

International Conference... July 1988

Policy Council Meeting July 7, 1988

Present were: J. and N. Forrester, J and A. Pugh, M. Radzicki, G. Richardson, D. Anderson, J. Sterman, A. Graham, P. Milling, E. Wolstenholme, Khalid Saeed, E. Zahn, José D. Machuka, Xavier Aracil, Raimo Keloharjii and Andy Ford.

1. Raimo made a request for papers to be submitted to the Indian Journal of System Dynamics. The Council members discussed this and decided it would be o.k..

2. SUB CHAPTERS

Italian Chapter: Vittorio circulated his DINAMICA, and spoke of a proposal for an Italian Chapter which he mailed to Nathan. David Anderson proposed that the committee approve the Italian Chapter in principle, with the details to be presented tomorrow.

Latin Chapter: Jose D. Machuka stated that he thought this chapter had been previously approved, summarizing the organization's activities of the past two years, with the purpose of spreading knowledge. No funds have been collected. He received approximately 40 responses to his questionnaire sent to his mailing list. Mentioned working cooperatively with Karsky and Aracil. International Meeting last summer, planning a System Dynamics course for all latin people in management. He stated that there would be no problems with respect to the rules outlined in today's agenda, as read aloud by Nathan. Attempts to teach high school students also mentioned.

Jack proposed that we appoint a smaller committee (David, Khalid and Julie) to meet with Jose and Vittorio to consider both the Italian and Latin Society and report back to the Policy Committee on July 7th.

3. Conference Site for 1991.

Vittorio proposed that it be in Milan (U. Bocconi). José has written a letter recommending this site.

Khalid invited us to go to Bangkok, describing the easy access and low costs. He passed around brochures and said he'd be happy to organize a conference there.

4. SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

George announced that the 254 page issue is ready to mail and then summarized the current finances. His estimated costs of \$21,700 will be \$2,000 over budget. Cost per copy printed will be \$30.00, but if only 300 are mailed the cost per copy will be \$56.00. He mentioned a backlog of high quality papers ready for future editions. Erik proposed that each person on the Policy council be given a supply of Journals to give away to potential members. George proposed that this activity be coordinated out of a central office. Jay said that we should grant this request to any member of the Policy Council who requests.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jack distributed 9/86-6/87, 12/87 and 11/1/87-6/29/88 reports, stating "generally, we're doing well". There followed a discussion about enlarging our funds, through sponsors and endowment. Khalid suggested creating in principal an endowment fund. Jay proposed tapping the Japanese possibilities, and recommended that each member of this Council be responsible for getting one Sponsor. Mike proposed that there be special privileges for sponsors such as free attendance at Conferences.

There was a brief discussion about membership dues structure. The feeling was that we shouldn't raise dues.

6. Ballot

Nathan asked the members of the Council to review the names proposed on the ballot before tomorrow's meeting. He asked that Raimo's name be removed from the ballot. Members were referred to the names on the 7/6 agenda:

Officers and Policy Council Members, 1989

1989 Nominating Committee

Awards Committee

Respectfully submitted,
JSP

Policy Council Meeting(noon) July 7, 1988 (continuation)

12:15-1:30 PM

Attendance: same as yesterday, with the addition of Javier Aracil and Peter Gardiner.

7. Stuttgart Conference 1989: (7/11-7/14)

Peter Milling described the heavy emphasis on industrial applications, ramifications of Professional Dynamo and outlined the schedule in a more formal setting. The plan for the Proceedings to be a book sold through bookstores brought up some conversation..(emphasis on a need for quality screening.) Nathan asked about copies available for the Society to sell and thereby earn revenue. Jack outlined the procedure for the proceedings at the Pine Manor Conference. Springer to print the book ahead of time and take care of distribution. Policy Council recommended further consideration of this matter. Question of authors retaining copywrite?

Eric Zahn then talked about the town of Stuttgart and the arrangements for delegates to stay in hotels of their own choosing, attending meetings at a large palace.

8.1990 Conference: might be organized by John Richardson, American University. Not resolved.

9. Ad Hoc Committee on Chapters of the Society:

Dave Anderson described this morning's meeting and the creation of Latin and Italian chapters of SDS., proposing a mechanism whereby the Society would directly collect its fees, and the chapters would collect theirs. David's outline was adopted in principle.

10. Agenda for Society business meeting, Fri. July 8th..Nathan outlined topics and asked for additional ones.

Michael Radziki announced the donation of a Peace Prize by Notre Dame, (\$1,000, divided into \$250/year to generate papers in the area of conflict resolution.) This will be administered by our awards selection committee...Voted to accept and thank Notre Dame for the gift.

11. Nominating Committee ; discussion of the '89 proposed slate.

Nathan explained his efforts to eliminate problems of the previous two years. Erik proposed we reconsider previous candidates not elected in previous years. Committee should consult the Policy Council. Suggestion that the president introduce Nominating Committee members at the beginning of each conference, so that the members can be contacted with nominations.

The Policy Committee voted unamously for the 1989 slate.

President:Eric Zahn

VP Membership: Alan Graham

VP Finance: Jack Pugh

VP Meetings: Jose A. Dom. Machuka
Policy Council: Levine, Well, Mashayeki and Breiter