

Annual Business meeting of the System Dynamics Society

July 14, 1989
Stuttgart, Germany

1. Welcome (Eric Wostenholme)

The meeting was open with a welcome to everyone. Society membership was noted to be stable at 350 people. A call was put out to encourage people to look for new members or sponsors.

2. Treasurers Report (Jack Pugh)

Last year we did well with income exceeding expenses by \$11,000.00. We have received \$30,000.00 of this years budgeted \$35,000.00. More is expected in September when instututional journal subscribers renew. There was a \$10,000.00 surplus bndudgeted this year.

3. The System Dynamics Review (George Richardson)

The review cost about \$10,000 per issue or about \$100 per page. The budget for the review has been raised to \$24,000 per year. The lead time for papers into the review is now about 2 years from first receipt.

A prize will be awarded for articles on peace studies and conflict resolution. The prize is funded by the Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame. Papers eligible for the prize will be reviewed as any other paper. Only papers published in the review are eligible.

4. 1990 Conference

The 1990 conference will be held in Boston July 10-13, 1990. Abstracts are due November 1 and full papers are due April 15.

5. 1991 Conference

The 1991 conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference will be hosted by the Asian Institute of Technology.

6. Future Conferences

The 1992 conference will be in Europe, 1993 in North America and 1994 in Europe. Proposals for future conferences are solicited. Written proposals for the 1992 conference must be received by December 31, 1989.

7. Elections and Nominations

Taking office in January 1990 are

Erich Zahn - president elect
Alan Graham - VP membership
Jack Pugh - VP finance
Jose Machuca - VP Meetings (1991 replacing Erich Zahn)
Ralph Levine - Policy council
Henry Weil - Policy council
Andres Brieter - Policy council
Ali Mashieki - Policy Council

A note of clarification was made that the nominating committee proposes a slate of officers. If no additional nominations are made the slate goes trough as proposed, otherwise the contested positions go to a general vote. The purpose of this procedure is to improve geographic distribution of officers.

8. Chapters

The society welcomes the Italian chapter, while we are still finalizing the formal relationship.

There is interest from the Latin chapter. It was noted that chapters may be regional or subject area oriented.

A comment was made from the floor that small local meetings might be helpful, along the lines of what is done by the Society for Computer Simulation.

9. Gordon S. Brown Fund (Jay Forrester)

The purpose of the fund is to get System Dynamics teaching in place at high schools. Barry Richmond and Jay Forrester conceived a fund to help this and the fund has received \$200,000 in pledges so far. The fund will be administered by the System Dynamics Society. The fund will give preference to the schools Gordon Brown has been working with, it is not to be used for equipment. The most important first uses relate to the development of media and packaging of teaching materials.

10. Membership Directory

Has been mailed out to all society members.

11. Dues Structure

Two tiers:

Full Members: \$60.00/year

Students and persons earning less than \$20,000/year \$30.00/year.

There was a comment from the floor that making the System Dynamics Review optional would give a low cost membership option.

It was noted that a differential fee for society members would be considered at the 1990 conference.

12. Other Business

David Andersen requested nominations for the 1990 Jay W Forrester award.

Joel Rahn called for submissions to the announcements and meetings section of the System Dynamics Review.

Jose Machuca asked for a clarification of the role of society officers.

13. Thanks

A vote of thanks was given to the organizers of the 1989 conference.