

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting

Held on Saturday 30th August, 2008
University of Liverpool, UK

In the absence of the President, David Edgington, it was decided that the immediate Past President, Yoshi Kumato, would chair the meeting which opened at 2.00 pm.

(a) Apologies received and roll call

Apologies received:

David Edgington (President PRSCO, Canada)
Philip McCann ((Pacific Editor, Papers in Regional science, New Zealand)
Patricio Aroca (SOCHER, Chile)
Ishak Yusof (MRSA, Malaysia)
Jacques Poot (ANZRSAI, New Zealand)
Kingsley Haynes (Past President, RSAI)
David Plane, John Quigley (WRSA, USA)
Chita Pathak (Indian RSA, India)
T.J. Kim (PRSCO delegate for the RSAI Council)
Budy Resosudarmo (IRSA, Indonesia)
P. Nijkamp (Past President, RSAI)

Present:

Antoine Bailley (Past President RSAI, *Switzerland*)
Graham Clark (Executive Director, RSAI, *United Kingdom*)
Lay Gibson (WRSA, *United States of America*)
Yoshiro Higano (JRSAI, Executive Secretary PRSCO, *Japan*)
Yoshinobu Kumato (JSRSAI, immediate Past President PRSCO, *Japan*)
John Madden (ANZRSAI, *Australia*)
Yuzuru Miyata (JSRAI, *Japan*)
Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRAI, *Japan*)
Bob Stimson (Chair, LRPC, Immediate Past President RSAI, *Australia*)
Roger Stough (President RSAI, *United States of America*)

(b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Savannah, Thursday 8th November, 2007

The minutes were tabled. A motion to approve them (subject to the following amendment) was made by John Madden, seconded Yuzuru Miyata; passed unanimously. The amendment was to item (d), which should read that the 21st PRSCO Conference will be held on 19-22 July, 2009; not 22-25 July, 2008 as reported in the unconfirmed minutes.

(c) Report on the last PRSCO Summer Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Yoshiro Higano tabled a detailed report on the Summer Institute which was held from 15-17 May, 2008.

(d) Report on the Organization of the 21st PRSCO Conference, Gold Coast, Australia, 19-22 July, 2009

John Madden reported that this conference would take place at Conrad Jupiter's Gold Coast Casino, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. A conference web site has been established where abstracts could be submitted online, and a flyer advertising the conference was being distributed. Organization of plenary, roundtable and special sessions is about to commence.

(e) Nomination of Vice-President of PRSCO

ANZRSAI had nominated John Madden to fill the vacant PRSCO Vice-President position. Lay Gibson moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded Roger Stough; passed unanimously.

(f) Confirmation of new Membership Section of PRSCO

A letter from Sarwar Jahan, President of the Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA), to Roger Stough was tabled. The letter formally requested that the BRSA be affiliated to the RSAI. It was agreed that Roger Stough reply with a letter of acceptance. The letter would note that PRSCO would cover the cost of the first two years of universal membership for BRSA, but that BRSA would need to be self sustaining after that.

(g) The venue of the 11th PRSCO Summer Institute, 2010

The next Summer Institute is scheduled to be held in Columbia. A letter to the Columbian RSA regarding the Summer Institute has not been replied to. Information would be sought from Jean-Claude Thill, NARSC Executive Director, who is involved in the organization of the Regional Science Association of the Americas conference in Cartagena in February 2009. It was decided that Yoshiro Higano and Jean-Claude Thill provide leadership on the matter.

(h) The venue of the 22nd PRSCO Conference, 2011

It has been proposed that India should host this meeting. Yoshiro Higano reported that he had met the secretary of the Indian RSA, Dr C R Pathak, to discuss the matter. Roger Stough and Peter Nijkamp will be attending the Indian Regional Science Symposium in January 2009, where it is expected that the Indian association will agree to universal membership.

(i) Report on activities of Pacific Rim regional science communities

- 1. Columbia**
- 2. China**
- 3. Vietnam**

There were discussions on talks with Professor DU Huanzheng regarding a proposed workshop in China. He reported that most key related associations and institutes at national level have agreed to join the next RSAI Workshop in Beijing, but the situation was very bad just after the Beijing Olympic and they are still struggling for fixing the date in next April or May.

(j) Report of the Pacific Editor, PiRS

As Philip McCann was an apology, it was decided to pass this item on to the New York meeting.

(k) Many further business

The next meeting will be held in New York on November 20.

The meeting was closed by Professor Kumata at 3.10 pm.