

# Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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## Attendees

**Voting:** Allyson Beall King, Diana Fisher, Inge Bleijenbergh, Peter Hovmand, John Pastor Ansah, Saras Chung, Jenson Goh, Bob Eberlein, Lees Stuntz, Hyunjung Kim, Asmeret Naugle, Eliot Rich, Jeroen Struben, Raafat Zaini, Juan Pablo Torres, Brad Morrison

**Non-voting:** Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

## Agenda

0:05 Welcome and Agenda (Allyson)

0:05 Motions (Allyson)

0:10 Dashboard and Exec Director Report

0:15 Conflicts of Interest (Lees)

0:10 Chapter/SIG Agreement (Peter)

0:15 Conference code of conduct (Bob)

0:30 Building Towards Our Future (Allyson)

Adjournment

## Minutes

**President**, Allyson Beall King, brought the meeting to order, and introduced the agenda.

Allyson moved to appoint Scott Rockart and Jenson Goh as members of the Strategy Committee. Seconded by Lees. Motion passed.

**Secretary**, Lees Stuntz, moved to approve the March 2024 Policy Council Meeting Minutes. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

**Executive Director**, Rebecca Niles, presented the latest values for income after direct expenses with discussions about trends and items included. She also showed the breakdown of conference submissions and discussion ensued on the new thread chair process as well as capacity constraints. Finally, Rebecca shared the benchmarking of follower metrics for other systems related social media channels (e.g., Santa Fe Institute with 23k, systems innovation with 49k, systems thinking alliance with 16k); the Society has 9k. Strategy discussion revolved around reach, audience, and platforms.

**Secretary**, Lees Stuntz, conducted the conversation on conflicts of interest. She presented the potential conflicts; discussion ensued on case specifics and legal requirements. Bob moved to acknowledge the disclosed potential conflicts of interest and to not require the individuals to take any specific action at this point. Jenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Rebecca then presented her disclosure, questions

ensued on the referral process. Lees moved to accept Rebecca's disclosure and not require any action. Lees moved to start a committee to address the concerns related to the referral process. Eliot seconded both motions. The voting was conducted concurrently for both motions. Motions passed. Allyson agreed to spearhead this committee.

**VP Chapters & SIGs**, Peter Hovmand, updated the PC on the steps regarding the Chapter/SIG agreement. A legal review is in process and a longer term discussion is foreseen.

**Organization and Bylaws Committee chair**, Bob Eberlein, shared that instances of gender bias and disrespect have been observed at the conference and mentioned in the conference survey. Currently, there is a box on the registration form to accept the code of conduct. Ideas are welcome on how to call more attention to it and make it less likely instances like the ones mentioned recur. Discussion ensued on other ideas such as expanding the registration form, calling attention to the code of conduct at a conference plenary, and ensuring there is an independent party to contact and respond in a timely manner.

**President**, Allyson King, asked VPs to meet regularly and add more AVPs to their committees.

**Allyson** asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Eliot moved. Lees seconded. Motion passed.