

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

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Attendees

Voting: Paulo Gonçalves, Birgit Kopainsky, Sara Metcalf, Shayne Gary, Will Glass-Husain, Diana Fisher, Paul Newton, Jack Homer, Eliot Rich, Asmeret Naugle, Elke Husemann, Stefano Armenia, Thomas Wittig, Raafat Zaini, Krys Stave, Bob Eberlein

Non-voting: Christine Tang, Eduardo Franco, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

Agenda

0:05 Welcome (Paulo Gonçalves)
0:15 Finance Committee (Eliot Rich)
0:15 Strengthening the Field Fund (StFF) Discussion (Sara Metcalf, Stefano Armenia)
0:10 Society Program Oversight Committee (SPOC) Update (Sara Metcalf)
0:05 Future Conference Updates (Sara Metcalf)
0:10 PC communication (Bob Eberlein)
0:10 AVPs (Paulo Gonçalves)
0:05 Strategy Recap (Paulo Gonçalves)
Adjournment

Minutes

President Paulo Gonçalves brought the meeting to order, highlighting that the nominating committee will be able to share nominations and nominees in the next meeting and reviewing the agenda.

VP Finance, Eliot Rich, shared that the budget [proposal](#) from the Finance Committee was posted last week, participants said they weren't able to access it (webportal to be checked). Eliot then highlighted some points from the proposal and detailed the upcoming online motions.

VP Meetings, Sara Metcalf, introduced the StFF topic to be discussed. Stefano then outlined the proposed changes that mostly broaden the scope of the charter and will allow all Society members to submit proposals (not only Chapters and SIGs). Shayne mentioned funding should take into consideration the Society's goals. Participants in general expressed positive reactions to the proposed changes. Eliot added that further funds can be allocated if approved by the Policy Council if StFF is all used (although this has not happened in the recent past). Discussion followed up about membership growth and how this would be handled and approached by the StFF as one of its criteria. Shayne and Paulo remembered that membership growth goals were defined in earlier PC meetings and should be considered.

As **SPOC chair**, Sara then shared the updated program guidelines document highlighting some of the changes. She also listed the SPOC membership and 2023 program chairs. Sara then showed the potential focus areas by thread under development. Discussion followed on how to provide input to the thread chairs, objectives in this and next years, "other options" or keywords, and SIG alignment. Finally, Sara showed the ISDC2022 threads and mentioned that all thread chairs have been secured already.

VP Meetings, Sara Metcalf, then proceeded with future confence updates. The China Chapter is hoping to submit a proposal to host the conference sponsoring the the location (University) and catering. Beijing is not the default location for 2024 (would be European) and Sara asked if that would be ok. Shayne expressed a lot of hesitancy as it is difficult for people to get to China and the China Chapter has not been a strong Chapter in the past years. Discussion followed on the challenges to hold the conference in China while the hybrid model was seen as possibly mitigating risks and costs (this will be further tested in the frankfurt conference). Sara was hoping

for a clear guidance from the PC about if VP Meetings should continue to engage in discussion with the China Chapter. Since, time was short, members were kindly asked to send her any further comments by email.

VP Epresence, Bob Eberlein, overviewed the different Policy Council communications channels: monthly meetings, web portal, discuss.systemdynamics.org, Slack, and Google groups email lists. Bob suggested the PC to decrease the number of channels to focus and get more people on the same platform. Will mentioned that while *discuss* has lots of features, they might not be necessary, *Slack* might be more convenient to use as most discussions are short. Sara is not sure about participants in *Slack* groups/channels, *google groups* are more straightforward in this sense. Shayne believes long conversations on *Slack* should have their own channel.

President, Paulo Gonçalves, shared that there is opportunity to support VPs with multiple AVPs. Identifying areas and integrating new VPs for these areas helps structuring efforts and increase implementation effort. Conversations with VPs are ongoing. Stefano shared that his experience with AVPs is very positive to distribute the workload and help VPs concentrate on more strategic work. Paulo added that this structuring can help connect junior and senior system dynamicists.

On the strategy recap, Paulo shared the persistent challenges in implementing even small projects. AVPs included in the organizational structure can help oversee continuity and oversight of strategic projects, besides offering the leadership for projects.

VP Finance, Eliot Rich, mentioned that the budget proposal was circulated to all members of the Policy Council and therefore he would like to bring up the aforementioned motions. Bob is opening voting soon (the motion does not have to be seconded as it comes from a committee).

Paulo asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Sara moved. Shayne seconded. Motion passed.