

Finding sites and hosts for conferences has continually been a difficult task. A number of suggestions were made on ways that this burden could be eased, and other benefits provided. One possibility is to hold the conference every other year, allowing more preparation time and improved novelty.

Another possibility was to coordinate the conference as part of a larger ongoing conference. The larger conference would handle most of the administrative work, with the Society being responsible only for the content of sessions. This might also increase cross-fertilization with researchers in related areas. The TIMS/ORSA conference, and the conference of the Society for Computer Simulation were mentioned as possible matches. Jack Pugh expressed concern that the financial obligations in any coordinated effort be clearly understood. There was a consensus that alternative conference formats should be considered, but no resolve as to the form or value of alternative formats.

A committee consisting of John Sterman, Bob Eberlein, Mike Radzicki, Ulrich Laroche, Peter Milling and Jack Pugh was appointed to look into this issue and report back to the policy council with concrete recommendations.

12. 1993 Dues

Moved by John Sterman that the individual membership fees for 1993 remain unchanged at \$70.00. Seconded by Jack Pugh the motion was carried. Andres Brieter noted the importance of the continued supported member fee of \$35.00.

13. Nomination Committee Report

The Nominating Committee recommended the following:

President Elect: Khalid Saeed
VP Publications: David Lane

Policy Council: Paula Antunes
Erling Moxnes
Lou Afeld
Tarek Abdil Hamid

Moved by Mike Radzicki that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee be accepted. Seconded by Jack Pugh the motion was carried.

The nominees will be contacted by Bob Eberlein to assure their acceptance. The following people were mentioned by the nominating committee as useful for future consideration: Henk Akkermans, Bent Bakken, Burt DeVries, Jeff Coyle, Ernst Dhiel, Christian Kampmann, Erik Larsen, Purnendu Mandel, Jac Vennix, Eric Wolstenholme

14. Responsibilities of Officers

All current officers of the Society are responsible for writing a description of their responsibilities and activities. This description will be given to nominees, and passed on to new officers taking office. The new officers will be responsible for keeping the descriptions accurate and up to date. Mike Radzicki is going to be sure all the current officers comply.

15. Member Services

Two new services are now available to society members. First is the electronic bibliography compiled by Kip Cooper. Second is the Beer Game board and instructional materials, including a Video Tape. The beer game materials are for sale to members only for \$75.00/board and \$20.00 for materials. The cost of the boards to the society is \$50.00, and they are being passed on to us at cost by Innovation Associates.

Jim Hines and Bob Eberlein will look into setting a Compu-Serve conference on System Dynamics.

16. Chapters

The only official chapter of the Society is the Japanese Chapter. It has 39 members and hold monthly meetings.

17. Structure of the Presidency

A number of views on the one year presidential term were expressed. On the one hand there is concern that the term is too short to offer the opportunity for accomplishment, provides no continuity and little incentive to get things working well. On the other hand more than one year is viewed as a burden, destructive in the case of inactive presidents and changes little for the Policy Council as a whole.

There was consensus that the President Elect should be more involved in things and should, when possible, attend the winter Policy Council meeting in Boston. This meeting needs to be scheduled well in advance.

Minutes of the General Business Meeting of the System Dynamics Society

July 17, 1992 (92-4)

John Sterman Presiding.

18. The System Dynamics Review (George Richardson)

The Review is now firmly in the hands of Wiley and things are working very well. There is a good backlog of articles and it appears that we will go quarterly in 1994. The Review is now mailed to 520 individuals and institutions in 20 countries. Institutional descriptions are up to 150 from 84 last year and membership is up to 362 from 312 last year.

19. Future Conferences

The 1993 conference will be held from July 19-23 in Mexico City. It will be hosted by the Monterey Institute of Technology and have a theme of "International Competitiveness and Economic Integration." Thanks go to Enrique Zepeda and Moses Cantú Guizar for the work they have done. Note that the deadline for abstracts is November 1.

The 1994 conference will be held in Sterling, Scotland June 19-24. It will be organized by Eric Wolstenholme.

The 1995 conference will be held in Japan and hosted by the Japanese Chapter of the System Dynamics Society.

The 1996 conference has not been scheduled yet but will be held in North America.

20. Financial Report (Jack Pugh)

The Society is in good shape financially with income over expenses for this year so far at \$12,000.00 and a cash balance of \$83,000. A summary of the financial report will be published in the President's letter.

21. Old and New Officers

The current officers of the Society who were present were introduced. The new officers taking office in 1993 were announced and, if possible, introduced.

22. Society Services

The membership directory will be out in the fall. A computerized bibliography of work in System Dynamics with 3400 citations is available and will be updated annually. Special thanks to Kip Cooper and Bill Steinhurst, it may be ordered from Julie for \$35.00. Old proceedings (except China) are also available. Beer Game boards can be ordered from Julie for \$75.00 and instructional materials for \$20.00.

23. Review of Conference (George Richardson)

There were 156 participants from 20 countries presenting 91 papers. There was substantial work both in the normal science of System Dynamics, with applications in many areas, and in work changing the nature of what System Dynamics is and does.

24. Thanks

Thanks go to Utrecht University and the sponsors of the conference for making it such a success. Jac Vennix and his team have done a splendid job.

Next Meeting February 11, 1993 at MIT (second choice Feb. 18)

If you will not be at the meeting and there are any issues you would like to have addressed please send them to the secretary:

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