



## VP Meetings Report & Discussion Item

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### Preparations for 2007 Conference

The conference will be held at The Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA, July 29-August 2, 2007. Robert Eberlein is conference chair, and John Sterman and Rogelio Oliva are program chairs. A "Call for Papers" will be distributed at the 2006 Conference.

### Conference Cost Trends – Electronic Discussion

We have discussed numerous times in the past the issue of the conference registration fee, and have made a few changes such as scholarships to deal with the high cost for some attendees. In the attached memo I have used data provided by Roberta Spencer to discuss the costs underlying the registration fee, and lay out options for addressing the issue. We will not discuss this explicitly in the face-to-face Policy Council meeting at Nijmegen. However, I would like to encourage discussion on this web site so that I can work with VP Finance David Andersen and other interested members to put forward proposals at a future Policy Council meeting.

### 2008 Proposals

We have formal proposals to host the 2008 conference in San Sebastian, Spain (Jose Sarriegui, Javier Santos, and Jose Gonzalez) and in Athens, Greece (Brian Dangerfield and team). Discussion of this item will be held under "Pressing Issues" in Nijmegen. I have posted the proposals under a separate discussion topic. At the Policy Council meeting, we will have short presentations from each, a discussion of the proposals, and then a vote will be taken by the Policy Council in executive session.

### Pre-Proposals for 2009

At this time, we have received pre-proposals to host the 2009 conference from

- Len Malczynski and Aldo Aagonel-Santos (Albuquerque, New Mexico); and
- John Voyer (Portland, Maine)

Discussion of this item will be held under "Pressing Issues" in Nijmegen. I have posted the pre-proposals under a separate discussion topic. At the Policy Council meeting, we will have short presentations from each, a discussion of the pre-proposals, and then provide feedback on concerns regarding the proposal, additional information required, likelihood of success, and request for formal proposal. A site-selection vote for 2009 will be taken at the Winter 2007 Policy Council meeting.

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