

## Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Pyramid Peak A Room, Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Denver, USA

President John Madden opened the meeting at 12:45 pm.

### a) Apologies received and roll-call

#### *Apologies received:*

David Edgington (CRSA/ACSR, **Immediate Past President PRSCO**, *Canada*)  
Kingsley Haynes (WRSA, *USA*)  
Shin-kun Peng (CRSA-T, *Taiwan*)  
Jichung Yang (KRSA, *Republic of Korea*)

#### *Present:*

Bill Anderson (CRSA/ACSR, *Canada*)  
Dusan Panedes (SOCHER, *Chile*)  
Eduardo Haddad (ABER, *Brazil*)  
Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI, *Japan*)  
Jacques Poot (ANZRS AI, *New Zealand*)  
Jean-Claude Thill (NARSC, *USA*)  
John Madden (ANZRS AI, **President PRSCO**, *Australia*)  
Jouke van Dijk (Editor-in-Chief, *Papers in Regional Science, Netherlands*)  
Lay Gibson (WRSA, *USA*)  
Luis Galvis (ASCER, *Colombia*)  
Michael Carroll (Editor, *Regional Science Policy and Practice, USA*)  
Patricio Aroca (SOCHER, *Chile*)  
Ping Wang (CRSA-T, *Taiwan*)  
Roberta Capello (President RSAI, *Italy*)  
Roger Stough (WRSA, *USA*)  
Sam Ock Park (KRSA, **Vice President PRSCO**, *Republic of Korea*)  
T. John Kim (WRSA, *USA*)  
Yangmi Koo (KRSA, *Republic of Korea*)  
Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI, **Executive Secretary PRSCO**, *Japan*)  
Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI, *Japan*)

### b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in San Francisco, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009

It was noted that no PRSCO Council meeting was held at the PRSCO Summer Institute in Colombia in 2010. After P. Aroca elaborated on attendance numbers at the Chilean section meeting in 2009 (which consisted of 60 members of the Chilean Economic Association and 40 of the Chilean Regional Science Association), it was moved by K. Kim and seconded by R. Stough that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

**c) Nomination of the PRSCO delegate for the RSAI for the term 2011-2013**

There are three PRSCO delegates on RSAI Council: Y Higano (2010-2012), TJ Kim (2008-2010) and P Aroca (2009-2011). Because TJ Kim already served two terms, a new PRSCO delegate would need to be appointed for the period 2011-2013. It was noted that there would be a preference for recruitment from the Australian and New Zealand Section (ANZRSAI). The matter would be resolved by email correspondence. (*Update Jan 2011*: Paul Dalziel, President of ANZRSAI, has agreed to be the 2011-2013 PRSCO delegate on RSAI Council).

**d) Report on organization of the 22<sup>nd</sup> PRSCO Regular Meeting in Seoul, 2011**

Jichung Yang is the Chair of the Local Organising Committee. However, he was unable to attend the PRSCO Council meeting. The conference would be held in Seoul, July 3-6, 2011. A website has been established that provides details of the abstract submission deadline, registration fees etc. The website is [www.prSCO2011.com](http://www.prSCO2011.com). S.O. Park noted that immediately preceding the PRSCO conference, the *Third Global Conference on Economic Geography: Space, Economy and Environment* would be held 28 June – 1 July, 2011 in Seoul. The website for the latter conference is [www.space-economy.org/conference/index.html](http://www.space-economy.org/conference/index.html). It was suggested that foreign regional scientists may wish to consider going to Seoul to attend both conferences.

**e) The venue of the 12<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute, 2012**

It was suggested that the Summer Institute in 2012 could be held in mainland China. Possible locations could be Shanghai or Beijing. P. Aroca suggested South America, specifically Ecuador, as an alternative. It was expected that a decision would be made at the PRSCO Council meeting in Seoul.

**f) The venue of the 23<sup>rd</sup> PRSCO regular meeting, 2013**

It was suggested that this conference could be held jointly with the Regional Science Association of the Americas conference that is planned to be held in Chile in 2013. An alternative in another part of the world would be Indonesia. J. Madden invited local organizers, who wish to have their proposal for the 23<sup>rd</sup> PRSCO regular meeting to be considered by Council, to give a presentation about their proposal at the Seoul Council meeting.

**g) Confirmation of Nomination of the Executive Secretary of the PRSCO**

Given Y. Higano's forthcoming term as President of RSAI, he would be unable to continue as Executive Secretary of PRSCO. It had already been agreed at the Council meeting in San Francisco that that H. Shibusawa would be appointed Executive Secretary from 1 January 2011. This was noted.

**h) Report on activities of the Pacific Rim regional science communities**

**(1) Colombia**

L. Calvis commented on the growth in regional science in Colombia. This had already led to a meeting in Cartagena and the 2010 Summer Institute in Cali. The 3<sup>rd</sup> national conference would be held in Medellin in late November 2010. Having now established

ongoing activities in Colombia, ASCER would like to formally join PRSCO. It was moved L. Gibson and seconded P. Aroca that ASCER would be accepted as a PRSCO section.

### **(2) China**

Y. Higano noted that he would attend a meeting in Hanzhou in the second week of March 2011. It was expected that at this meeting a Chinese section would be formed.

### **(3) Peru**

R. Capello suggested that there are regional scientists in this country that would wish to develop links with PRSCO. A person in the RSAI network who has contacts in Peru is J. Cuadro-Roura.

#### **i) Report of the Editor of PiRS**

J. van Dijk (Editor-in-Chief) said that PiRS had once again a successful year. Besides himself, the editorial team consists of James LeSage (Texas State University–San Marcos, U.S.A.), Philip McCann (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), Yoshitsugu Hayashi (Nagoya University, Japan) and T. Tabuchi (University of Tokyo, Japan). Charlie Karlsson (Jönköping International Business School, Sweden) is Book Review Editor and Sophia Klaassen takes care of the Editorial Office. J. van Dijk noted that in future it would be more appropriate for one of the two editors from the Pacific (Y. Hayashi or T. Tabuchi) to report on PiRS matters at PRSCO Council. He also encouraged researchers from PRSCO countries to propose special issues for the journal. To date, such proposals have been predominantly put forward by Europeans. A final matter that was raised is that PiRS is not recognized in some lists of journal rankings as an economics journal. On the PiRS website it states that the ISI Journal Citation Reports ranking of PiRS in 2009 was in Geography 23 out of 61 and in Environmental Studies 22 out of 66. The Impact Factor was 1.397. The absence of a ranking in economics could discourage submissions of papers by economists. Blackwell would be asked to include an economics ranking on the website.

#### **j) Report of the Editor, Papers in Regional Science Policy and Practice**

M. Carroll noted that submissions in 2010 were still relatively light, with 37 submissions for 2 issues. Nonetheless, the journal was going to expand to 4 issues from 2011 onwards. Special issues would also be introduced. James Rowe of New Zealand had agreed to become the book review editor.

#### **k) Any further business**

The next meeting will be held at the 22th PRSCO regular conference in Seoul in July 2011. There was no further business.

Vice-President J. Madden closed the meeting at 1:30 pm.

[Minutes written by J. Poot]