

# Recommend Policy Changes

Submitted by the Organization and Bylaws Committee on October 9, 2023

The following changes are a portion of those recommended in our prior report #1025. Two separate motions are being presented to the Policy Council for electronic voting.

## Changes 1

Moved: To remove incorrect information about the office, the names associated with the initial slate of the Stewardship committee and fix several typos as noted in report 1032 Changes 1

Position	Old	New	Notes
Policy I Section 1	<p><u>Section 1. Name and Offices.</u> The “System Dynamics Society, Inc.,” hereinafter referred to as the “Society” shall maintain a mailing address at 451 King Street #542 Littleton, MA 01460-0542 USA, a telephone at +1 (978) 540-0411, a website at <a href="https://systemdynamics.org">https://systemdynamics.org</a> with corresponding email addresses and a registered address for correspondence with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at 17 Loker Street, Wayland MA 01778. If the Secretary (Clerk) is not a resident of Massachusetts a resident agent residing in Massachusetts shall be appointed.</p>	<p><u>Section 1. Name and Offices.</u> The “System Dynamics Society, Inc.,” hereinafter referred to as the “Society” shall maintain a website at <a href="https://systemdynamics.org">https://systemdynamics.org</a> with <a href="mailto:office@systemdynamics.org">office@systemdynamics.org</a> as an email address and a registered address for correspondence with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at 17 Loker Street, Wayland MA 01778. If the Secretary (Clerk) is not a resident of Massachusetts a resident agent residing in Massachusetts shall be appointed.</p>	We no longer maintain an office in MA
Policy VII Section 2	<p><u>Section 2.1. Purpose.</u> <b>SIGs</b>, may be formed by members in order to foster communication and activity in a subject area of interest to a subset of members. They are encouraged to promote interaction with professional and academic organizations whose</p>	<p><u>Section 2.1. Purpose.</u> <b>SIGs</b> may be formed by members in order to foster communication and activity in a subject area of interest to a subset of members. They are encouraged to promote interaction with professional and academic organizations</p>	Errant ,

	members have similar interests.	whose members have similar interests.	
Policy VII Section 2	<p><u>Section 2.4. Publications and Communications.</u> A SIGs shall represent itself as a SIG of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. in its activities, and communications, and website. All activities of the SIG shall be in keeping with the interest area of the SIG and shall not by focus, location or timing, interfere with the general activities of the Society. A SIG shall not make any publication other than its website using the name of the System Dynamics Society.</p>	<p><u>Section 2.4. Publications and Communications.</u> A SIG shall represent itself as a SIG of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. in its activities, and communications, and website. All activities of the SIG shall be in keeping with the interest area of the SIG and shall not by focus, location or timing, interfere with the general activities of the Society. A SIG shall not use the name of the System Dynamics Society in any publication other than its website.</p>	Typo and adjustment of clumsy wording
Policy VIII Section 2	<p><u>Section 2. Conflict of Interest.</u> Any ex-officio member of a Standing Committee declaring a conflict of interest in serving on that committee shall be recused from that committee. A replacement for that member shall be appointed following the process detailed in Section 4.</p>	<p><u>Section 2. Conflict of Interest.</u> Any ex-officio member of a Standing Committee declaring a conflict of interest in serving on that committee shall be recused from that committee. A replacement for that member shall be appointed following the process detailed in Section 3.</p>	Correction of final number
Policy VIII Section 6	<p><u>The Publications Committee</u> shall consist of the VP Publications, serving as ex officio Chair, and three members serving staggered three-year terms. It shall assess the quality, timeliness, distinctiveness, and</p>	<p><u>The Publications Committee</u> shall consist of the VP Publications, serving as ex officio Chair, and three members serving staggered three-year terms. It shall assess the quality, timeliness, distinctiveness, and</p>	typo

	<p>coverage of publications of the Society and its Chapters and of its web site, with respect to the objectives of the Society and its editorial policies. It shall review the policies and practices of the editors and webmaster. <b>Its</b> shall recommend to the Policy Council ways of effecting improvements in the publications of the Society and its web site. It shall annually submit to the Policy Council, via the Vice President - Publications, a written report on all publications sent to the members or sold to the general public during the previous twelve months.</p>	<p>coverage of publications of the Society and its Chapters and of its web site, with respect to the objectives of the Society and its editorial policies. <b>It</b> shall review the policies and practices of the editors and webmaster. It shall recommend to the Policy Council ways of effecting improvements in the publications of the Society and its web site. It shall annually submit to the Policy Council, via the Vice President - Publications, a written report on all publications sent to the members or sold to the general public during the previous twelve months.</p>	
Policy IX Section 2	<p><b>Section 2. Duties.</b> The Executive Committee shall oversee the activities of the Executive Director and be responsible for decision making on behalf of the Policy Council that is consistent with the Bylaws, Policies and directives of the Policy Council.</p>	<p><b>Section 2. Duties.</b> The Executive Committee shall oversee the activities of the Executive Director and be responsible for decision making on behalf of the Policy Council that is consistent with the Bylaws, Policies and directives of the Policy Council.</p>	Add underline
Policy 12 Section 2	<p><u>Section 2. Membership.</u> The Stewardship Committee shall consist of five members serving five-year staggered terms. The initial committee members shall serve three-to-seven-year <b>terms</b> and shall consist of <b>Laura Peterson (2021-2027), David Andersen (2021-2026), Warren Farr (2021-2025), Birgit</b></p>	<p><u>Section 2. Membership.</u> The Stewardship Committee shall consist of five members serving five-year staggered terms. The initial committee members shall serve three-to-seven-year terms. Committee members must be members of the Society in good standing, have complementary personal and professional</p>	Remove initial committee list which shows different terms from the list in use by the committee.

	<p>Kopainsky (2021-2024), and Jørgen Randers (2021-2023). Committee members must be members of the Society in good standing, have complementary personal and professional networks to other committee members, and have a history of making or soliciting donations that benefit the Society. Members shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws.</p>	<p>networks to other committee members, and have a history of making or soliciting donations that benefit the Society. Members shall be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws.</p>	
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## Changes 2

Moved, to adjust the process by which standing committees are filled to be in accord with practice a noted in Report 1032 Changes 2.

Position	Old	New	Notes
<p>Policy VII Section 3</p>	<p><u>Section 3. Authority, Tenure, and Membership.</u> Standing Committees shall have at least three members, each of whom serves a three-year term, and the terms of these members shall be staggered to provide continuity. In the third quarter of the year standing committees shall provide the Nominating Committee a list of members needing replacement along with a list of suitable candidates. The Nominating Committee shall then, in consultation with the Standing Committee, put forward a list of new members to be approved by the Policy Council. In the case of an unexpected vacancy that occurs when the Nominating Committee is not active, the President will put forward a replacement for approval by the Policy Council. The composition of Standing</p>	<p><u>Section 3. Authority, Tenure, and Membership.</u> Standing Committees shall have at least three members, each of whom serves a three-year term, and the terms of these members shall be staggered to provide continuity. No later than October 31, Standing Committees shall provide the President a list of committee positions that will be open due to resignations or expiration of terms along with a list of suggested candidates to fill the positions. The President shall then, in consultation with the Standing Committee and the Nominating Committee, put forward a list of new members to be approved by the Policy Council by the end of the year. In the case of unexpected or unfilled vacancies at other times the same process will be</p>	<p>To conform to current practice of the President handling Standing Committee population motions and make the dates clearer.</p>

	Committees shall be published annually.	followed as expeditiously as is practical. The composition of Standing Committees shall be published annually.	
Policy VII Section 6	<u>The Nominating Committee</u> shall serve a term from July 1 through June 30. It is chaired by President in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> , who becomes the Past President during the second half of the committee's term. The President Elect in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> and the Past President in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> are also ex-officio members. It shall have three additional members serving staggered three-year terms. It shall maintain a file of members who are qualified to hold offices in the Society and provide a slate of candidates for office as detailed in Policy VI. It shall also, in cooperation with other Standing Committees, provide a list of committee members as detailed in Section 3	<u>The Nominating Committee</u> shall serve a term from July 1 through June 30. It is chaired by the Past President in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> . The President Elect in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> and the President in office on July 1 <sup>st</sup> are also ex-officio members. It shall have three additional members serving staggered three-year terms. It shall maintain a file of members who are qualified to hold offices in the Society and provide a slate of candidates for office as detailed in Policy VI.	To conform to current practice relating to the Chair of the committee and filling of Standing Committees