

System Dynamics Society  
General Business Meeting  
July, 2012, St. Gallen, Switzerland

David Ford called the meeting to order at 8:35.

David thanked the outgoing officers and members of the Policy Council:

- Rogelio Oliva – Past President
- David Lane, President
- System Dynamics Review Senior Editor, Brian Dangerfield
- PC Members
  - Susan Howick,
  - Birgit Kopainsky,
  - Agata Sawicka,
  - Aldo Zagonel.

David welcomed the incoming officers and PC members:

- David Lane – Past President
- Kim Warren President Elect
- System Dynamics Review Senior Editor – Rogelio Oliva
- PC Members
  - Rod MacDonald,
  - Lees Stuntz,
  - Silvia Ulli-Beer,
  - Nicole Zimmermann.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2011 General Business Meeting was made by David Lane, seconded by Rogelio Oliva, and passed.

**Officer Reports:**

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- a) VP of Finance – David Andersen  
David summarized our history, beginning in 1996 when we went to professional management of the Society. Now today, we have net assets a little over \$800 K. Society finances are in good shape overall. We operate as a 501c3 corporation, registered in NY and MA. Based on our budget for 2013, we expect to spend \$536 K, and we expect a net gain of \$382. The main sources of revenue are three volatile sources: sales, conference fees, and earnings from investments.
- b) VP of Electronic Presence – Bob Eberlein  
Bob reported that the new website is up. He would like volunteers to help, for example, as contributors of content to web site. He is also working on the submission system that will be renamed as the System Dynamics portal.
- c) VP of Chapter Activities – Martin Schaffernicht

Martin referred us to a complete report available on the Society website describing several chapter development initiatives. Chapters are an important part of the Society, and Martin encouraged individuals to get in touch with a chapter or SIG to affiliate with one or more of them. He invited chapters to contact Martin for help as needed.

d) VP of Meetings – Andreas Groessler

Andreas extended an invitation to all to attend next year's conference in Boston in 2013. The 2014 conference will be in Delft at TU Delft.. Delft will be the default European conference site. Proposals from other sites are welcome; the default site concept means that in the absence of a superior proposal from another site, the European conference will be at Delft. We need some "routine" in running the conference repeatedly as the same site in Europe.

e) VP of Member Activities – Etienne Rouwette

The VP of Member Activities also deals with the SIGs. SIGs hold meetings and have round tables at the conference, and there are still opportunities at this conference to attend. We have a new SIG: Biophysical Systems. All SIGs are run by volunteers. As VP, Etienne is trying to understand needs of the SIGs and how the Society can help. Also, we are trying to create repository of successful SD cases.

f) VP of Publications – George Richardson

The VP of Publications has two roles. One is to chair the Publications Committee. The other is in rare times to nominate the Executive Editor of the System Dynamics Review. Rogelio Oliva is our new Executive Editor. George expressed the appreciation of the Society to Brian Dangerfield for his exemplary service as Executive Editor for more than 10 years. The Publications Committee is now on a stable rotation, including members Etienne Rouwette, Ed Anderson, and Susan Howick. George encouraged us to read Rogelio Oliva's report to the PC. Thanks also to Graham Russell and Wiley/Blackwell for excellent things they do for us, particularly in the realm of electronic presence.

g) Executive Director – Roberta Spencer

Roberta reported that the Society is running like a Swiss watch. The home office report is available here for those who want a copy and can also be found on line. Roberta introduced the professional staff and extended an invitation to all to visit in Albany.

h) Nominating Committee – David Lane

David issued a call for suggestions for nominations. There are places open on the PC for three year terms. Please send nominations to David Lane.

David Ford announced the officers and PC Members who have been elected and will take office in 2013. These people were nominated by the nominating committee in the fall, approved by the Policy Council in the winter meeting, and announced to all Society members via newsletter. They become designated officers and PC members if no one petitions for an election. The new officers and PC members are:

- President Elect:, Ed Anderson
- Secretary – Brad Morrison (reappointment)
- VP Meetings – Len Malczynski
- Policy Council
  - Elise Weaver,
  - Paulo Goncalves
  - Inge Bleijenbergh
  - Timothy Taylor

**New Business:**

Motion from the Policy Council to adopt a revised set of by-laws - Brad Morrison reported that the Policy Council has made a motion to adopt a revised set of by-laws. The motion must be opened for discussion at a General Business meeting and then subsequently put to ballot by entire Society, as specified in the by-laws. Brad thanked the Organization and Bylaws Committee and others who helped with the revisions. David Ford opened the floor for discussion, and hearing none, closed the discussion.

David Ford opened the floor for other business and general questions, of which there were none.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.