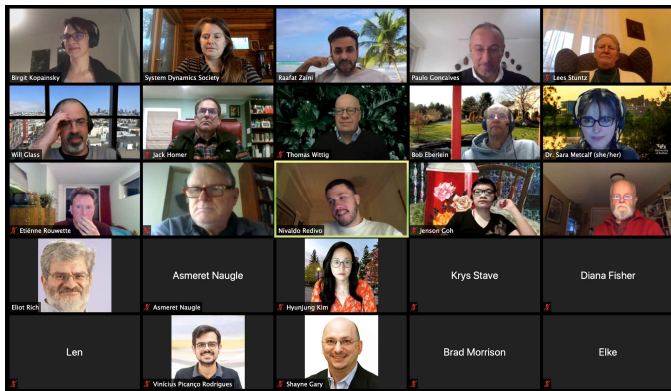


Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Agenda

- 0:15 President's Welcome (Birgit Kopainsky)
- 0:05 Contracting Committee (Bob Eberlein)
- 0:45 Culture Committee Report (SDS Culture and Decision-Making Committee)
- 0:15 Budget Approval (Eliot Rich)
- 0:05 Strategy Recap (Shayne & Paulo)
- 0:05 Announcements & Information Points (Birgit Kopainsky)
- Adjournment

Attendees



Munaf Aamir, Tom Fiddaman, Paul Newton, Brad Morrison

Notes

President Birgit Kopainsky brought the meeting to order and welcomed attendees and announced three new 2021 program chairs.

Contracting Committee Report: Bob Eberlein, Chairperson of the Contracting Committee, gave an update on the status of the transition from CHMS to a virtual office. This included the introduction of two new assistants to the Executive Director, Nivaldo Redivo and Raquel Buzogany.

Culture Committee Report: Lees Stuntz, Chairperson of the Culture Committee, presented the team's findings from a survey of our mailing list. She shared the origins of the group, while committee members, Krys Stave, George Richardson and Etienne Rouwette, shared the methods and results. Primary data shared are that:

- Experienced folks believe we could better link with other methodologies,
- Geography determines whether we believe the other approaches are welcomed,
- North Americans see a lot of conflict in the Society. Less so in Europe. And minimal in ROW.
- All regions agree that disagreements cause problems.

Tensions were identified between being welcoming and civil and maintaining standards and rigor. Areas of further investigation were identified:

- Framework for managing disagreements
- Perceived intolerance of diverse viewpoints and methods of thinking about and doing system dynamics
- Perceived dominance by particular groups
- Different needs for diverse stakeholders

Discussion ensued. More details will follow. Agreement that this is a tough topic to work on. It was questioned whether we can get at the issue via surveys. How can we make issues explicit within the policy council and at the conference. See the chat and recording for full coverage of the discussion.

Budget Proposal: VP of Finance, Eliot Rich, shared the proposed 2021 budget and the expected and proposed capital reserves. Two motions were proposed by the Finance Committee:

- MOTION: The Policy Council adopts the budget proposed by the Finance Committee for 2021.
- MOTION: The Policy Council designates the unrestricted assets of the Society for FY 2021 as proposed by the Finance Committee.

The vote was moved to electronic.

Goal and Strategy Discussion: Paulo Goncalves, President Elect, shared next steps for discussion on Slack.

Move to Adjourn (Len Malczynski, Seconded by Brad Morrison)