

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Montreal, 13 Nov., 1999)

(approved by the Council Meeting in Mexico City, 13 June, 2000)

Held on Saturday 13 November, 1999

At the Hotel Delta Montreal, Montreal, Canada

Commencing at 6:30 PM

a) Apologies received:

A. Corona (AMECIDER), L. Gibson (WRSA), J. Lee (KRSA), C. Mai (CRSA-T), Y. Miyata (JSRSAI), S. Park (KRSA), R. Stough (WRSA), M. Tawada (JSRSAI)

b) Present:

C. Amrhein (CRSA), P. Aroca (Ex Officio and Friends, Chile), C. Azzoni (Ex Officio and Friends, Brazil), P. Batey (Ex Officio and Friends, Immediate Past President RSAI), M. Bradfield (Ex Officio and Friends, President CRSA), A. Clarke (Ex Officio and Friends, LOC 17th PRSCO conference), K. Donaghy (Ex Officio and Friends, Executive Secretary RSAI), D. Edgington (Ex Officio and Friends, CRSA), R. Florax (Ex Officio and Friends, Editor-in-Chief Papers in Regional Science), A. Getis (WRSA, repr. L. Gibson), J. Guilhoto (Ex Officio and Friends, Brazil), K. Haynes (Ex Officio and Friends, WRSA), Y. Higano (JSRSAI), B. Holly (WRSA, repr. R. Stough; LOC 17th PRSCO conference), C. Hua (CRSA-T), H. Kohno (JSRSAI, repr. Y. Miyata; President RSAI), J. Madden (ANZRS AI, repr. G. West), J. Munro (CRSA), P. Nijkamp (Ex Officio and Friends, ERSA), S. Peng (CRSA-T, repr. C. Mai), D. Plane (WRSA), J. Poot (ANZRS AI, Chair), J. Quigley (WRSA), R. Shearmur (Ex Officio and Friends, Executive Secretary CRSA).

Confirmation of section representatives, as at 13 November 1999:

ANZRS AI: G. West, J. Poot (chair); *CRSA*: C. Amrhein, J. Munro; *CRSA-T*: C. Hua, C. Mai; *JSRSAI*: T. Fukuchi, Y. Higano, Y. Miyata, M. Tawada; *KRSA*: J. Lee, S. Park; *AMECIDER*: A. Corona, J. Serrano; *WRSA*: L. Gibson, D. Plane, J. Quigley, R. Stough.

J. Poot welcomed the invited guests of the

CRSA, M. Bradfield, R. Shearmur and D. Edgington, and thanked the LOC for the splendid local arrangements for the 46th North American meeting in Montreal.

c) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting of Monday, 12th July, 1999

After it was noted that D. Plane attended this meeting as a formal WRSA delegate, rather than representing R. Stough, the minutes were corrected and approved. It was reported that, following the Seoul meeting, the appointment of J. Serrano as PRSCO delegate on RSAI Council, for 2000-2002, was approved by AMECIDER.

d) Progress on preparations for the 6th PRSCO Summer Institute

This meeting will be held at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 June, 2000. J. Serrano talked about the local arrangements. The second call for papers was distributed at the PRSCO Council meeting. Important deadlines to note are: 31 January 2000: session proposals; 15 March 2000: abstract submission; 30 April 2000: full paper submission.

e) Progress on preparations for the 17th PRSCO Conference

This meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Portland Downtown in the Historic Multnomah Hotel in Portland, Oregon, June 30 - July 4, 2001. D. Plane and B. Holly reported on the conference planning. A preliminary call for papers had been prepared and was distributed at the PRSCO Council meeting. A number of special themes had been identified, which are particularly relevant to the Portland location, such as: sustainable cities, downtown revitalization and trade in the Pacific Rim. The deadline for abstracts is 28 February 2001.

f) Nominations for hosts of the 7th PRSCO Summer Institute, 2002

Suggested locations include Beijing, Bali (Indonesia), Malaysia, Fiji or Chile. A formal decision would need to be made by the end of 2000.

g) Nominations for hosts of the 18th PRSCO Conference, 2003

Suggested locations include Japan, Canada or Taiwan. A formal decision would need to be made by the end of 2000.

g2) Report on Papers in Regional Science

R. Florax informed the PRSCO Council about the changes in the publication arrangements for the Papers in Regional Science (PiRS), the official journal of the Regional Science Association International. Commencing at the beginning of 1999 with volume 78, the journal is now published by Springer Verlag and a new format has been adopted. The editor responsible for contributions from authors in the Pacific rim is J. Poot. It was noted that the number of submissions from Pacific authors is at present rather less than from authors in other parts of North America and from Europe. PRSCO Councillors were asked to encourage researchers in their membership sections to consider PiRS as an outlet for their research.

h) Ratification and Adoption of the Constitution of PRSCO

As no KRSA members were present, it was noted that Y. Higano had received in writing that KRSA had ratified the PRSCO Constitution. The other PRSCO sections confirmed the ratification of the Constitution at the meeting. A few minor corrections were noted.

J. Poot thanked L. Gibson, D. Plane and Y. Higano for their contributions in developing the Constitution. It was then formally moved by the Chair, J. Poot, that the PRSCO Constitution would be adopted, subject to the minor alterations being made.

This was carried with acclamation. PRSCO Councillors were encouraged to distribute the document among their section members in whatever form is the most effective. This may involve translation from English to the national language in the case of some sections.

Note: the document can now be downloaded from the Internet on page

<http://prSCO.agbi.tsukuba.ac.jp/CONSTITUTION/const.html>

i) Contacts in Mainland China

Contact had been established by C. Hua and Y. Higano with Professor Kang-Chung Yang who is the Chairman of the Geography Department at Beijing University. K.C. Yang was invited to participate in the Montreal Conference, but was unable to come. Further attempts would be made to encourage mainland China participants at future PRSCO meetings, but it was accepted that current political difficulties made progress slow.

j) Establishing a database for contacts with regional scientists in other Pacific Rim countries

It was noted that PRSCO councillors should pass on to Y. Higano a list of e-mail addresses of the current members of the PRSCO membership sections. This would facilitate the distribution of information about future conferences and other news items.

k) Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 June, 16:00-18:00 in a meeting room of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City.

l) Any further business.

There was no further business.

The meeting was closed at 8:00 PM and was followed by a dinner hosted by the Executive Secretary of PRSCO.