

Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Council of the International System Dynamics Society

August 27, 1991 (91-2)

In Attendance:

Officers: Bob Eberlein (Secretary), Jose Machuca (VP Meetings), George Richardson (VP Review Editor), Erich Zahn (President, Presiding)

Policy Council: Brian Dangerfield, Ali Mashayekhi, Peter Milling, Jac Vennix

Guests: Richard Duncan, Saburo Kameyama, Takahiro Kojima (Japan Chapter Representative), Yuzuru Ooshika, Mike Radzicki, Juan Rego, Eric Wolstenholme

1. Treasurer's Report (Bob Eberlein)

The financial position continues solid. The transition of the Journal to Wiley is now underway, but is not expected to have a dramatic impact on the bottom line.

2. Nominating Committee

Because the past president was not present to chair the nominating committee for officers to be elected in 1992, it was necessary to appoint a complete committee.

George Richardson proposed that the nominating committee be chaired by Eric Wolstenholme, and have Bob Eberlein and Khalid Saaed as members.

Peter Milling Second. The motion was carried.

3. Jay Wright Forrester Award

Of the award committee only George Richardson was present.

Bob Eberlein proposed that the Erich Zahn and Ali Mashayekhi act on the award committee for 1991.

Peter Milling seconded. The motion was carried.

4. System Dynamics Review (George Richardson)

The transition to Wiley is nearly complete. The only major outstanding issue has to do with back-orders. Wiley will handle all payments, and maintain the database. Julie Pugh will keep policy council information and other frequently required lists, but will not maintain a society database. It was agreed that Fax Numbers should be added to the database.

Next year there will be three issues of the Review, and the page size will be slightly smaller than it is this year. We are headed toward a quarterly journal if material of sufficient quality remains available. George is intending to include 3 main articles and two notes per issue, with more emphasis on Notes and Insights. To uphold quality, the key scholars in System Dynamics have to make more contributions, and George will remind them of this.

The paper review process is slower than it needs to be and suggestions for helping with this include publishing the submission and acceptance dates and putting more pressure on reviewers.

It was agreed that it would be desirable to have a binding of all issues through 1991.

Bob Eberlein proposed that the back-issue question be cleared up as quickly as possible and that the current Wiley proposal of simply turning over to Wiley the existing back issues be considered an acceptable arrangement if nothing else can quickly be settled upon.

George Richardson seconded, and the motion was carried.

The policy Council Was Reconvened on Friday, August 20 following the General Business Meeting for a short discussion.

16. Slate of Officers

Eric Wolstenholme proposed that the slate of officers for election in 1992 (to take office in 1993), and pending outstanding acceptances be

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George Richardson seconded and the motion was carried.

17. 1993 Conference.

Enrique Zepeda agreed to host the 1993 conference, and to send a written proposal outlining arrangements after he returned to Mexico.

George Richardson moved that, subject to the receipt of an acceptable written proposal, the 1993 conference be held in Mexico and organized by Enrique Zepeda.

Peter Milling seconded and the motion was carried.

18. 1995 Conference

The Japanese Chapter offered to sponsor the 1995 conference.

Jose Machuca moved that the 1995 conference, subject to the receipt of an acceptable written proposal, be held in Japan and organized by the Japanese Chapter.

Bob Eberlein seconded, and the motion was carried.

19. New Presidency

Peter Milling and Bob Eberlein outlined an alternative in which the president if elected on a ticket with an Executive Vice President of the candidates choosing for a period of 2 years. The President remains in office for two years after the presidency, but the Executive Vice President leaves the council. The office of President-Elect is done away with. A formal proposal on this issue will be presented in January. If approved by the policy council it will be put to a general society Vote.

20 Adjournment

Bob Eberlein moved to adjourn the meeting.

George Richardson seconded and the motion was carried.

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