

MINUTES OF THE RSAI COUNCIL MEETING, SANTA FE, NOVEMBER 12, 1998

Present: Batey (President and ERSA), Boyce (Archivist), Cuadrado-Roura (ERSA), Donaghy (Executive Director and At-Large), Florax (PRS Editor-in-Chief), Getis (At-Large), Gibson (Observer), Griffith (Observer), Harrington (Observer), Haynes (NARSC), Higano (Observer), Jackson (RSAI News Editor), Kohno (Vice-President and PRSCO), Krmeneč (Treasurer), Nijkamp (ERSA), Poot (PRS Pacific Editor and At-Large), Rees (Observer), Stough (NARSC), Thill (PRS North American Editor), and Van Dijk (Observer); Regrets: Amrhein (At-Large), Isserman (NARSC), Reggiani (At-Large), Rossi (At-Large).

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Batey. The proposed agenda was adjusted to move forward discussion of the Stevens Fellowship Fund and include discussion of a potential institute in South Africa. The circulated minutes of the Vienna Council meeting were corrected to exclude Jock Munro from those present and to note that the PRSCO web page should be linked to the RSAI News web page (see item 8) and were then accepted.

2. President's Report: Batey reported that the PRSCO Summer Institute in Nagoya was quite successful and that Japan's integration with the international community of scholars was most encouraging.

3. Executive Director's Report: Donaghy reported that a contract for the printing and distribution of Papers in Regional Science to institutional subscribers of the journal had been signed with Springer-Verlag. He also reported that Maureen Kilkeny and Manfred Fischer had been elected by the membership to succeed Carl Amrhein and Aura Reggiani as at-large members of the council, and announced that the next Council meetings would be held in Seoul and Dublin.

4. Treasurer's Report: Krmeneč distributed the annual treasurer's report (the balance sheet from which is here printed) and made the following observations. In general, the Association continues to run an operating surplus and has assets that exceed one year's operating expenditures. While no costs of printing a membership directory were incurred in 1998, new expenses were associated with creation and maintenance of the RSAI News Web Page. Revenues of 1998 will reflect the \$10 increase in membership dues. Approved expenditures for the production of Papers in Regional Science will increase with costs of editorial support staff. Batey thanked Krmeneč and Jimmie Duden (RSAI staff account technician) for preparing the report.

5. Archivist's Report: Boyce distributed his first annual Archivist's Report to Council and recounted his activities since being asked to take on archivist duties in December of 1997. Summarizing, he has since that time visited the Regional Science Archives at Cornell University, inventoried files of the RSAI headquarters in Urbana with regard to the suitability of material for archival preservation, solicited

materials from the estates of recently deceased regional scientists, contacted senior members of the field of regional science concerning donations of academic papers, and initiated an oral history project. Boyce discussed in detail the current status of the Archives and their contents and noted that persons wishing to submit materials to the Archives should send them to Ms. Lorna Knight, Curator of Manuscripts, 2B Carl A. Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302, indicating that the materials are for the Regional Science Archives. Boyce's future plans include visiting the Archives again in May 1999, continuing to solicit materials, discussing the suitability of materials from the now-defunct Regional Science Department at the University of Pennsylvania with former faculty members of the Department, continuing his oral history project, and transferring some materials from RSAI headquarters to the Archives.

Harrington asked how detailed the cataloguing was. Boyce noted that descriptions of box contents are provided. Rees commented that Boyce's work is of the utmost importance in that the Archives represent a history of an intellectual United Nations. Nijkamp observed that it would be most important to trace the roots of Western and Eastern European intellectual activity in the field. Batey asked if some of the report should be presented in the newsletter. Jackson suggested that a summary could appear in the newsletter with notice that the full report could be viewed on the RSAI News web page. Poot inquired as to the extent to which archival materials could be used by non-North Americans. Boyce suggested that a catalogue of the Archives' contents could be put on the web page, noting that materials at this point are not well organized and so would be difficult to access remotely. Getis noted that some organizations have a historian. Boyce observed that there is a need for one. Cuadrado-Roura noted that many Europeans request a history of the Association's early period and suggested that perhaps one could be requisitioned. Kohno indicated that he had written a note on the history of PRSCO. Jackson suggested that a skeletal time line could be developed and then filled in through hyperlinks. At this point in the discussion, Nijkamp asked what the purpose of the Archives was. If it was to provide resources for intellectual historians, then the papers of key stakeholders and personages should suffice. Donaghy suggested that old issues of the Papers in Regional Science could be consulted for Walter Isard's summary accounts of what transpired at meetings. Batey thanked Boyce for his report.

6. Stevens Scholarship Fund: Boyce announced that a scholarship fund in the name of Ben Stevens had been established with the intent of raising through donations capital sufficient to support out of interest income an annual award of a one-year fellowship to a North American Ph.D. student at the dissertation-writing stage working in the field of regional science. The intended level of support would be comparable to that of an NSF fellowship (about \$15,000.00). The oversight committee consists of Boyce, Walter Isard, Michael Lahr, Ronald Miller, and David Plane, each of whom enjoyed a different type of working relationship with Stevens. The fund has been set up with the

First Busey Trust and Investments Co. in Urbana, under RSAI's aegis in order to make donations tax deductible. NARSC will retain control over the disposition of the assets and will make the annual awards. Fundraising has proceeded in two stages to date, with letters first being sent to persons identified as potential givers and then to others. The Quaker Hill Foundation has donated \$100,000 to the fund and has offered to match other donations up to at least another \$100,000. The \$300,000 principal sum estimated to be needed to sustain an NSF-level of fellowship support may not be attainable and the committee is faced with an important decision about when to make the first award and at what level.

Haynes suggested that NARSC might contribute to the fund through a voluntary add-on to registrations at NARSC meetings. Boyce noted that it has been suggested that lifetime memberships to RSAI could be offered at a reduced rate to those making donations of \$1,000 or greater. Haynes remarked that if this is a North American prize, NARSC should get behind it fully, but reductions in RSAI lifetime memberships should not be awarded to large donors. Nijkamp commented that it might create an imbalance in RSAI if the fund were built through such means. Boyce suggested that the fund might be a suitable recipient of bequests.

7. PRS Editor's Report: Florax reminded Council that with the first issue of volume 78 of the Papers, Springer-Verlag would assume production of the journal and distribution to institutional subscribers, and that with this issue Bill Williamson's long tenure as managing editor would come to an end. Florax urged Council to formally recognize Bill's many contributions and length of service. He also noted that as of volume 78, members of Council would cease to be the journal's editorial board and that the new editorial board would come on line. Council will still receive editors' reports and review the publishing contract when it comes up for renewal. Florax reported that all logistical matters in the production of volume 77 had been worked out and that he anticipated all four issues being mailed before the end of the year. The contents of the first issue of volume 78 are set, the second will be a special issue, while the contents of the third and fourth issues were to be determined at the present meeting.

Haynes remarked that the editor should be thanked for the efforts he had taken to bring about a successful transition to a new publisher. Batey expressed thanks to Folke Snickars, Stephen Fournier, all the people on the production end in Urbana, the associate editors, and Marianne Bopp of Springer-Verlag. He added that it is not Council's purpose to micro-manage the journal but rather to attend to the larger issues.

8. RSAI News Editor's report: Jackson informed Council that the operation of the web page was settling in well but requested that users contact the web master if they were aware of any errors or missing links. He noted that he was trying to be responsive to suggestions and requested

clarification on whether it would be legitimate to accept payments from publishers for announcements or book reviews. He reminded Council members that production deadlines were tight and urged them to submit material on time. Donaghy indicated that he would check into the questions raised by Jackson and Batey thanked Jackson for his report.

9. Update on the Year 2000 World Congress: Nijkamp reported that Rico Maggi, chair of the LOC, indicates that all is going well with preparations for the congress and the Angelo Rossi, also a member of the LOC, is now in Lugano. Batey, Donaghy, and Kohno indicated that they would touch base in the coming year with the LOC.

10. Opportunity for South African Regional Science Institute: Nijkamp reprised the recent history of efforts to organize a conference in South Africa and observed that the university system is highly fragmented and politicized and has severe financial problems. He suggested that a two-pronged approach be taken to initiate an RSAI presence in South Africa. International scholars should be organized outside the country and South African scholars should be organized within. Brian Wells, a proctor from the university in Port Elizabeth now visiting in Amsterdam, has agreed to this strategy and believes that a successful institute could be organized around the theme of regional development.

Batey thanked Nijkamp for his organizational efforts and remarked that such an undertaking was within RSAI's development tradition. He stated that he felt that RSAI should act as a convener but be wary of potential limitations of the 'parachuting strategy.' He asked for multiple super-regional conference organizing committee involvement.

11. Report from PRSCO and EOC Representatives on Membership Requirements for Attendance at their respective Super-regional Meetings: Batey reprised the discussion of this matter that had occurred at the Vienna Council meetings and reported that, as a result of a PRSCO Council decision (taken in Vienna), PRSCO would continue to keep the arrangement that has been official policy since 1992, whereas the ERSA policy would evolve along the lines discussed at the Vienna meeting. Batey noted that he would endeavor to develop a more universal policy and would meet with Jouke van Dijk and Juan Cuadrado-Roura to develop a proposal for the next EOC meeting.

12. Other Business: Cuadrado-Roura reported that 150 people attended a conference at which approval was expressed for an Ibero-American federation. He noted that a symposium was being organized for Argentina next year, to be followed by meetings in Brazil and Portugal. Batey remarked that it was important to coordinate activities in Latin and South America. Poot added that PRSCO would like to see the Latin American tier strengthened and that a PRSCO institute would be held in Mexico in 2,000. Batey responded that Council most assuredly lent its support.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.