

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Portland, Oregon, USA, 1 July, 2001)

(approved by the PRSCO Council Meeting in Charleston, S. Carolina, USA, 15 November, 2001)

Held on Sunday 1st July, 2001
at Eric V. Hauser Room, Embassy Suites Portland Downtown, Portland, Oregon, USA

Commencing at 8:30 AM

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

Apologies received:

J.H. Choi(KRSA), C. Hua (CRSA-T), R. Florax (Ex Officio, Editor-in-Chief Papers in Regional Science), C. Mai (CRSA-T), J. Quigley (WRSA), S. Rodriguez (Friend of PRSCO, Mexico)

Present:

A. Alvarez (Friend of PRSCO, Argentina), P. Batey (Friend of PRSCO, UK), S. Choo (KRSA, repr. J.H. Choi), K. Donaghy (Ex Officio, Executive Secretary RSAI), D. Edgington (CRSA), L. Gibson (WRSA), K. Haynes (Friend of PRSCO, USA), Y. Higano (JSRSAI, Executive Secretary PRSCO), H. Kohno (Ex officio, Immediate Past President RSAI), J. Madden (ANZRSAI), Y. Miyata (JRSAI), S. Park (KRSA, President PRSCO), D. Plane (WRSA, Vice-President PRSCO), J. Poot (ANZRSAI, Immediate Past President PRSCO), B. Resosudarmo (Friend of PRSCO, Indonesia), J. Serrano (AMECIDER), R. Stough (WRSA), M. Tawada (JSRSAI), K. Tanaka (JSRSAI), I. Yussof (Friend of PRSCO, Malaysia)

Confirmation of section representatives, as at 1 July 2001:

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.H. Choi, 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 Chicago, 9 November 2000

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

c) Final Report on the Organisation of the 17th PRSCO regular meeting

D. Plane reported that there had been a good response to the call for papers. The conference had attracted 160 participants. There were 137 papers on the program. Several special features had been included in the program. The plenary session included

a panel on "Urban Growth Management: the Oregon Experience," organised by Brian Holly. On Tuesday afternoon there would be an excursion to the Columbia River Gorge and conference dinner at the Skamania Lodge. S. Park, President of PRSCO, proposed a vote of thanks to D. Plane, R. Franklin and others on the organising committee for the excellent conference organisation. This was carried with acclamation.

d) Report on the Formal Procedure of the Affiliation of the Indonesian Regional Science Association to the RSAI and the PRSCO

Y. Higano, Executive Secretary of PRSCO, requested K. Donaghy, Executive Director of RSAI, to table at the next RSAI Council meeting which would follow this PRSCO Council meeting, the affiliation of the Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA) to RSAI. Following the approval of affiliation of IRSA to RSAI, the affiliation of IRSA to PRSCO, as decided at the Chicago meeting, would become effective. Y. Higano asked B. Resosudarmo to provide the names of the two representatives of IRSA on PRSCO Council.

e) PRSCO delegate for the RSAI Council, 2002-2004

Y. Higano noted that the position which J. Quigley occupies on RSAI Council (one of three PRSCO nominated Council positions) will expire at the end of 2001. J. Quigley has offered to continue in this capacity for one more three-year term. Other nominations should be sent to Y. Higano by 31 October 2001. A decision would be made at the PRSCO Council meeting in Charleston.

f) Progress Report on the Organisation of the 7th PRSCO Summer Institute in Indonesia

B. Resosudarmo (IRSA) spoke about the preparations. The Summer Institute will be held at a hotel in Bali on Thursday June 20 and Friday June 21, 2002. The theme will be "Natural resources, decentralisation and regional development". Y. Higano offered to assist with the setting up of a website that can be reached via the PRSCO and RSAI websites. The registration fee was expected to be US \$250. A field trip would be held on Saturday 22 June.

g) Progress Report on the Organisation of the 18th PRSCO Regular Meeting in Mexico

Y. Higano received a letter from Dr M.C. Florentino Cruz Ramirez, Rector, Autonomous University of the State of Guerrero in which he offered the support of his university to be the host of the 18th PRSCO conference in 2003. The conference would be held in Acapulco from Monday 1 July 2003 until Friday 5 July 2003. J. Serrano provided some details about the conference organisation and timetable. There would also be official support from the government of the State of Guerrero. The conference would be held jointly with the annual national meeting of AMECIDER. As was the case at the 2000 Summer Institute, plenary sessions would be bilingual. Much effort would be made to ensure adequate representation of scholars from Middle and South American countries. Contact has already been established with scholars in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala and Brazil. Means of travel support for participants from these countries will be investigated. The fact that an APEC summit will be held in Mexico in November 2002 will be exploited.

In the discussion of the proposal it was noted that a website with full information about the conference should be designed at least one year before the conference. Arrangements should also be made to ensure that conference registration and accommodation fees can be paid by credit card. L. Gibson formally moved that PRSCO Council accept the proposal that AMECIDER hosts the 18th PRSCO conference in Acapulco. This was carried with acclamation.

h) Nomination of delegates as friends of the PRSCO from the Pacific Rim Area

Y. Higano has contacted key persons in various countries. They are: Brazil: E.A. Hadad, J. Guilhoto, C.R. Azzoni
Chile: P.A. Gonzales, F. Vial
Malaysia: R. Ismail, I. Yussof
Philippines: J. Capuno.

In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that efforts should be made to ensure that a Summer Institute would be held at some stage in one of the above countries and that also new contacts would need to be established with scholars in India and mainland China. The suggestion of a Summer Institute in Fiji was also made.

i) Spanish version of the PRSCO Constitution

J. Serrano noted that the PRSCO Constitution had been translated into Spanish and could be downloaded from the PRSCO homepage as a pdf file.

j) Pacific Editor Report, Papers in Regional Science

J. Poot noted that the total number of pages available for this Springer journal each year had increased from 450 to 520. This would remain so in 2002, but from 2003 onwards it was anticipated to go to 600 pages per year. The number of submissions of papers from the Asia-Pacific area has been rather small recently. Between January and June 2002 only six new papers had been submitted from the Asia-Pacific area. Council members were asked to encourage their colleagues to submit papers to the journal. J. Poot also informed Council about special journal issues: one was planned for 2002 on labour markets (guest editor Charlie Karlsson) and one in 2003 on trade and integration in the Asia-Pacific area (guest editor Jessie Poon). The issue of 2004 will be a special anniversary issue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of RSAI. Finally, while J. Poot and R. Florax would remain editors for Asia-Pacific and Europe respectively for the 2001-2003 period, a new North-American editor would be appointed for the 2002-2004 period at the November NARSC conference in Charleston.

k) Date and location of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held in Charleston, USA, on Thursday November 15. The time and place of the meeting would be announced later.

l) Any further business

S. Park closed the meeting at 11:30 AM.