

Material 2

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting (Santa Fe, 12th Nov., 1998) (approved by the Council Meeting in Seoul on Monday 12th July, 1999)

Held on Thursday 12 November 1998

At the La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe

Commencing at 7:00 PM

Present:

ANZRSA: West, Poot (chair)

CRSA: -

CRSAT: -

JSRSAl: Kohno (repr. Fukuchi), Higano

KSRSA: -

AMECIDER: Serrano

WRSA: Gibson, Haynes (repr. Suarez-Villa),

Plane

Ex-officio and friends: Batey, Donaghy, Rodriguez

Poot opened the meeting at 8:30 PM after a formal dinner hosted by the PRSCO secretariat. He thanked executive secretary Higano for organising the meeting and the dinner.

- a) Apologies received: Fukuchi (JSRSAl), Kimura (JSRSAl), Morrison (ex-officio and friends), Munro (CRSA), Nijkamp (ex-officio and friends), Park (KSRSA), Quigley (WRSA)
- b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting of Thursday 15 October 1998
These were approved.
- c) Update on the planned PRSCO meetings from 1999 onwards

1. 16th PRSCO conference in Seoul
Preparations for the Seoul meeting were progressing. A conference brochure had been printed and distributed. Paper presenters should note that the deadline for title submissions and for proposing sessions is 28 February 1999. Abstracts are required by 31 March 1999.

2. 6th PRSCO Summer Institute in 2000

Professor Rodriguez, president of AMECIDER, proposed to hold the 6th Summer Institute in Mexico in early July 2000. He believed that there would be a lot of interest in regional development issues in Mexico, given the ways in which the processes of globalisation and regionalisation are affecting Mexico. Of course, the proposal still required formal approval by the Council of AMECIDER, which would meet in December. An important objective of the Mexican Summer Institute would be to develop lasting linkages and collaboration between Mexican scholars and scholars of PRSCO sections elsewhere. Professor Rodriguez also suggested that if there would be sponsorship by appropriate international institutions, this would enable the organisers to keep registration fees low. Consequently, a greater participation of AMECIDER members and other scholars in Mexico with an interest in regional science may then be expected. A small committee would be set up to explore sources of sponsorship. PRSCO Council members endorsed this proposal and expressed gratitude to Drs Rodriguez and Serrano for their efforts to promote this plan.

3. 17th PRSCO conference in 2001

WRSA proposed to host the 17th PRSCO conference in 2001 in the USA. The Chairman of the Local Organising Committee would be Professor David Plane. The WRSA Council would formulate ideas regarding the timing, location and themes for the conference on Monday 22 February 1999 at the WRSA meeting in Ojai. President Poot

would attend this meeting as an observer. PRSCO Council expressed their gratitude to Drs Plane and Gibson, as representatives of WRSA, for their willingness to organise the PRSCO conference in 2001, given that WRSA members have played important roles in organising many regional science meetings, including the 1998 NARSC meeting in Santa Fe.

d) Amendments to the written constitution for PRSCO

Gibson made a number of suggestions for rewording the draft Constitution document. His main concern was that PRSCO should not evolve into an organisation to which individuals can subscribe. PRSCO is a federation of RSAI sections with the prime objective of ensuring continuity of meetings of regional science scholars in the Pacific. A discussion of the draft constitution followed. It was agreed that the committee which was set up for the development of the constitution, comprising Gibson, Higano, Plane and Poot, would finalise the wording and table the final document for approval at the Seoul meeting in July 1999.

e) "Quo vadis PRSCO?" Discussion on future initiatives and plans for PRSCO

Due to time constraints, discussion of this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.

f) Date and location of the next meeting

It was decided to hold an informal meeting of PRSCO council members present at the WRSA conference in Ojai. The meeting would take place on Sunday evening February 21 or Monday evening February 22. The next formal PRSCO Council meeting would be held on Monday 12 July 1999, in the afternoon, at the 16th PRSCO conference in Seoul.

g) Any further business

There was no further business. The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.