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Subject: German Chapter: Information of amendment of Chapter constitution

Dear Roberta, dear Jim, dear Tim,

According to its constitution, the German Chapter is obliged to inform the Society's Policy Council of amendments of the Chapter's constitution.

The last general meeting has decided to add a passage to the Chapter's constitution allowing the nomination of honorary members of the German Chapter. The original text of the new paragraph is, of course, in German. I think an English translation is more suitable for communicating the contents of the new regulation to the Policy Council. Therefore, please find a translation below:

The following passage has been added to § 4:

9. The association can nominate natural persons that have rendered outstanding services to the association's purposes as honorary members. The nomination results from a vote of the general meeting. Suggestions for nominations have to be handed in to the executive board in writing and have to be well-grounded. The executive board discusses the suggestions and votes on their acceptance. If a suggestion is accepted, the executive board passes the suggestion to the general meeting and calls for a vote. The honorary membership only becomes effective with the member's consent. The honorary member has the rights of a full member if she is a member of the (System Dynamics) Society, otherwise the rights of a special member. Honorary members are exempted from membership fees according to § 9. Further regulations can be defined in bylaws.

Could we maybe get this on the agenda of the PC meeting, for information purposes? Besides that, the German Chapter is doing fine with two events scheduled and another three in preparation for 2008, membership has just cracked the 60, that's 20% plus since Boston...

Thanks in advance,
best regards
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