

Agenda and Schedule for 2009 Winter Policy Council Meeting:

Note: All updates/reports from VPs and Committees as well as summaries of discussion items are due January 2

Opening Electronic Sessions:

January 3 – 16: Online comments and discussion of REPORTS

January 3 – 23: Online discussion of SLATE OF CANDIDATES

- I) Opening and overview of electronic session (pre face-to-face meeting)**
- II) Vice Presidential Reports – Presentation, Discussion and Announcements**

(During the opening session, please restrict questions to clarification only; substantive discussion should be placed in the appropriate thread for the post face-to-face meeting electronic session, or a new discussion item requested for that session)

- A) At Large: Joel Rahn
- B) Chapter Activities: Tim Haslett and AVP Martin Schaffernicht
 - 1) Psychology chapter change to SIG
- C) E-Presence: Robert Eberlein
- D) Finance: David Andersen
- E) Meetings: Andreas Größler
 - 1) 2008 Conference Report: Roberta Spencer
 - 2) 2009 Conference Report: Aldo Zagonel
 - 3) 2010 Conference Report: Namsung Ahn
 - 4) 2011 and beyond Conference Report: Andreas Größler
 - 5) New budgeting procedure that breaks out local expenses: Bob Eberlein
- F) Member Activities: Krystyna Stave and AVP Agata Sawicka
 - 1) General Information
 - 2) Membership Dues Impact
 - 3) SIG Report
 - 4) Proposed projects
- G) Publications: Deborah Andersen
 - 1) Report of the Publisher of the *System Dynamics Review*: Graham Russel
 - 2) Webmaster: Jack Pugh
 - 3) Editor of the *System Dynamics Review*: Brian Dangerfield
- H) Executive Director: Roberta Spencer

- III) Committee Reports – Presentation, Discussion and Announcements**

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- A) Standing Committees
 - 1) Administrative Committee: Peter Milling
 - 2) Awards Committee: Khalid Saeed
 - (a) Forrester Award (Ad Hoc): Jac Vennix
 - (b) Dana Meadows Award (Ad Hoc): Joel Rahn

- (c) Applications Award (Ad Hoc): Jim Lyneis
- (d) Community Service Award (Ad Hoc): Bob Eberlein
- (e) Other Outside Awards: Khalid Saeed
- 3) Nominating Committee: Jim Lyneis
 - (a) Present the 2010 Slate of Candidates
- 4) Organization and Bylaws: Brad Morrison
- 5) Publications: Eric Wolstenholme
- B) Ad Hoc Committees
 - 1) Conference Program: Andy Ford
 - (a) To be reported at Winter 2009 Meeting: **Conference Program Committee:** Formed by President James Lyneis and met for the first time in 2008 Athens, to provide a means for dealing with program issues and for providing continuity of policies between conferences. The committee will rotate membership annually at the conference, and consist of the following members, the names for the first committee are included. **For 2009:** Current Program Chair, serving as Committee Chair (2009 Andy Ford and team), Next Program Chair (for 2010, TBA), Past two years Program Chairs (2008 Brian Dangerfield and 2007 John Sterman/Rogelio Oliva), VP Meetings (Andreas Groessler), VP Publications (Deborah Andersen), VP Electronic Presence (Bob Eberlein), Executive Director (Roberta Spencer)
 - 2) Diversity: Peter Hovmand
 - 3) Dues/Conference Fees: Andreas Größler
 - 4) Strategy Development: Erling Moxnes

IV) Call for additions to agenda for second electronic session and announcements

The following are potential items for discussion in the face-to-face meeting and second electronic discussion. A brief description of the issue and any preliminary supporting materials will be posted as available before the face-to-face meeting (via Conferences>Submission login). Members are invited to post additional comments and materials on any of these issues during the pre face-to-face meeting electronic session (via SDS-PC@LISTSERV.ALBANY.EDU). However, the main discussion of these items will occur in the post face-to-face meeting electronic session. If you have other items for discussion or announcements, please email the Society Office by January 9.

- A) Renewed Interest in System Dynamics Institute, rejuvenate the process: Khalid Saeed (face-to-face meeting notes Mar 11 08)
- B) Establishment of a Conference Selection Committee: Andreas Größler (face-to-face meeting notes Mar 11 08)
- C) Duties of Officers: Jim Lyneis (face-to-face meeting notes Mar 11 08)
- D) Handling of non-attendance voting during the Summer PC Meeting: I would like to raise a discussion about the procedure of voting for those who can't attend the meeting during the conference. For the electronic voting in winter we have a clear procedure and everybody can participate. But as far as I know it is not possible to transfer the vote to - i.e. - pc-member who are at the conference. There are good reasons to do so. But on the other hand I see also a lot of arguments to maybe change this. I am interested what other members and the office thinks about that. Should this procedure be revised? Lars Weber (Dec 6 08 Email)
- E) Higher rejection rates at conferences? Higher standards for proceedings than for presentations? Erling Moxnes
- F) SDS strategy, agreement on ambitions and organization of the strategy work? Erling Moxnes

- 1) Upgrading the Quality of Models: (agenda item from last year)
- 2) One-pager on what is system dynamics (face-to-face meeting notes Mar 11 08)
- G) Biennial international conferences? Perhaps it would encourage regional conferences to happen all over the world every other year (American, European, Australasian, Latin American, etc.). This might present a financial problem to the SDS, since it depends on its annual conference for revenue. Aldo Zagonel (Oct 30 08 email)
 - 1) Possibilities for virtual conferences? Erling Moxnes (Jan 6 2009 email)

Face-to-Face Meeting: January 17

The face-to-face meeting will first review any administrative issues identified by the Administrative Committee, VP Finance David Andersen, or Executive Director Roberta Spencer. Then, the items proposed for discussion in the post face-to-face meeting electronic session will be reviewed. Relevant materials will be assembled and reviewed, issues discussed, and alternatives proposed. These materials and discussion will then be summarized and posted to the web system for review, discussion, and voting where required by the entire Policy Council.

Post Face-to-Face Meeting Electronic Session: January 24 - February 20

- V) **Detailed agenda for this session will be posted after the face-to-face meeting (includes preliminary and final discussions, motions revisions and voting)**
- VI) **Electronic Vote on Slate of Candidates January 24 – 30, 2009**
- VII) **Motion to Adjourn Winter E-Meeting (Formal end of meeting February 21)**

By March 31st: Notify membership regarding Slate of Candidates and their opportunity to submit other candidates, as well as the results of any motions (in Newsletter or separate email).

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