

Constitution of the

Canadian Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. (the Chapter)

a Chapter of the *System Dynamics Society, Inc. (the Society)*.

1. The Chapter shall be known by the name:

The *Canadian Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.*

2. The objectives of the Chapter shall be:

- To identify, extend and unify knowledge contributing to the understanding of feedback systems.
- To promote the development of the field of System Dynamics and the free interchange of learning and research in all related fields.
- To encourage and develop educational programs in the behavior of systems.

To accomplish these objectives the Canadian Chapter proposes to conduct chapter meetings and to publish books, a journal and other materials. These meetings and materials may be carried out through electronic communications.

3. Membership

Any member in good standing of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. living or working in Canada may join the Chapter.

Canadians who are not members of the Society, but who are interested in the goals of the Society and the Canadian Chapter may join the Canadian Chapter subject to:

- They will be charged dues as set out in Section 9.
- Canadian Chapter members who are not members of the Society may not represent themselves as members of the Society
- Canadian Chapter members who are not members of the Society may not use the Society logo or other identifications of the Society in any form of communications

4. The Policy Council

The Canadian Chapter shall be governed by a Policy Council. The Policy Council shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Society liaison. All members of the Policy Council shall be members of the Chapter.

5. Meetings

The Canadian Chapter shall hold a meeting at least annually. Such a meeting may be held during, with, but not interfering with, the international conference of the System Dynamics Society. Business and election of officers will be dealt with in this meeting. In recognition of the large geography covered by the Canadian Chapter, this meeting may be held electronically in real time, for example via teleconference.

6. Elections

The Policy Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the Canadian Chapter membership. All members in good standing shall be allowed to vote. The elections shall be held at Chapter meetings at fixed intervals in accordance with the terms of the Policy Council.

7. Publications

The Canadian Chapter may choose to publish a journal, newsletter and books. Such publications will:

- not represent themselves as publications of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.
- be related to the particular interests of the Canadian Chapter.

8. Conferences

The Canadian Chapter may choose to hold conferences. If held, those conferences:

- will not present themselves to be conferences of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.
- will not interfere with the annual conference of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.
- Will have at least one month between them and the annual conference of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.

The expenses and profits from any Canadian Chapter Conferences are the responsibility of the Canadian Chapter.

9. Dues

Canadian members of the Society will not be charged any extra dues to be members of the Canadian Chapter.

Canadians who are not members of the Society, but who are members of the Canadian Chapter will be charged dues at a non-zero amount set annually by the policy council.

The policy council may create more than one class of Canadian Chapter membership, for example for students and professionals

Payment of chapter dues shall be made directly to the Canadian Chapter.

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10. Chapter Society Interaction

The Canadian Chapter will report annually to the Society Policy Council. This report will include activities, finances and membership and will be submitted by the Canadian Chapter. The report will include the names of all officers for the Canadian Chapter. Attached to the report will be copies of all publications of the Canadian Chapter, as well as a complete membership listing.