

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Nagoya, 15th Oct., 1998)

(approved by the Council Meeting in Santa Fe on Thursday 12 November, 1999)

Held on Thursday 15 October 1998
At Chukyo University, Nagoya
Commencing at 8:00 AM

Present:

ANZRSA: Morrison (repr. West), Poot (chair)

CRSA: -

CRSAT: -

JSRSAI: Fukuchi, Higano, Kimura, Miyata (repr. Yamamura)

KSRSA: Choo (repr. Lee), Park

MASRD: Corona

WRSA: Gibson, Quigley, Haynes (repr. Plane), Stough (repr. Suarez-Villa)

Ex-officio and friends: Batey, Florax, Kohno, Nijkamp

a) Apologies received: Donaghy (ex officio), Lee (KSRSA), Munro (CRSA), Plane (WRSA), Serrano (MASRD), Yamamura (JSRSA)

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting of Friday 28 August 1998. These were approved (moved Gibson/Corona).

c) Confirmation of the final arrangements for the regional science and related meetings in Nagoya, October 15-18, 1998. Executive Secretary Y. Higano distributed copies of the final program. Some 60 participants were expected at the PRSCO Summer Institute on Thursday. Higano also reported that a famous pianist, Mrs Nanako Pohl-Tanaka would give a piano recital after lunch during the Friday Symposium. President J. Poot thanked Y. Higano on behalf of Council for his major contribution in organising, at relatively short notice, the Nagoya meetings. Poot also thanked Y. Kimura for making the local arrangements and T. Fukuchi for chairing the Local Organizing Committee. Fukuchi was appointed as rapporteur and asked to report on the meetings in the RSAI Newsletter.

d) Progress report on the 16th PRSCO conference in Seoul.
Chairperson of the PRSCO 16 Organizing

Committee, S.O. Park, provided details on the progress to date. He introduced Dr S Choo who has taken on the position of Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee. An attractive and concise Call for Papers document had been prepared and would be distributed by the Sections. It was noted that registrations for the Korea meeting would follow the guidelines set by RSAI Council. That is, all participants were expected to be paying members of RSAI, except for members of the Korean section and official guests invited by the organizing committee. Facilities would be made available for non-RSAI members to join RSAI at the Registration desk. Council members were urged to promote the Korea meeting in their sections.

e) Proposal for the 6th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2000

A. Corona informed the meeting that he and other members of the Mexican section were investigating the possibility of hosting the 6th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2000. This idea was welcomed warmly by Council. During the discussion it emerged that early July 2000 would be the ideal time. The venue was likely to be in Mexico City. Poot and Higano would make a formal approach on this matter to the President of MASRD, Dr Rodriguez.

f) Proposal for the 17th PRSCO Conference in 2001

WRSA Councillors Gibson and Quigley proposed that the Conference would be hosted by the WRSA section. The venue was likely to be somewhere in Arizona. In order to keep the accommodation costs affordable, the conference would be held in an off-peak season. Further details would be given at future PRSCO Council meetings.

g) Nomination of a PRSCO delegate to RSAI, 1999-2001

A sub-committee (of Gibson, Higano, Munro and Poot) which was set up to consider this matter, nominated J. Quigley. This nomination was carried unanimously.

h) A written constitution for PRSCO.

Poot thanked Higano for his efforts in putting together a written constitution that describes

the current practices of the operation of PRSCO. Poot said that in an organisation such as PRSCO confusion could arise about the modus procedendi of PRSCO due to changes in section delegates over time. Consequently, a written constitution would be a helpful reference document which would enhance the effectiveness of council activities. The work of Gibson in initiating an informal constitution during the 1980s was also noted. Council approved the constitution in principle (moved Gibson/Stough). Councillors are requested to pass on suggestions for changes in the wording to Executive Secretary Higano before or at the Santa Fe Council meeting.

i) Other new initiatives

It was noted that a PRSCO homepage had been designed by Y. Higano. See <http://prSCO.envr.tsukuba.ac.jp/>. This development was applauded by Council. Further work to improve the pages would be undertaken. The Web pages of the various regional science organisations would be linked. R. Florax reported on the relaunch of Papers in Regional Science as a Springer journal from 1999 onwards. There will be three editors: Florax (editor in chief and European Editor), J.C. Thill (North-American editor) and Poot (Pacific editor). Council members were urged to pass on to their sections that PiRS was welcoming high quality paper submissions from the Pacific region.

j) Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 12th November 1998, 19:00-21:00 in the Santa Fe room of the La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

k) Any further business.

There was no further business.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 AM.