

SDS Language Standards Committee
Report to the 2014 Winter Meeting of the Policy Council
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The SDS Language Standards Committee is an ad-hoc committee reporting to the VP Electronic Presence. Its members in addition to myself are Imrama Umar, Magne Myrtveit, Len Malczynski, Ignacio Martinez-Moyano and Nathaniel Osgood.

The purpose of the committee is to pay attention to the XMILE Technical Committee (TC) which is a committee of OASIS Open and make sure that the TC gets input from members of the System Dynamics Society and community more broadly. To do that, two members of the committee are intended to also be members of the TC representing the interests of the Society. Currently Len Malczynski is serving in that capacity as Bob Eberlein is representing isee systems on the TC.

The committee has not been very active, but it is worth mentioning that activities of the OASIS TC, and noting that the goals of the Society Committee are also being pursued by the OASIS TC.

In addition to writing a standard, the OASIS TC is working to increase awareness of System Dynamics and the potential it has for integrating with decision and operational support systems in business and government. The most visible thing being done to achieve this is the webinar series on XMILE, Big Data and System Dynamics . This series has showcased a number of great use cases, including C-Roads and ReThink Health.

The focus in these webinars has been on application, not technology. Though we will end the series with somewhat more technical and interactive sessions on the technology and its value. The OASIS TC also wants to use the Delft conference to gather more input from our community and would like to distribute, with the blessing of conference organizers, a questionnaire/ballot related to XMILE to all conference participants.

Right now I am still searching for someone else willing to represent the Society on the OASIS TC. This does require a time commitment, along with neutrality relative to involvement in active software packages, which is why I have not yet been successful. Anyone who is interested please let me know.