

Dana Meadows Award Committee
Report to the Winter Policy Council Meeting

The following items were dealt with at a meeting of the Committee on August 2, 2007 at the annual conference in Boston:

1. The Call for Nominations page will be updated with two additions:
 - a) A specification that supplementary files that accompany the nominated paper (model listings, appendices) must be in text or PDF format. This is to avoid the (so far) few cases where the supplementary material requires special software to make it possible to evaluate the paper thoroughly.

 - b) A notice that "If the winning paper is subsequently published, the winner is expected to include an acknowledgement that the paper was the winner of the Dana Meadows Award for the best student paper at the annual conference of the International System Dynamics Society in the year of the Award." (After some subsequent discussion, this request and an additional acknowledgement of the contribution of the institution where the work was done and/or the funding source that supported the work will be communicated to the author(s) of the winning paper after it has been selected.)

2. The Committee agreed to the idea of 5-year nominal terms: current members can continue their service; new members will be advised that they are expected to serve for 5 years (barring unforeseen developments); members who resign will be replaced by consensus of the Committee. The set of criteria for membership that guides the Committee includes, but is not limited to, experience and competence in SD that is complementary to the current Committee, experience in dealing with students and respect for the values that Dana demonstrated in her writings.

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DMA Committee Chair