

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORDIC CHAPTER OF THE SYSTEM DYNAMICS SOCIETY

Constitution of the Nordic Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. (the Chapter), a Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc. (the Society).

1. The Chapter shall be known by the name:

The Nordic Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Inc.

2. The objectives of the Chapter shall be:

- To promote the knowledge of and use of system dynamics analysis in the Nordic countries, namely Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland, as well as the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland.
- To promote the knowledge of and use of feedback concepts and system thinking.
- To support education, research, consulting, dissemination, and applications of system dynamics.
- To encourage and develop educational programs in the behavior of systems.
- To promote the adoption of system dynamics methods in solving complex dynamic problems in the public and the private sector.
- To foster possibilities for regional collaborations on research projects, both across academic institutions, in collaboration with the private or public sector, and within the private or public sector.
- To foster the interchange of knowledge and experiences between system dynamics and other analysis methods, and related fields, both in research and applications.
- To provide a forum for anybody dealing with the analysis of dynamic systems in the Nordic countries.
- To create a network and communication channel that system dynamics practitioners living or working in the Nordic countries can be part of, strive from and contribute to.
- To provide an overview and a platform for advertising educational and professional opportunities within the region.

3. Membership

Chapter membership is not restricted to members of the Society nor to practitioners living or working in the Nordic countries. At any time, the Chapter shall have at least 10 members that are also members in good standing of the Society. With 'good standing' we mean here paying members.

To support the creation of a network between system dynamics practitioners in the Nordic countries, the Chapter shall, in agreement with the Members, give Members access to a list of Chapter Members.

Chapter Members who are also members of the Society will also be identifiable/searchable in the Society's membership directory.

Individuals can withdraw their membership at any time by contacting the Membership responsible of the Society or by using the website functionalities.

4. The Policy Council

The Nordic Chapter shall be governed by a Policy Council. The Policy Council shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Society liaison and, depending on need, one or more Vice Presidents. All members of the Policy Council shall be members of the Chapter.

The Policy Council shall determine the number of Vice-Presidents to hold office at any given time, subject to ratification by the Chapter members at the Annual Meeting.

The Policy Council shall determine the duties and responsibilities of the other Vice-Presidents as seems expedient. The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to co-opt to fill any vacancy pending the Annual Meeting of the Chapter.

The quorum for meetings of the Policy Council shall be the President or the Secretary together with half the number of Vice-Presidents rounded up to the next whole number.

5. Meetings

The Nordic Chapter shall hold at least two meetings annually. These can be conferences as well as more informal meetings.

One of the two meetings may be held during the International System Dynamics Conference but will not interfere with it. Society business and election of officers will be dealt with in this meeting.

The second meeting may be held in any of the sovereign states or autonomous territories comprising the Nordic countries in a place selected by the Policy Council and virtual attendance will be allowed for those members that cannot physically attend the meeting.

The meetings of the Nordic Chapter shall:

- not present themselves as conferences of the Society.
- not interfere with the annual conference of the Society.
- have at least one month between them and the annual conference of the Society.

6. Elections

The Policy Council shall be elected by a majority vote of the Nordic Chapter membership. All members shall be allowed to vote, whether they are members of the Society or not. The elections shall be held at Chapter meetings at fixed intervals in accordance with the terms of the Policy Council. The Policy Council of the Chapter shall have the power to nominate to any vacancy.

Not less than one month before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall notify all Members of any impending vacancies. Any group of three Members shall have the power to make their own nomination and shall notify the Secretary no less than 7 working days before the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of there being two or more candidates for office, that person having the larger, or largest, number of votes of those Members present at the Annual General Meeting shall be elected.

7. Publications

The Nordic Chapter aims at creating an online platform where news and relevant material are made available. This will be a platform and a tool to learn about coming events, recent publications from peers in the network, and more.

Submissions to the platform shall:

- be related to the particular interests of the Nordic Chapter.
- represent the authors themselves and not the Society nor the Nordic Chapter.

8. Dues

The Nordic Chapter will not charge membership fees, unless otherwise decided. Members are responsible for notifying the Nordic Chapter about changes in membership status.

Attendance to meetings and conferences will possibly require a participation fee in order to cover eventual costs.

9. Finances

In case the policy on dues changes and in the event of the Chapter being dissolved, any cash balances will be donated to the Society.

10. Chapter Society Interaction

- The Nordic Chapter will submit annually a report of activities, finances and memberships to the Society Policy Council (VP Chapters). The report will include the names of all officers for the Nordic Chapter, summary information about the activities, publications and other achievements of the Nordic Chapter, as well as complete membership information indicating the types of membership and changes according to the database format used by the Society.
- Upon request on behalf of the society, the Nordic Chapter will provide membership information, observing the legal limitations applied in its territory.
- The Nordic Chapter's Society Liaison will be listed in the official Society letterhead.
- The Society will, upon request and up to twice per year, provide the Nordic Chapter with a list of its members.

11. Constitutional Reforms

This constitution may be changed by initiative of the Chapter Policy Council, via an asynchronous, simple majority vote of the Full Members; or, via a qualified majority of two-thirds of Chapter Members present at the Annual Meeting, by initiative of any three members of the Chapter and with a quorum of at least seven Members present.

Any and all changes to this constitution shall be submitted for ratification to the Policy Council of the Society, Inc., accompanied by a declaration of support of at least ten Members.

12. Dissolution of the Chapter

The Nordic Chapter dissolution can occur in the following situations:

- The Chapter does not have 10 Members that are also members in good standing of the society.

- The interest for continuing the Chapter has fallen to a level deemed too low by the Chapter's Policy Council.