

PRSCO Council Meeting, Ottawa

Date and time: 12:30-14:00, Friday November 9th, 2012

Venue: The Westin Ottawa

Meeting Place: Ontario Room

Jichung Yang called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.

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

Present:

Jichung Yang (KRSA, PRSCO President)

David Edgington (CRSA)

David Plane (WRSA)

Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI)

Jean-Claude Thill (elected RSAI President)

John Madden (ANZRSAI)

Jouke van Dijk & spouse (Editor PiRS)

Kingsley Haynes & spouse (WRSA)

Luis Armando Galvis (ACER)

Michael C. Carroll (Editor RSPP)

Patricio Aroca (SOCHER)

Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI)

Rachel Franklin (WRSA)

Richard Shearmur (CRSA)

Roberta Capello (past RSAI President)

S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald (AMECIDER)

Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI)

Takatoshi Tabuchi (Editor PiRS)

Tomaz Lopes Cavalheiro Ponce Dentinho (RSAI Executive Director)

Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI, RSAI President)

Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI)

Apologies received:

Anping Chen, Arief Yusuf, Budy Resosudarmo, Chitta Ranjan Pathak, Daigee Shaw, Edgard Moncayo Jiménez, Eduardo Haddad, Fakrul Islam, Jacques Poot, Kieran Donaghy, Lay J. Gibson, Peter Batey, Peter Nijkamp, Roger Stough, Shin-Kun Peng, Sung-Bae Kim, Yoshitsugu Hayashi, Yuyuan Wen, Fernando Perobelli

**b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Beijing, Tuesday July 3rd, 2012 (J. Yang)**

Minutes were approved.

A meeting was held in Beijing summer 2012 at the summer institute. The institute was a success, with many papers and keynote addresses.

**c) Nomination of the PRSCO delegate for the RSAI for the term 2013-2015 (J. Yang)**

A new delegate for the RSAI council must be selected. Yoshiro Higano proposes Jichung Yang. Patricio seconds the motion. Approved.

**d) Report on the organization of the 23rd Pacific Conference of the RSAI, 2013 (B. Resosudarmo)**

In Miami, professor Resosudarmo gave a presentation. He is unable to be at this meeting, but he prepared a presentation, similar to update provided in Beijing.

Arica pointed out that there is a conference tool called ConferenceMaker that is free and very good for meeting program development.

Higano asked about deadline for special sessions.

**e) Report on the preparation of the 13th PRSCO Summer Institute , 2014 (Ecuador)**

It was decided already we have summer institute in Ecuador 2014. PRSCO 2015 will be held in Chile. Aroca has contacted the new person in Ecuador in charge of 2013. They will organize and will work creation of Ecuador section. Quito is the likely site. There are two universities working on this.

**f) Confirmation of the 24th Pacific Conference of the RSAI, 2015 (P. Aroca )**

Aroca made a presentation in Miami for Chile. Since there is still time, organization has not yet commenced for the 2015 meeting.

**g) Confirmation of vice president of the PRSCO (J.Yang)  
Budy P. Resosudarmo (Indonesian Regional Science Association)**

Jichung Yang confirmed Budy Resosudarmo as Vice President.

**h) Establishment of the PRSCO Awards (J. Madden)**

Madden reported that he looked at awards given by other supra nationals. A committee was established to set up rules for potential awards - young regional scientist, established regional science, and maybe service. Funding was the major issue. Local arrangement committee could be responsible for funding the awards(s).

Madden suggested we start with a young scientist award. The other awards might require funding by a bank or similar. Madden submitted a description of the prize. It sets forward questions that need to be resolved. Minor matters - eg submission - can be handled by the sub-committee.

There was discussion regarding the frequency of the award. Should it be annual or bi-annual? Serrano, Haynes, Plane, and Higano all contributed to the discussion.

What should the prize consist of?

Madden says we could give young person prize at institute and more established prize at PRSCO meeting.

Whom should the prize be open to? Madden says it should be anyone who attends the meeting.

Young person prize every other year at Institute. \$1000. They must be attending the summer institute.

Established person prize every other year at conference, \$2500. Not a paper award. Must attend meeting. Aroca asked what we would name the award.

Five committee members. Plus one from local arrangements committee, suggested Serrano.

Madden will draft new set of revised rules and circulate. Might be difficult to establish prize by 2013.

List members of sub-committee - Franklin, Van Dijk, Madden, Shibusawa

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

- a) China (Y. Higano) - Jean-Claude Thill talked about 5th workshop of RSAI in Beijing in early November, 2012. This was the last of the RSAI workshops being organized to work out association with Chinese regional science. They are only waiting on the issue of the Taiwan association of regional science. RSA of China concerned about Taiwan name. Chinese are excited about joining.

Thill also talked to Chinese about World Congress. It is still unclear when and where the meeting would be held. He will propose May.

Thill also met with the President of Indian regional science association. They are eager to join RSAI and to pay universal membership. He will follow up with Professor Nag.

Haynes asked about the Chinese concern with Taiwan's name. Yang noted that this is a complicated problem. Higano and Thill will work it out. Higano points out the Olympics has worked things out. We simply want to align with common practice.

- b) Colombia (L. Calvis) - Luis Calvis talked about Colombia. Things are not going as well as in Mexico. Hopefully they are electing a new president now.
- c) Mexico and Ibero-American network - Serrano reported a double meeting was held in September. Over 242 paper from 12 countries. Two books will be published - one in Spanish and one in English. Another highlight of the meeting was the launching of the Ibero-American network. Idea was presented at 2011 NARSC. Serrano presented a series of goals for the new network.
- d) Ecuador – Aroca provided an update. In Chile there is a conference every year. They pay their dues.

**New Topic** - Yang is thinking of establishing School of Regional Science. Higano will bring this up to Council.

**Also, re : Korea.** PRSCO recommends North Korea, for their economic development plan, help from regional scientists.

**j) Report of Editors, Papers in Regional Science (J. Dijk)**

There have been issues with access to early view, but Wiley has addressed. Almost solved. Everything goes well with the journal. Not as many submissions from PRSCO area. There will be a special issue with papers from China. There are also more spontaneous submissions. They also try to get more submissions from the US. The impact factor is stable around 1.4. The editorial team is resigning and there will be a new team, led by Roberta Capello.

**k) Report of Editors, Regional Science Policy & Practice (M. Carroll)**

Volume 4, Issue 4 is in production. Readership is up. Submissions are up in PRSCO area. There was a special issue earlier this year on Asia. John Madden has been asked to join as an editor. The journal is not indexed yet.

**Further business**

Dentinho gave brief update on RSAI. A membership list will be needed.

Yang closed the meeting.

[Minutes written by Rachel Franklin]