

Wednesday, March 26, 2024

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Attendees

Voting: Asmeret Naugle, Bob Eberlein, Burcu Tan Erciyes, Jyunjung Kim, Jeroen Struben, Vinícius Picanço, Lees Stuntz, Eliot Rich, Inge Bleijenbergh, Jenson Goh, Irene Headen, Diana Fisher, Hazhir Rahmandad, John Ansah, Willem Auping, Scott Rockart, Brad Morrison

Non-voting: Joe Londa, Ignacio Martínez-Moyano, Fernando Redivo, Christine Tang, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

Agenda

0:10 Welcome & Introduction (Asmeret)
0:05 Motions (Asmeret)
0:05 Executive Director Update (Rebecca)
0:05 PC Meeting Schedule Flexibility (Asmeret)
0:05 Dana Meadows Award Modifications (Bob)
0:15 VP Membership Update (Inge)
0:30 Strategic Planning (Asmeret)
0:15 Institutional Neutrality (Scott)
Adjournment

Minutes

President, Asmeret Bier Naugle, convened the meeting and introduced the agenda.

Secretary, Lees Stuntz, moved to approve the February 2025 PC minutes. Burcu seconded. Motion passed.

Asmeret moved to approve the SIG name change from “Environmental SIG” to “Environment and Natural Resource Management SIG” (ENRM SIG). This change was supported by VP Chapters & SIGs. Joe Londa mentioned that the original idea was to amalgamate 4 SIGs but, to avoid a hierarchical structure, was changed to rebrand the SIG with a coordinating role. Seconded by Diana. Motion passed, 1 abstention. Eliot asked for a policy that if there is a SIG name change, this requires the same signatures as a new SIG. Joe feels that this was met with the original signatures and agreement at the meetings that were held.

Executive Director, Rebecca, presented the SDS Dashboard and focused on ISDC 2025. She shared the ongoing efforts to increase marketing. Discussion included exogenous political developments, best and worst case scenarios, plans on what to address. Lees moved that the PC supports the office, VP meetings, and planning/program committees in changing plans about the 2025 conference to adapt to political and other conditions. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

President, Asmeret, proposed a change to the policies to allow for PC meeting flexibility. The policy section would read as below:

“Policy IV. Section 1. Authority. The Policy Council shall set policies and issue directives and shall monitor the work of Officers and other activities under way or planned. It shall schedule monthly electronic discussions with the flexibility of canceling when reasonable, and meet in person during the annual conference when possible”.

Lees seconded. Discussion ensued. Lees suggested a friendly amendment to read “...schedule monthly electronic **Policy Council meetings** with...” Seconded by Diana Fisher. Opposed: 1. Abstain: 3 (Willem, Bob, Eliot). Motion amendment passed. The full motion will be voted on electronically.

Bob reported on the Dana Meadows Fund proposing adjustments to the fund management: 1) That the name of the fund be changed to the Dana Meadows Fund, dropping award from the name, 2) That the distinction of the DMA1 and DMA2 monies be removed, 3) That the purpose of the fund be expanded to include both awards and scholarships, 4) That a more formal charter guiding the administration of the fund with specific spending targets be adopted. These changes would be presented to the original members that funded the DMA and bring back any comments to the PC. Eliot added that the Finance Committee has for years asked for an improved management of the fund resources and supports this change. Brad mentioned the care to check about any legal hurdles.

VP Membership, Inge Bleijenbergh, presented the Dana Meadows Scholar Proposal with 1 student receiving 30k for two years. Discussion included that the scholarship amount is geared towards European master programs, questions about who the Society would be targeting, what other alternatives were explored, and what the ROI is on this option.

President-Elect, Scott Rockart, shared the President’s proposal for an ad hoc committee to address the SDS status when facing political and social issues. He gave some background about past and upcoming decisions. Scott is volunteering to lead the committee, the committee will be tasked to present actionable items to the PC. Discussion ensued on committee speed and initial replies, especially regarding the conference considering the political situation. Remarks were made to consider that the SDS is a global (not US) organization; the committee will take this into consideration. Asmeret asked for volunteers to connect with her and Scott to form the committee.

Asmeret asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Scott moved. Lees seconded. Motion passed.