

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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Attendees

Voting: Allyson Beall King, John Pastor Ansah, Diana Fisher, Eliot Rich, Lees Stuntz, Willem Auping, Inge Bleijenbergh, Raafat Zaini, Asmeret Bier Naugle, Saras Chung, Bob Eberlein, Thomas Wittig, Hyunjung Kim, Jeroen Struben, Brad Morrison

Non-voting: Christine Tang, Megan Colvin, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

Agenda

0:05 Welcome and Agenda (Allyson)

0:05 Motions (Allyson)

0:10 Membership Update (Inge)

0:40 2024 VP Finance Report & 2025 Budget (Eliot)

0:10 Online Conference Experience: Focus Groups (John)

0:05 2025 PC (Asmeret)

Adjournment

Minutes

President, Allyson Beall King, reconvened the meeting and introduced the agenda.

Secretary, Lees Stuntz, moved to approve the September-October 2024 PC minutes. Inge seconded. Motion passed.

VP Publications, Bob Eberlein, moved to renew Andreas Grössler as the Executive Editor of the System Dynamics Review beginning in 2025 in accordance with the Policies. Bob was requested to provide an evaluation of EE's performance. He stated that the performance had been very good. Brad seconded. Motion passed.

President, Allyson, moved to appoint David Lounsbury to the Society Programs Oversight Committee (2025-2027) and Catherine Decouttere to the Publications Committee (2025-2027). Seconded by Bob. Bob detailed the contribution of both people to the committees regarding their diversity. Motion passed.

Bob moved to approve the Environmental and Natural Resource Management SIG. Discussion ensued on the consequences and need for a hierarchical SIG structure, operational details and how the Office would support these changes, and renaming of a SIG. Saras moved to table the motion. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

VP Membership, Inge Bleijenbergh, reported that while membership figures are increasing, the 1,800 target remains unmet, with 12 additional retired members joining the Society. She presented the 2025 membership pricing and announced plans to propose a scholarship for a student, utilizing the Dana Meadows fund, at the next PC meeting. The membership strategy is focusing on increasing engagement with practitioners.

VP Finance, Eliot Rich, reported that the 2023 financial results exceeded expectations, primarily due to the efforts of the conference team. The 2025 budget proposal forecasts an operating loss of approximately \$44,000. He compared various investment portfolios, with the investment committee set to reevaluate for the coming year. Eliot presented the 2025 planned revenues, highlighting the conference and stewardship categories, and noted that 2024 was budgeted for net income, currently showing a positive balance of \$95,000. Inge inquired about the Learning line, and Diana highlighted mini-courses on systems thinking organized by the Turkey group, with Rebecca requesting further details. Lees provided an update on RoadMaps version 2.0, expressing the aim to launch in January. Eliot presented estimates for unrestricted assets, income, and expenses over time, as well as reserve balances and proposed reserve designations for 2025. He also introduced Finance Committee motions for electronic voting, with the group agreeing to open voting on December 9 and close it on December 15 without opposition.

VP Meetings, John Ansah, shared the results of the focus group discussions on the online conference experience. He highlighted the key issues and presented suggestions for a stronger experience. The discussion focused on improving hybrid and virtual components, exploring options for enhanced effectiveness and engagement.

Allyson transitioned leadership to Asmeret, the **President-Elect**. Asmeret highlighted the first meeting of 2025 and outlined key focus areas for the year, including enhancing PC meeting processes, clarifying roles and responsibilities, and fostering greater engagement across the PC. She encouraged members to provide their input and ideas.

Interim SPOC chair, Bob, mentioned the program guidelines have been updated and the biggest change is on including a structured abstract in the conference submission.

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