



## Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting, Portland

PRSCO Council Meeting in Portland

Date and Time: 12:30 PM–2:30 PM Thursday November 12, 2015

Meeting Place: Forum Suite, Hilton Portland & Executive Towers

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

Bob Stimson (ANZRSAI), Budy Resosudarmo (PRSCO president), Chitta Ranjan Pathak (IRSA), Daigee Shaw (CRSA-T), David Edgington (CRSA), Dusan Paredes (SOCHER), Fakrul Islam (BRSA), Gabriel Rodriguez (Peru), Jacques Poot (ANZRSAI), Lay J. Gibson (WRSA), Mohd Yusof Kasim (MRSA), Paul Dalziel (ANZRSAI), Ronny Correa Quezada (Ecuador), Takatoshi Tabuchi (Editor PiRS), Yuyuan Wen (China)

### **Present (and sections presenting)**

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (RSAI President), David Plane (WRSA), Fu-Chuan Lai (CRSA-T), Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI), Jean-Claude Thill (past RSAI president), Jichung Yang (KRSA), John Madden (ANZRSAI), John Madden spouse Prue, Kingsley Haynes (WRSA), Kingsley Susan, Luis Armando Galvis (ACER), Michael C. Carroll (Editor RSPP), Patricio Aroca (PRSCO Vice President, SOCHER), Rachel Franklin (WRSA), Roberta Capello (Editor PiRS), Roger Stough (WRSA), S. Eréndira Serrano-Oswald (AMECIDER), Suminori Tokunaga (JSRSAI), Sutee Anantsuksomsri (Thailand), Tomaz Dentinho (RSAI Executive Director), Tuzin Baycan (Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress), Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI), Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI)

### **b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting in Vina del Mar, August 6, 2015**

Patricio suggested that the Minutes be approved.

### **c) Report on the 24<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI 2015 (Patricio Aroca)**

Patricio prepared a brief report on the PRSCO conference in Vina del Mar. More than 100 people attended from 24 different countries, and 94 papers were presented. Two keynotes and two workshops were held in English and Spanish. The conference was successful.

### **d) Report on the 14<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute in 2016 (Sutee Anantsuksomsri)**

Sutee reported that the PRSCO Summer Institute will be held in Bangkok, June 27–29, 2016. Bob visited Bangkok and suggested the date. The meeting will be hosted by the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University, and cohosted by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Chulalongkorn University. The venue will be a hotel in Bangkok. The proposal was accepted.

### **e) Report on the 25<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI in 2017 (Fu-Chuan Lai)**

Fu-Chuan presented the proposal on the 25<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI. The conference will be held at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan, May 17–20, 2017.

### **f) Report on the 15<sup>th</sup> PRSCO Summer Institute in 2018 (Gabriel Rodriguez)**

Gabriel was unable to attend the meeting. Gabriel sent an e-mail. Patricio reported that a new keyperson, Jose Rodríguez, is the head of Department of Economics. He suggested that they are interested in hosting the 2018 Summer Institute in Lima, Peru. Furthermore, he stated that they are forming a central committee, which will prepare the proposal for organizing the meeting.

### **g) Discussion of venues of PRSCO Conference and Summer Institute in 2019–2021**

Patricio asked for proposals regarding venues for the PRSCO conferences in 2019 and 2021. Hiroyuki suggested

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WRSA as the candidate for the PRSCO 2019 conference and JSRSAI for the 2021 conference. The proposal was accepted.

**h) Nomination of the executive secretary of the PRSCO, 2016–2017**

Patricio proposed to nominate Hiroyuki Shibusawa as the next PRSCO Executive Secretary (2016–2017). The nomination was approved.

**i) Nomination of the PRSCO representative for the RSAI Council for the term 2016–2018**

Patricio explained the terms of the current RSAI councilors. He stated that Jichung Yang's term will expire at the end of this year and that he will be in the second term (2016–2018). Patricio asked ways to decide his second term. Hiroyuki said that Poot mentioned that Yang will be in the second term at the PRSCO council meeting in Vina del Mar. The nomination was approved. Andres reported that the presidents of three super regions in RSAI are automatically nominated as RSAI councilors. PRSCO has four (3 + 1) representatives for the RSAI Council.

**j) PRSCO Awards (John Madden)**

John reported the winners of 2015 PRSCO, Young Regional Scientist, and Higano awards. He appreciated the efforts of the members of the selecting committees. He asked two questions. The first question was whether the term is annual or biannual. The second question was whether PRSCO can create a fund for awards because PRSCO had no budget for awards. Haynes suggested that the Young Regional Scientist Award be annual but that Higano Award should be awarded every two years. The proposal was approved. Patricio suggested that a new selecting committee for the 2016–2017 Young Regional Scientist Award and the 2017 Higano Award will be proposed and discussed at the next PRSCO council meeting. Patricio reported the winners of 2015 PRSCO award and stated that the first ceremony for the award will be held in Vina del Mar. He introduced the second winner of 2015 Higano Award, Prof. David Plane.

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

- 1) The 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the RSAI will be held in Istanbul, April 25–28, 2016 (T. Baycan)  
Baycan reported on the World Congress in Istanbul and invited all the colleagues in the world to attend.
- 2) The 47th annual Seminar and International Regional Science Conference will be held in Kolkata from January 28, 2016 to January 30, 2016 (C.R. Pathak)  
Pathak sent an e-mail regarding the conference, which was distributed to the councilors.

**l) Report of Editors, Papers in Regional Science (Roberta Cappelo)**

Roberta prepared a brief report. There are 300 submissions from all over the world. Europe is the most active region. Submissions from PRSCO and NARSC are increasing. She also talked about the terms and conditions of the contract with Blackwell. Yang suggested that a shorter paper would be published in the journal. Furthermore, Yang indicated that the impact factor should be higher. Cappelo explained the current policy for publication and the strategy of PiRS to improve the impact factor.

**m) Report of Editors, Regional Science Policy & Practice (Michael Carroll)**

Michael prepared a brief report. He explained the current situations of RSPP and invited new submissions to RSPP.

**n) Any further business**

The next PRSCO Council meeting will be held during the PRSCO Summer Institute in Bangkok.

Minutes taker Hiroyuki Shibusawa