

Monday, September 21, 2020

Agenda

- President's Welcome (Birgit Kopainsky)
- VP Chapters and Membership (Stefano Armenia & Asmeret Bier)
- Conferences 2020, 2021, 2022 (Len Malczynski)
- VP Finance Report & Budget (Eliot Rich)
- Adjournment

Attendees

Birgit Kopainsky, Sara Metcalf, Eliot Rich, Asmeret Naugle, Dian Fisher, Jack Homer, Kelechi Odoemena, KRys Stave, Len Malczynski, Paulo Goncalves, Raafat Zaini, Warren Farr, Will Glass-Husain, Munaf Amir, Martin Shaffernicht

Notes

President Birgit Kopainsky brought the meeting to order and welcomed attendees, gave a recap of the General Business Meeting, and the Executive Committee Meeting.

The Executive Director requested that we schedule a regular meeting on the **last Wednesday of every month at 4-5:30pm EST** (time adjusted during daylight savings time changes). There were no objections.

VP of Membership, Asmeret, alerted us to a **motion to recognize a Structural Racism SIG and a motion to shift responsibility for SIGs from VP of Membership to VP of Chapters**. There was general support for all of these, though it was decided to do use electronic voting. There was a request from Will Glass Husain requested a **reminder when eligible to vote**.

Program Chair, Sara Metcalf shared data from the 2020 Bergen Conference. Of note, was that there were a strong number of people who prefer a virtual conference, especially for those who are students and new to the conference.

VP of Memberships, Len Malczynski, presented on Summer School. He reported that it was a tremendous success, likely related to lower cost of virtual program. He reported on feedback related to delivery. He then continued with an update on the 2021 conference plans, which is still a bit up in the air due to covid. Len then presented the choices for the 2022 Conference in Amsterdam, Brisbane, and Frankfurt. There are System Dynamicists behind each option. Assuming that Covid will be finished. We had a lot of criteria, including travel costs, cost of stay, cost of holding the conference. He recommended that we select Frankfurt. Will Glass-Husain and Paulo Goncalves suggested that we should strongly weigh profitability. Jenson Goh suggested that we should consider additional things to offer. Eliot suggested that we understand the minimum attendees required. Sara Metcalf suggested that we should plan on a hybrid. Jack Homer requested more time to discuss. Decision is to be made in 2 weeks.

VP Finance, Eliot Rich, presented our 2019 income versus budget. We had an operating loss, but this was covered by the investment income for a breakeven. For 2020, we are projecting breakeven absent investments. We did not expect a big change in society reserves. Current 2021 budget is working out to somewhere between -\$70000 and breakeven.

President, Birgit Kopainsky, shared some options for what to discuss at our upcoming meetings. Lees Stuntz requested that the Culture Committee present in October. Krys requested that publications be put on the December meeting.

Shayne Gary moved to adjourn. Sara Metcalf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.