Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Attendees

Voting: Asmeret Naugle, Lees Stuntz, Scott Rockart, Bob Eberlein, Inge Bleijenbergh, Diana Fisher, Thomas Wittig, Burcu Tan, John Pastor Ansah, Vinicius Rodrigues, Eliot Rich, Hazhir Rahmandad, Jeroen Struben, Irene Headen, Willem Auping

Non-voting: Christine Tang, Fernando Redivo, Raquel Buzogany, Rebecca Niles

Agenda

0:05 Welcome and Agenda (Asmeret)

0:05 Motions (Asmeret)

0:05 Reflecting on 2025 & Recognition of Officers (Asmeret)

VP & Committee Reports

   0:20 VP Finance: Budget (Eliot)

   0:10 Strategy Committee (Asmeret)

   0:05 Program Guidelines (Bob)

0:25 ISDC2028 Conference Location Discussion (John)

0:15 Website Discussion (Rebecca)

Adjournment

Minutes

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

Secretary: Lees moved to approve the Policy Council Meeting Minutes November, 2025. Burcu Tan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect, Scott, asked participants to submit their availability for the 2026 PC meetings. Meetings will change from the last Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday of each month.

President, Asmeret, reflected on the 2025 PC year showing appreciation for the outgoing officers.

President, Asmeret, wrapped up on the 2025 strategic planning report highlighting that education is getting its own goal on the proposed 5-year goals. Hazhir mentioned that listing what will not be approached/done could be most helpful. Scott clarified that the next year will emphasize the model and leverage points for achieving the goals.

5 year Goals:

1. Build and support local system dynamics groups.
2. Increase attendance at system dynamics events.
3. Increase number of society members.
4. Broaden awareness of system dynamics.
5. Increase availability of system dynamics in education.

VP Finance, Eliot, presented the 2026 budget proposal with an operating loss of -$38,393 which is less than last year's planned loss. He detailed some of the expected revenues, expenditures, historical assets, net operating income, and proposed reserve designations. Eliot shared the two motions to be voted on electronically.

On behalf of **SPOC**, Bob, highlighted the newest changes to the Program Guidelines: removing Feedback Sessions, changing WIP Session naming to Short Presentations Sessions, updating the Diversity thread to Diversity and Ethics, and clarifying budgeting for Program Chairs.

VP Meetings, John, resumed the conference location discussion. He approached the topic on default locations; Willem chimed in highlighting the burden on the host and clarifying Delft would be willing to host the conference every 10 years, but not at a higher frequency. Discussion ensued with some agreement on increasing the number of default locations. Bob clarified default locations were historically used for sites without hosts and would only make sense in the US given the language barriers. In addition, fall back locations could be the ones where there is a local host willing to host the conference at some agreed upon cadence.

Next, John reviewed the conversation on the virtual option sharing pros and cons. Discussion included the alignment with the strategic goals, disruptions of the virtual component for in-person conference attendees, the lowering of geopolitical risks when offering a virtual option, the difficulty to adjust the price depending on location, frustration with some parts of the virtual program by virtual attendees, increasing traveling costs, and virtual vs. in-person satisfaction.

John asked how could the Society strengthen off-cycle smaller conferences and connect them with the Society? Discussion included available budget, personalized needs and restrictions depending on chapters/locations, and the need to figure out how the Society can effectively support regional events in a scalable manner.

Executive Director, Rebecca, introduced the website conversation summing up the current process. She provided an overview of E-presence spending, historical web platforms and motivation for the changes, current architecture, a list of functions, and criteria. She asked participants to assess the process and email her any feedback. Conversation will be continued in 2026.

Asmeret asked who would like to adjourn the meeting. Willem moved. Bob seconded. Motion passed.