

June 2, 2016

Dear Member:

As Secretary of the System Dynamics Society, I am writing to notify you that there will be a proposal for amendments to our Bylaws brought up for discussion at the General Business meeting at this summer's conference in Delft.

The first proposed change brings the role of the President into compliance with the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013 by removing the words 'chief executive officer.'

The second proposed change comes at the request of Jay Forrester. While he will continue as Founding President, Jay has asked to be moved from a voting to an advisory role. To this end, the Policy Council of the System Dynamics Society is recommending an update to two sections of Bylaw V.

The Organization and Bylaws Committee has recommended that the Bylaws be updated. The Policy Council has accepted the recommendation and has made a proposal for a change in the Bylaws. As a member of the Society you are ultimately responsible for approving such a change. We are now soliciting comments on the proposed changes to the Bylaws. There will be an opportunity for discussion during the General Business Meeting at this summer's conference in Delft, and then we will be asking you to vote on the proposed changes by electronic ballot in the fall.

Proposed NEW Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: a. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Policy Council and of the Society, performing all duties required by the Bylaws and Policies as well as any additional duties specified by the Policy Council.

Proposed NEW Wording- BYLAW V. OFFICERS: Founding President: The Founding President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Policy Council.

Proposed NEW Wording- Section 1. Title and Authority. The officers of the Society shall be a President; a President Elect; a Past President, one or more Vice Presidents as specified by the Policy Council; and a Secretary.

More detailed information on the changes and their history is contained in the report of the Organization and Bylaws Committee. For supporting material and discussion please see the [report](#) of the Organization and Bylaws Committee in the [archived minutes](#) of the 2016 Winter PC Meeting. The current Bylaws can be found [here](#).

If you have comments or questions please send them to Brad Morrison at morrison@mit.edu or post them on [SDForum](#) under the thread "Revision to the Society's Bylaws" in the Open Discussion forum.

As we advance through this process, we will keep you posted. Thanks.

Sincerely,
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Secretary 2016

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