

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Chicago, 9 November 2000)

(approved by the PRSCO Council Meeting in Portland, 1 July, 2001)

Held on Thursday 9 November 2000
at the Midland Hotel, Chicago

Commencing at 1:00 PM

a) Apologies received, roll-call, and confirmation of Section representatives

Apologies received:

D. Edgington(CRSA), K.Donaghy, R.Florax

Present:

L Gibson (WRSA), H Kohno (representing T Fukuchi, JSRSAI), Y Higano (JSRSAI), D Plane (WRSA), J Quigley (WRSA), S Park (Chair) (KRSA), J Serrano (AMECIDER), P Wang (CRSA-T), J Madden (ANZRSIAI), P Batey (Friend of PRSCO), K Haynes (Friend of PRSCO) and P Nijkamp (Friend of PRSCO).

Confirmation of section representatives, as at 13 June 2000:

ANZRSA: J. Madden, J Poot (Immediate Past President) **CRSA:** D. Edgington, R Shearmur **CRSA-T:** C Hua, C. Mai **JSRSAI:** T. Fukuchi, Y. Higano (Executive Secretary), Y. Miyata, M. Tawada **KRSA:** J. Lee, S. Park (President) **AMECIDER:** A Corona, J Serrano **WRSA:** L. Gibson, D. Plane (Vice-President), J. Quigley, R Stough

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council meeting in Mexico City, 13 June 2000

The Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

c) Progress Report on Organization of the 17th PRSCO Regular Meeting

D Plane gave a progress report on the organization of this meeting and circulated a Call for Papers. The meeting would start with paper sessions at 3pm on July 1. Following this there would be an opening session focussing on local issues organized by the local host B Holly. The meeting would include an excursion (on the afternoon of July 3) and would close with a barbecue and fireworks celebration on July 4. The PRSCO and International Council meetings would take place during the morning and lunchtime of July 1 (The order in which

these would take place had still to be determined and depended on a decision to be taken by the International Council). Some funds would be available to support the attendance of younger scholars and scholars from developing countries. The preliminary version of the conference program would be published on the web; no hard copy would be circulated. Section representatives were urged to distribute copies of the Call for Papers widely within their sections.

d) Host Section of the 2003 Regular Meeting

Y Higano reported the decision of the Japan Section RSAI Council Meeting in July 2000 to decline the invitation to host the 2003 Regular meeting. Subsequently Y Higano had discussed this decision with S Park, the PRSCO President and they had concluded that a decision on a new venue would have to be made before the end of the year and preferably at the Chicago Council meeting. As a result member sections were invited to make applications to hold the 2003 meeting by the end of October. Two sections, AMECIDER and CRSA-T made applications. At the meeting, the CRSA-T announced that it intended to make way for the AMECIDER bid; it was likely that CRSA-T would offer to host the 2005 Regular meeting when the opportunity arose.

J Serrano made a detailed presentation about the AMECIDER proposal, focusing on date (likely to be the first week of July 2003, but negotiable); location (Mexico City/Acapulco/Guadalajara/Colima; Mexico City was seen as a fall-back if any of the other locations failed); theme (the potential of regions in the Pacific Rim ? economic, social, political and cultural); the steps needed for the further development of PRSCO in Latin America, especially now that it is RSAI policy to reach out to the developing world (an advisory board of Latin American representatives would be built-up prior to 2003; a special session would be organized on Pacific/Latin American key regional issues; and a suggestion was made to devise a PRSCO strategy for further involvement of scholars from Latin American countries); post-conference tours (five locations were men-

tioned for a range of shorter (one-day) and larger (3+ days) tours.

S Park welcomed the proposal and there was general support from Section representatives. L Gibson proposed a motion that the AMECIDER bid be accepted and this was seconded by P Wang. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting expressed a preference for the location of the conference to be in Guadalajara, Acapulco or Colima, rather than Mexico City, but left the final choice to AMECIDER. S Park thanked J Serrano for bringing forward the proposal and P Wang for withdrawing the CRSA-J proposal in favour of the AMECIDER bid.

- e) Contacts with colleagues in Latin America
It had been hoped that a Chilean colleague would have attended the meeting but he had not yet arrived in Chicago. One suggestion to encourage Latin American participation in the 2003 meeting was to organize a session on the Panama Canal and its influence on regional development.

- f) Contacts with Mainland China

It was reported that C Hua (CRSA-T) had indicated that there were some signs of interest in forming a CRSA-M Section, but at this stage there was nothing concrete to report.

- g) Other contacts in the Pacific Rim
There was nothing to report on this item.

- h) Papers in Regional Science
Y Higano reported that the RSAI Council which had met earlier that day had agreed to a proposal that J Poot should serve a second term as Pacific Editor of Papers in Regional Science. The meeting formally ratified this proposal.

- i) Formal Request of the IRSA for Affiliation to the RSAI and PRSCO

The meeting received a formal application from the Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA) for affiliation with PRSCO and RSAI. This included documentation about the Section's activities and current membership. This application was agreed by the meeting in relation to PRSCO and it was further agreed to recommend to the RSAI Council that IRSA be affiliated to RSAI. Y

Higano agreed to write to K Donaghy (Executive Director of RSAI) conveying this decision.

- j) Organization of the 2002 Summer Institute

IRSA had formally accepted the invitation to hold the 2002 PRSCO Summer Institute in Bali. Y Higano said that he intended to visit Bali in the near future in order to discuss local arrangements.

- k) Date and location of the next meeting

This would be held on Sunday 1 July in Portland, Oregon at a time to be arranged.

- l) Further Business

It was agreed to invite Bambang Brodjonegoro (IRSA) to become a Friend of PRSCO, in advance of formal arrangements being made for IRSA Section representatives on PRSCO. It was also agreed to ask Fernando Vial to nominate two Chilean representatives to serve on PRSCO. In view of their lack of participation in recent meetings it was agreed to seek substitutes for Professor Ronco (Brazil) and Kassim (Malaysia) as Friends of PRSCO. Y Higano agreed to do this.

The meeting ended at 2.40 pm.