
Constitution of The United Kingdom Chapter of the System Dynamics Society Inc. (the Chapter) a Chapter of the System Dynamics Society Inc. (the Society).

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1. Name

The Chapter shall be known by the name:
The United Kingdom Chapter of the System Dynamics Society Inc.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Chapter shall be, especially in the United Kingdom, to:

- identify, extend and unify knowledge contributing to the understanding of feedback systems;
- promote the development of the field of System Dynamics and the free interchange of learning and research in all related fields;
- encourage and develop educational programmes in the behaviour of systems.

To accomplish these objectives the Chapter proposes to conduct chapter meetings and to publish books and other materials.

3. Membership

There shall be two categories of membership in the Chapter. Any member in good standing of the Society living or working in the British Isles shall be entitled to be a Full Member of the Chapter and shall be entitled to vote and hold office in the Chapter. Other persons with an interest in System Dynamics may be Associate Members but shall not have voting or office holding rights.

4. The Policy Council

The Chapter shall be governed by a Policy Council. The Policy Council shall consist of a President, at least two but no more than five Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary. One Vice-President shall be responsible for liaison with the Society and one shall be Vice-President Finance. The Policy Council shall determine the duties and responsibilities of the other Vice-Presidents as seems expedient.

The Policy Council shall determine the number of Vice-Presidents to hold office at any given time, subject to ratification by Full Members at the Annual Meeting.

The President of the Chapter shall hold office for not more than two years and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election as President but may remain on the Policy Council for a further year as Past President, until the anniversary of election thereafter relinquishing membership of the Policy Council.

The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to co-opt to fill any vacancy pending the Annual Meeting of the Chapter.

The quorum for meetings of the Policy Council shall be the President or the Secretary together with half the number of Vice-Presidents rounded up to the next whole number.

5. Meetings

The Chapter shall hold a meeting at least annually. Business and election of officers will be dealt with in the meeting.

6. Elections

All Full Members of the Chapter in good standing shall be entitled to vote. The elections shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter.

The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to nominate to any vacancy.

Not less than one month before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall notify all Full Members of any impending vacancies. Any three Full Members shall have the power to make their own nomination and shall notify the Secretary not less than 7 working days before the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of there being two or more candidates for office, that person having the larger, or largest, number of votes of those Full Members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be elected.

7. Finances

The Chapter will operate on a non-profit making basis, with a year end of 31 December.

The Treasurer shall maintain full books and papers and report to the Policy Council a detailed financial statement of income and expenses on request. A report to the membership shall be made annually on the results for the year ended December prior. The Accounts, books and papers shall be reviewed annually by an independent person.

Any surplus should be retained for future activities that further the aims and objectives of the Chapter. A reserve may be kept as an insurance against pre-paying for our annual meeting and unexpected disruptions.

The Chapter will maintain a bank account on which at least two authorised signatories are required to make payment, such signatories to be unrelated persons.

The Chapter has no employees but may pay for external services on an as needs basis subject to the approval of the Policy Council. If such services are

provided by a member of the Policy Council, or direct family member, remuneration and expenses should be agreed in advance by the Policy Council.

In the event of the Chapter being dissolved any cash balances will be donated to the International System Dynamics Society.

8. Publications

The Chapter may choose to publish a journal, newsletter and books. Such publications will:

- not represent themselves as publications of the System Dynamics Society Inc.;
- be related to the particular interests of the Chapter.

The minutes of the meetings of the Chapter's Policy Council shall be available to all Full Members of the Chapter on application to the Secretary.

9. Conferences

The Chapter may choose to hold conferences. These conferences will not present themselves to be conferences of the SDS and will not interfere with the annual conference of the SDS.

10. Dues

The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to charge dues in an amount and currency of its choice.

11. Chapter Society Interaction

The Chapter will annually submit a report of activities, finances and membership to the Society Council. The report will include the names of all officers of the Chapter. Attached to the report will be copies of all publications of the Chapter, as well as a complete membership listing.

12 Changes to this Constitution

This Constitution may be changed via a qualified majority of two-thirds of Full Members voting in an online vote by initiative of any three members of the Chapter.

Any and all changes to this Constitution shall be submitted for ratification to the Policy Council of the System Dynamics Society, Inc., accompanied by a declaration of support of at least ten Full Members.

13 Address of the Chapter

The Chapter's contact for correspondence shall be the secretary whose address will be published and updated on the Chapter website (www.systemdynamics.org.uk) and the Society website (www.systemdynamics.org).