

Minutes of RSAI Council Meeting, November 9, 2000, Chicago

5. Report of the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee: Batey commented on the World Congress in Lugano, noting that the LRPC was pleased with the venue, the size of the program, and level of participation. The Founder's Medal, which traditionally has been awarded at World Congresses, was conferred on David Boyce in recognition of his many contributions to the development of Regional Science. Batey observed that the Congress attracted 87 new members to RSAI and that we must now work to retain them. Reflecting also on the successful international symposium in South Africa in January, Batey suggested that scheduling international symposiums to fall between World Congresses, which are held every four years, might be a good idea. He noted that the LRPC would like to nail down a date for a symposium in Brazil and suggested that one or two organizers of the South African symposium be invited to Chicago to explore the option of putting on the next World Congress in South Africa.

Discussion: Dewhurst asked 1) if there was any fall-back position on World Congress sites, and 2) how new members of RSAI were brought in at World Congresses. Batey remarked that sites other than South Africa would be considered for the next World Congress. Donaghy commented that new members brought in at World Congresses were encouraged to join a section, if one was organized in the area they resided. Bade remarked that he had not observed an increase in the German speaking section after the Lugano conference. Rossi remarked that this was due to the fact that the new member list had not yet been passed on to RSAI headquarters. Hewings noted that negotiations on the Brazil symposium were proceeding and that a one and one-half day program, coinciding with that of another meeting, was under consideration. Rossi observed that attendance at the Lugano World Congress by more young people from developing countries could have been funded. He urged Council to appoint someone to solicit names of qualified scholars, noting that the web-site solicitation approach employed in Lugano did not succeed. Bade opined that international symposia create an unreasonable demand on scholars to produce papers. Poot observed that participation at the recent PRSCO Institute in Mexico City seemed to suffer from this demand. Batey remarked that the ERSA Summer Institute in Turkey may also have suffered from the competing demand of other institutes. On the other hand, Poot observed, the PRSCO Institute was reasonably successful and the hosting of a larger PRSCO Conference in Mexico is being discussed. He noted that the institute featured simultaneous translation and parallel tracks of paper presentations in English and Spanish. Cuadrado-Roura remarked that English may not be the appropriate conference language in Latin America or South America. Hewings observed that the adoption of English as an official conference language is not mandated by the RSAI constitution.

Action: Kohno asked for and received Council's approval to invite the organizers of the South African symposium to the next Council meeting in Chicago.

6. Report from the PRS Editor-in-Chief: Florax recapped the

major points of his report made to Council in Lugano. He noted that fourth issue of the current volume was in the proof-reading stage and that the issue would include speeches by Batey and Boyce from the Founder's Medal award ceremony. Submissions of manuscripts remain stable. Florax observed that there were no clear procedures for replacing super-regional editors or altering the composition of the journal's editorial board. Appropriate procedures would need to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

7. Report of the Executive Director: Donaghy reported that the Association was in a good state of health and thanked Rossi and his World Congress LOC for expanding the RSAI membership base. He noted that the Papers in Regional Science continued to be shipped on a regular schedule but that the August newsletter would be a little late, due to a transition in editorship. He reported that about 35% of RSAI members now received the newsletter in electronic format. Donaghy reminded that Council that the dates of the next three Council meetings were November 9th at the NARSC meeting in Chicago, July 1st at the PRSCO meeting in Portland, and August 28th at the ERSA congress in Zagreb.

Discussion: Bade asked if the increase (from 60 to 65 \$US) in membership dues and the increase (from 15 to 25 \$US) in per capita fees collected at super-regional meetings, approved by Council at the Lugano meeting, had been discussed with ERSA officers prior to Council's action. Donaghy noted that, while determination of annual membership dues and per capita fees collected at super-regional meetings came under the purview of RSAI Council, the need to increase operating revenues via dues and per capita fees had been discussed at the Montreal Council meeting (and recorded in the minutes) prior to the Lugano meeting at which action was taken. As the recorded attendance confirms, ERSA's representatives to Council were present at both the Montreal and Lugano meetings.

8. New business: Hewings reported that he and David Boyce were continuing to explore establishing criteria for recognizing Fellows of RSAI and that they would make a report at the Chicago meeting. Poot encouraged councillors to commit early to the PRSCO meeting in Portland and Quigley noted that the WRSA web site had information on the meeting.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 9, 2000

Present: Bade (ERSA), Batey (Immediate Past President and ERSA), Boyce (Archivist), Carbonneau (Assistant Executive Director), Cuadrado-Roura (Observer), Dewhurst (At-Large), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Esparza (Observer), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (Observer), Haynes (Observer), Hewings (Vice President and NARSC), Higano (Observer), Johansson (ERSA), Killkeny (At-Large), Kohno (President and PRSCO), Krmenev (Treasurer), Quigley (PRSCO), Rees

(NARSC), Serrano-Moreno (PRSCO), Thill (PRS North American Editor), Wissink (Observer), and Van Wyk (Observer). Regrets: Fischer (At-Large), Rossi (At-Large), and Stough (NARSC).

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Kohno.

2. The agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Barcelona meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. **President's Report:** On behalf of the Association, Kohno thanked Krmeneč for his excellent work in organizing the meetings. He then addressed the Council about what he felt had been accomplished during his tenure as president. He stated that he took much satisfaction from helping to organize the symposium on regional development in South Africa, introducing a plan to increase the size of the Association's membership, bringing the Indonesian section into the Association, increasing the size of the Japanese section, and calling for an amendment to the RSAI constitution to allow for donations to the Association by national governments. He was dissatisfied, however, in not being able to accomplish some of the objectives that he had set for himself.

Discussion: Donaghy commended Kohno for his important work during his presidency in extending the reach of the Association to areas in which it had previously been uninvolved, for focusing the attention of the Association on issues of long-term membership development, and exploring means of ensuring the Association's long-term financial well-being.

4. **Report of the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee:** Batey reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee had met prior to the Council meeting and had agreed that Port Elizabeth would be an excellent choice for the next world congress. Van Wyk made a short presentation on organizational efforts that were underway in South Africa and distributed materials on Port Elizabeth.

Discussion: Nijkamp stated that he expected a world congress in Port Elizabeth would be a huge success. Batey suggested that if the Port Elizabeth site were accepted for the next congress, a small group of people should begin to undertake advance preparations. Getis suggested that a member of the last world congress's local organizing committee be invited to participate as a member on the next congress's.

Batey reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee was also in agreement that Brazil should be the location for the next international symposium. He indicated that the Committee was discussing candidates for successor to Geoffrey Hewings as the Association's vice president and was pursuing informally the issue of candidates' willingness to serve.

5. **Archivist's Report:** Boyce distributed his annual report to the Council summarizing recent activities and future plans.

In the past year Boyce has prepared a policy statement concerning the scope and objectives of the Archives (posted on the RSAI website), advised regional scientists on where and how to preserve research materials, collected a complete set of RSAI newsletters to archive and solicited newsletters from ERSA and PRSCO, and corresponded with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration concerning holdings related to research activities of Walter Isard supported by the U.S. Government. He intends to continue to respond to inquiries concerning the Regional Science Archives and to continue his oral history project as time permits. Boyce also reported that some of William Alonso's papers would be deposited at UC Berkeley.

Discussion: Rees remarked that the letter appendices in Boyce's report were important documents in the history of science.

6. **Executive Director's Report:** Donaghy reported that Angelo Rossi and Arthur Getis had been re-elected to serve second terms as Councilors At-Large and that the Barclay Jones prize for best dissertation in Regional Science over the previous year was awarded to Eric Pels, student of Peter Nijkamp and Piet Rietveld at Free University, for his work on airport economics and policy. He noted that, all in all, operations of the Association were going well and that the Association was currently enjoying an operating budget surplus. Jimmie Duden, the Association's account technician of more than ten years, would be retiring within a month but efforts to recruit a part-time account technician and part-time office support person were underway. Donaghy noted that the Association's financial oversight committee had not been able to meet prior to the Council meeting because several of its members were unable to come to Chicago. He reminded Council of upcoming meeting dates: July 1st in Portland, August 28th in Zagreb, and November 15th in Charleston.

7. **Report of the Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science:** Florax reported that all four issues of the present year's volume had been mailed to the membership. He noted that paper submissions were up, that the next year's volume was almost filled, that institutional subscriptions stood at about 390, and that, according to the assessment of Anselin and Rey in a recent issue of *IRSR*, the journal's standing compared favorably with the standings of other journals in the field. Florax noted he had received an estimate of \$1500 for services that would meet the need for language editing (discussed at previous council meetings).

Action: Appealing to discussions of the need for language editing at previous Council meetings, Florax asked and received Council's approval of this itemized expenditure level.

Florax remarked that the foremost issue facing the journal presently was that of replacing editors whose terms were expiring. He noted that since replacement of regional editors involved the organizing committees of the superregional conference organizations (ERSA, NARSC, and PRSCO), and since often it would be opportune if these

organizations were able to meet prior to RSAI Council meetings, he suggested that Council should consider reversing the order of meetings such that the superregional conference organizations met before RSAI Council.

Discussion: Getis moved that the order of meetings be reversed. Rees seconded the motion. Haynes suggested that the local organizing committees of superregional conferences schedule the order of the meetings as necessary to resolve questions, whereas Gibson suggested that RSAI Council should always meet first. Bade suggested that the order of the meetings should depend on the nature of the questions faced by Council and the superregional conference organizations. Esparza noted that it would have been better if the North American Regional Science Conference organization had met prior to the Council meeting this year. Rees added this was so 'a fortiore,' since the organization met only once a year. Cuadrado-Roura noted that even though the European organizing committee met several times during the year, they also met during the ERSA Congress.

Action: The question was called and Getis's motion carried.

Florax distributed copies of a proposal concerning selection and appointment procedures for editorial positions of PRS. Florax proposed that: i) members of the editorial board of the journal be appointed by Council for 3-year terms, with membership being recommended to Council by the editor-in-chief, having consulted with the RSAI president, executive director, and superregional representatives; ii) Council appoint each superregional editor from a list of 2-4 qualified scholars submitted by the superregional conference organization and that such a list be prepared by a committee comprising officers of the superregional conference organization, the outgoing editor, and the editor-in-chief; iii) Council appoint a book review editor on the recommendation of the editor-in-chief; and iv) Council select and appoint the editor-in-chief from among the superregional editors or as an independent officer. Florax suggested that a replacement for Thill be appointed at the Council meeting in Charleston, that Poot be reappointed as Pacific Editor, that he would be disposed to accept reappointment as Editor-in-chief, as would Waldorf when her term as Book-Review Editor expires at the end of 2001. He also suggested that he prepare a proposal for the Council meeting at Zagreb that would entail reappointment of at least two-thirds of the current members of the Editorial Board and replacement of up to one-third of the current members.

Discussion: Quigley remarked that, in view of the responsibilities they hold, editors-in-chief should be given considerable latitude in choosing associate editors. Johansson suggested that three years might be too short a term for editors. Serrano-Moreno rejoined that even though three years may be a short period of time, it gives the Association flexibility.

Action: President Kohno asked for and received approval of Florax's proposal. Hewings nominated Florax and Poot for second three-year terms. Kohno asked for and received

unanimous approval of the nominations.

8. Treasurer's Report: Krmenec distributed his annual treasurer's report and drew attention to the following points. The general financial position of the Association remains strong. In 1999 there was an excess of revenues over expenses resulting in an increase to the fund balance of \$14,518. Total assets were increased by \$8,487 and liabilities were being reduced. While revenues from membership fees were down (with declining membership numbers), revenues from conferences and investments were up. Costs and revenues associated with production of PRS have both decreased with Springer-Verlag's handling of printing and the institutional trade. While office expenses have increased by about 12%, costs of producing the newsletter and membership directory decreased considerably. Krmenec anticipated changes in salary and benefits figures with personnel changes at RSAI headquarters, and increase in per copy mailing costs of PRS, with a change in postal service classification and increased size of the journal, but also a decrease in costs associated with publication and distribution of the membership directory as it comes to be distributed electronically.

Discussion: Boyce asked about recent membership figures. Carbonneau responded that paid memberships in 1999 were 1,795 and that, as of the week of the Council meeting, paid memberships for 2000 stood at 1,757 with some section payments yet to be received. She noted that in 1999, the RSAI membership exceeded 2,000. Kilkenny asked about web page maintenance costs. Donaghy replied that the Association was presently paying nothing to Ohio State for web page maintenance.

9. New Business: Van Wyk and Wissink discussed organizational efforts in South Africa. They reported that after the Symposium on Regional Development held last January in Port Elizabeth, a workshop was held at which participants went through a SWAT exercise and identified a niche market for the section (regional development studies). The workshop organizers are now working through disciplinary departments in South African universities (engineering, planning, anthropology, political science, geography, and economics) to attract members for a South African section of RSAI. They are also attempting to identify institutional resources and build organizational capacity. Van Wyk and Wissink have invited Nijkamp, Poot, Higano, and Donaghy to participate in advance planning for future congresses in South Africa and are working on a publication based on the Port Elizabeth Symposium. They are also establishing an institute on regional development to be housed at the Port Elizabeth Technikon.

Discussion: Getis remarked that the Council was extremely pleased with these developments and supported them fully. Wissink noted that South Africa is totally committed to making Regional Science work. Batey proposed that Council give its approval of Port Elizabeth as the site of the next world congress.

Action: Kohno asked for and received approval of Batey's proposal. Van Wyk thanked Council for placing its trust in

the South African delegation.

Boyce distributed information on a 'Fellows' membership category. He remarked that the point of such a designation would be to draw attention to the scholarly achievements of the Association. Senior scholars who have contributed significantly to the advancement of regional science would be eligible for designation as a fellow. Boyce suggested that 9 fellows be designated in the next year and that, as a rule, no more than 0.5% of eligible members in one year.

Discussion: Kilkenny argued that 0.5% may be too much and suggested that naming one fellow a year would be fine. Hewings responded that there is something to be said for clearing up the backlog of eligible fellows. Rees proposed that 1) RSAI introduce a fellows designation, 2) all past presidents be grandfathered in, and 3) fellows be inaugurated in Charleston next November. Quigley responded that the fellows designation should be made on the basis of scholarship, if we want attention to be drawn to the Association for the right reasons. Kilkenny added that scholarly publications leading to the fellows designations should be in Regional Science journals. Hewings suggested that Boyce draft a formal statement to be submitted for approval at the Portland meeting in July. Haynes argued that Boyce's current proposal should be adopted in principle.

Action: Rees's proposal was withdrawn and Boyce's proposal was accepted in principle. Kohno appointed a committee of Boyce, Hewings, Kilkenny, Quigley and Rees to bring a detailed proposal back to Council at the Portland meeting.

Hewings gave a testimonial to the contributions of President Kohno over his career in regional science. Batey acknowledged Boyce as the most recent founders' medal recipient (at the Lugano World Congress).

Kohno offered incoming president Hewings an opportunity to share some thoughts with Council. Hewings stated that he felt that scientific contributions of regional scientists were underappreciated. He proposed that information on the accomplishments of regional scientists and the awards they have received be collected and presented on the Association's web site. He indicated that he was greatly encouraged by outreach efforts in Africa and South America but was concerned about the Association's inability to attract and retain young scholars. He concluded by encouraging Council members to think about how the Association's 50th anniversary should be celebrated.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

REMINDERS

40TH MEETING OF WRSA, PALM SPRINGS, FEBRUARY 25-28, 2001

The Western Regional Science Association will hold its 40th Annual Meeting at the lovely conference center of the Palm Springs Riviera Resort and Racquet Club. It will begin with registration and an opening plenary session on Sunday afternoon, February 25. Paper sessions will be held all day

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 26, 27 and 28. See www.geog.arizona.edu/wrsa for more details.

4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON URBAN PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (UPE4): INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO LOCAL/REGIONAL DECISION MAKING, HAIFA, ISRAEL, MARCH 19-22, 2001

The challenge to be addressed in UPE4 is how to integrate environmental considerations into local/regional decision making. The symposium will be conducted along several tracks, including: local agendas 21, managing environmental conflicts in the urban milieu, local environmental indicators, innovative tools for local management of the urban environment, environmental equity at the local level, and implications of institutional structures for local environmental decision making.

The venue of the symposium is the Mount Carmel Hotel in Haifa, Israel. The fee for on-site registration is \$350 and includes the opening reception and a professional tour, lunches and coffee for all four days of the conference. A two-day post conference tour will be available at extra cost (to be determined later). The tour will end in Jerusalem on the opening day of the IFHP conference.

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8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN RETAILING AND SERVICES SCIENCE VANCOUVER, JUNE 16-19, 2001

EIRASS's 8th international conference will be held at the Vancouver Renaissance Hotel in Vancouver, Canada. The conference aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines and countries interested in retailing and consumer services and will focus on issues pertinent to the development of scientific research in the retailing and services industries.

Information on the conference venue and package may be obtained from Professor Harry Timmermans, Director of EIRASS, Eindhoven University of Technology, P.O. Box 513, H.G. 5.25 5600 MB Eindhoven, The Netherlands, Phone: 31 40 2472594; Fax: 31 40 2475882, E-mail: eirass@bwk.tue.nl, or by visiting the web site: <http://www.tue.nl/bwk/urb/>.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

3RD INDONESIAN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IRSA is preparing its 3rd international conference in Jakarta for March 20-21, 2001, entitled "Indonesia's Sustainable Development in a Decentralization Era." The conference will include presentations of papers on a number of themes, including regional economy, regional planning, resource and environmental management, governance, institution development, population, urbanization, agriculture, community development, investment, industry, and trade. Please submit your paper to the Secretariat of the conference in care of Dr. Budy P. Resosudarmo, Graduate Program in