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Report of the Vice President—Publications
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Please check the System Dynamics Society webpage for publications.
(http://www.systemdynamics.org/publications.htm). Members are encouraged to browse
this page for information on publications from the society.

A. Items of interest are covered by the individuals listed below in their separate reports.
Please see their individual reports in the Society's "Reports and Discussion" section at
In lieu of URLs below, please find that email address for each person involved.

1) Report of the Publisher of the *System Dynamics Review*: Graham Russel
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2) Report by the Webmaster: Jack Pugh JackPugh@alum.mit.edu (note email address
change from last January's report)

3) Report of the Editor of the *System Dynamics Review*: Brian Dangerfield
b.c.dangerfield@salford.ac.uk

4) Web Repository for Models and Other Electronic Venues: Bob Eberlein
bob@vensim.com

5) Newsletters and Additional Society publication venues: Roberta Spencer
system.dynamics@albany.edu

B. Other Projects
1. *Dynamica* online. Individuals who find materials that could use greater clarity are
encouraged to contact Deborah Andersen (dla@albany.edu). We will replace materials as
requested.

2. Scanning the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter*. The original newsletter publication of
the System Dynamics Group at MIT was the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter*. The MIT
Dewey Library (E53-100) has a bound volume of the *Industrial Dynamics Newsletter* in
the stacks at HD28.I42. Although the volume is labeled for all 8 issues (number 1—1963
through number 8—1970) it is missing issues 3 and 5. We will need to locate these two
issues to have a complete run. The MIT Archives has additional copies. This project will
continue during 2009-2010.

C. Additional Society publication venues include:

SD Bibliography: The System Dynamics Bibliography is updated every six months, and is now open free of charge to individuals and libraries. (There are places where the Society's website will be updated to reflect that there is no charge or licensing fee for the bibliography.) There is a specific call on the Society's website for updates to the bibliography at http://www.systemdynamics.org/biblioupdate.htm As of July 1, 2006 the new bibliographer for the System Dynamics Society is Lauren Sinacore, a MSIS student in the Department of Information Studies at the University at Albany (ls816576@albany.edu). One of the projects for Lauren will be to clean up some of the entries for the bibliography where there is duplication or confusion about entries.

SDS Archivist: Karen Cannell, an Informatics PhD student at the University at Albany, started the process of organizing and cataloging the papers that have been housed in the Society's office in Albany. As of January 2009 the new archivist will be Drew Peabody, an archivist with training at UAlbany.

Membership Directory: An online, password-protected resource for members at http://web.memberclicks.com/mc/prelogin.do?hidOrgID=sds

Conference Proceedings (1984 to present) and Presidents' Addresses (1983 to 2008 with several years missing) are also available online through the Society's website under "Conference Proceedings."

D. Discussion topics in the last six months:

1. There has been discussion about the way that the journal issues are numbered/identified. In the past we have used seasons but if an issue comes out late this has been confusing. Moving to months does not improve this situation. I am strongly advocating for moving to a system of volume (one per year) and issue numbers (usually four per year) that will eliminate this problem.

2. College professors are starting to ask if they may SDS materials on their electronic course reserves pages. This is really no different than when faculty put materials on course reserves sites. The request was for the following:

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Our library recently purchased the Forrester Seminar Series on
System Dynamics DVDs.  One of our professors has asked us to
inquire if you would grant permission for our library to stream
this material so that students enrolled in her course could view
it online.  I am writing to request permission for us to do so.
(December 2008 email request)
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Bob Eberlein, Roberta Spencer, and Deborah Andersen conferred over email about this request and granted permission. The stipulation was that this would be password protected, used for educational purposed only, and taken down when the course was

finished. It is worth noting that there were 10 students in the class. Normally we are dealing with text on class reserves so this request for DVD material was a first. It is expected that this will be a continuing policy item as more and more materials are available online and the society is watching copyright issues.

E. General topics and changes for publications for this year are as follows:

1. <u>Indexing and Abstracting</u>: It is important to note the number of services that have picked up the *Review*. The *Review* is abstracted in Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, CC/Social & Behavioral Sciences, Computing Reviews, Geobase, Geographical Abstracts: Human Geography, Research Alert (ISI), and the Social Sciences Citation Index (ISI). These are an indicator of journal strength and visibility.

2<u>. Digitization of the pre-Wiley *System Dynamics Review*</u>. This has been accomplished through Wiley. Access is online with user name and password through the Wiley Interscience link on the Society's webpage. In our agreement with Wiley to create Wiley access to pre-Wiley issues we agreed to only sell issues to members of the society.

5. <u>New Conference Proceedings</u>. The conference proceedings continue to be published on the System Dynamics website (as of 2006) with a printable ISBN label for individuals to download. This is a change from the society publishing actual CDs for conferences.

Additionally, the society office continues to retype the indexes and abstracts for the conference proceedings of 1996 and earlier. 1984 (Oslo) and later are available. 1976 (Geilo), 1981 (Rensselaerville), and 1983 (Chestnut Hill) are next for online access.

6<u>. Web Repository for Models and Other Electronic Venues</u>: These items continue to be under the guidance of Bob Eberlein, the VP for Electronic Presence of the Society. See his report on the discussion board website.