied SRV is ongoing. The ISRVA leadership council met for 3 days in August 2022 to continue the development and planning for a future Institute for Applied SRV, hopefully for 2024. So far, we have determined that the Institute would have in-person and virtual meetings over the course of 18 months with mentors assigned to each participant, as well as an implementation project each participant would develop and complete. The curriculum topics for the Institute have been decided upon and instructors identified. Participants would apply from the agency they work for to the Institute and we anticipate approximately 30 participants. Costs are being determined and some scholarships will be available. In March we will survey agencies to see if such an intensive Institute is feasible, as well as a practical. More information to follow soon.



### Valor Press and one new (2022) Books

The three volumes of “Model Coherency: the Key to Human Service Quality,” is now available from the Valor Press. 150 copies of the 3-volume set have been sold. It is the last book by Dr. Wolfensberger, and he completed a first draft shortly before his death.

<https://presse.valorsolutions.ca/en/model-coherency-the-key-to-human-service-quality-set-of-3>

## Wolfensberger Archives

**University of Nebraska Medical Center's McGoogan Library** has completed its major renovations and the Wolfensberger Archives are now available again. Darby Kurtz, Archivist and Public Historian, can be contacted at the Wolfensberger Archives for more information: [dkurtz@unmc.edu](mailto:dkurtz@unmc.edu)



ISRNA was instrumental in recently securing the transfer of copyrights of many of Wolfensberger's works that had been held by the Canadian National Institute for Mental Retardation (NIMR). Many thanks to Inclusion Canada for making this possible. These will be added to the books already available at UNMC's digital commons website at some point at the end of the Winter in early 2023.

## Festschrift in Honor of Dr Wolfensberger

In collaboration with the **Wolfensberger archives** University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) **McGoogan Library**, we continue to ready ourselves for the Festschrift in honor of Dr. Wolfensberger's academic contributions <https://socialrolevalorization.com/festschrift-2022-honoring-the-work-of-dr-wolf-wolfensberger/>. Because of COVID, we decided to postpone the event that had been scheduled in 2021. The event will now occur from May 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 at UNMC. The organizing committee includes Darby Reiners, Joan Wolfensberger, Margaret Wolfensberger Sager, Caroline Granger, Susan Thomas, Betsy Neuville, John Murphy, Marc Tumeinski, Robert Flynn, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay. Titled: "Wolf Wolfensberger: The Influence of the Person and his Ideas Today," chapter writers are hard at work, and a total of 12 chapters are in preparation. The Festschrift will be video recorded so the talks can be shared with others, and the contributions will be published in book form. The small scale in-person event is being planned, with the videos and the book available to all. COVID permitting we will gather in Omaha Nebraska on May 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Festschrift details will be posted in January 2023

## PASS/PASSING/CAPE Reports:

Guy Caruso is leading an initiative to collect and convert into a digital format all extant PASS/PASSING and CAPE (O'Brien and Wolfensberger – 1980- Citizen Advocacy Program Evaluation) reports. Betsy Neuville and Pam Seetoo are spearheading the digitalization process and organizing the reports. We have received volumes of PASS, PASSING, CAPE reports from many people, places, and years past! In March we had received 23, however since then we received a large collection, about 150 in total, with 1975 as the earliest. These do not include the reports that are housed at the Wolfensberger archives. The scanning process is fastidious with many reports in a fragile state. Old reports are often stapled, in binders, and require a bit of care and time to process them through the scanner. Scanning is being carried out by Keystone team



members when time permits. Hard copies that we received will be stored at the KI office unless the senders requested they be returned to them.

### SRV Study Sessions

Seven very successful SRV Study Sessions were held on Zoom, with available space filling almost immediately. For each event, two sessions have been offered at two different times to make it possible for people from widely different time zones to attend and we have had high participation from Oceania, Asia, Europe, and North America.

Month	Title	Leaders
January	Saving Life and Limb: An Advocate's Journey in Medical Safeguarding	Cathy Ludlum (USA)
March	SRV-Based Evaluation and Change: The Unity Kitchen	Joe Osburn (USA)
April	An SRV start up story	Andrew Oliver (USA)
May	With Families in the Lead: Partnering with Families to Use SRV	Janet Klees, (CA)
June	Documentary: Valuing Lives: Wolf Wolfensberger and the Principle of Normalization	Jerry Smith (USA) Guy Caruso (USA)
September	History of Moral Treatment	Susan Thomas (USA)
November	Lest we Forget: The Existence of the Back Ward	Matthew Brennan (USA)

### SRV International Conference Distance Conference – February 22 to 24, 2023

The ISRVA leadership group has established a small working group to organize a virtual conference on February 22 – 24, 2023. Under the leadership of Betsy Neuville, Pamela Seetoo and Marc Tumeinski, the oConference Committee has put together an exciting program of 6 keynote speeches and 40 breakout sessions under the theme of **SRV in the World** with a new generation of speakers and presenters. For more information go to <https://socialrolevalorization.com/srv-conference/>.

### ISRVA Leadership

The ISRVA leadership group includes Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville, Mary Kealy, Guy Caruso, Joe Osburn and Raymond Lemay. We generally meet monthly by video-conference, though we did meet for a weekend last August to further the planning of the Institute for Applied SRV.

## A Brief History of ISRVA

After the Canberra International SRV conference in September 2011, there was some concern that SRV might not survive Dr. Wolfensberger's recent passing (Feb 2011). A few of us (Betsy Neuville, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay) on our way back home from Canberra imagined that a permanent international structure should be established to provide long term institutional support – something like an international association. We then prepared a position paper elaborating the idea and presented it to the North American SRV Council (NASRVC), and, after a lengthy discussion, set up a committee to further develop the idea. From the outset, it was clear that though members of the NASRVC were actively involved in the development of this project, any new entity stemming from our work would be separate from the NASRVC.

The original committee included Jo Massarelli, Beth French (who has since passed away), Betsy Neuville, Joe Osburn, Guy Caruso, and Raymond Lemay. John Armstrong, a senior leader in Australia, was also quite helpful in the early going and participated in early discussions and quite graciously transferred to the association the socialrolevalorization.com website that he had developed and managed for years.

The committee met several times, including multiple day meetings in Worcester MA and Kingston ON, reached out with a survey and interviews to SRV groups and aficionados around the world, and reworked and transformed the original position paper into statement of purpose and description of activities – the latest version of which is available on the socialrolevalorization.com website.

After much discussion and some procrastination, we decided to move forward and start the ISRVA with a membership drive.

A number of founding organizations were instrumental in moving this project forward. They include:

- Valor & Solutions, Plantagenet, Ontario, Canada
- Valoris pour enfants et adultes de Prescott-Russell Valoris for Children and Adults in Ontario Canada
- Shriver Clinical Services, Wakefield, Massachusetts, United States
- Family Lives, Massachusetts USA
- Keystone Institute, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, United States
- Community Ventures in Living, Lafayette, Indiana, United States

ISRVA website: [www.socialrolevalorization.com](http://www.socialrolevalorization.com), and visit its sister website: [wolfwolfensberger.com](http://wolfwolfensberger.com).

Despite the ongoing turbulence in the world, we continue to thrive. The long-term purpose is still alive as we find new ways of promoting “SRV development, education, assessment, and leadership to assist people and organizations to implement SRV concepts so that vulnerable people may have access to the good things of life.”

For the ISRVA,

Jo Massarelli, Betsy Neuville, Mary Kealy, Joe Osburn, Guy Caruso and Raymond Lemay