

System Dynamics Society
2016 Winter Policy Council Meeting
VP Membership Report by Özge Pala

There are two issues to report on.

- 1) Proposal for “Emeritus Membership” status. This proposal stems from the worry of losing the retired, experienced members of our society. Many people who are retiring are not renewing, but they do ask if we have an emeritus or retired category. And our current tier structure does not seem to fill the need. By offering an Emeritus Membership option we can stay in touch with the experienced system dynamicists and keep them active in the field. The Home Office looked into other membership organizations. The below proposal is the result of their research.

The System Dynamics Society honors our long-term, retired members by offering Emeritus Membership. Any individual, who has been a regular member for a minimum of five years and who is now retired, may become an Emeritus Member. Each Emeritus Member shall be entitled to all the regular membership benefits including:

- An electronic-only subscription (four issues) to the *System Dynamics Review*;
- Access through a membership key to the *Review* online, all current and past issues;
- Discounted registration fee at the annual research conference;
- Access to our searchable online Membership Directory;
- Eligibility to purchase hard-copy back issues of the *Review*;
- Special 35% discount on books published by John Wiley & Sons;
- Eligibility to borrow Beer Game boards through the Society’s loaner board program;
- Contact with others in the field through publications such as the Society’s Newsletters;
- Member support from the Society office;
- And the privilege of voting in all elections, standing as an officer or as a member of the Policy Council, and nominating members for office or for service as a member of the Policy Council.

Emeritus Membership must be renewed on a yearly basis and the fee is US\$15.00 per year.

- 2) SIG reports. Only the Psychology SIG submitted a full report (see the supporting file).
 - The Psychology SIG (1) held a three hour workshop during the conference last year, [“Modeling Psychological and Sociological Dynamics”](#) , (2) created comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of resources to support Modeling Psychological and Sociological Dynamics,

(3) Create website for Psychology SIG and posted links to the workshop, annotated bibliography, example models (many created for the workshop) (<http://sigs.systemdynamics.org/psychology/>), and (4) met with Business SIG representative to discuss support for common interests.

- The Biomedical SIG shortly reported that (1) they did not have any organized events over the past year, (2) several informal discussions are underway about our next steps and (3) they will hold an organized session during the conference in July.