

Formation of a Chapter

The System Dynamics Society (SDS) has Chapters in many parts of the world, formed by active and committed Society members who wish to strengthen interaction amongst them and to enhance their ability to reach other people. Chapters are important for the System Dynamics Society because they are able to:

- disseminate System Dynamics in new places;
- propose activities which advance System Dynamics capacities across diverse application domains (which the SDS actively supports with its [Strengthening the Field Fund](#)).

While most Chapters have been formed around a geographic area or in consideration of a specific language, some unite SDS members by type of activity (Students) or application domain (Economics). Society members may form a Chapter on grounds of any of these reasons. The full description of considerations and rules concerning Chapters is in **Policy 8** of the System Dynamic Society's [Policies](#).

Chapters have a more stringent set of obligations than Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Chapters must:

- a) unite at least 10 Society members in good standing;
- b) have a constitution which is compatible with the System Dynamic Society's [Governance](#) and [Policy 8](#); (Please refer to the [Sample Constitution](#).)
- c) report activities, membership, and governance to the Vice-President Chapters using a standard report form.

In return, Chapters has privileges that SIGs do not, allowing them to:

- a) charge membership dues;
- b) create publications;
- c) host conferences;
- d) have a non-voting representative on the Policy Council.

A Chapter will be recognized when it has presented its constitution, a petition signed by at least ten (10) Society members, a list of its officers and a named representative to the Council. On reviewing these items, the Policy Council will then choose whether or not to recognize the Chapter.

If your group wishes to gain recognition as a Chapter of the SDS, then please read [Policy 8](#) and contact the Vice-President Chapters for assistance:

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