

Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 19th November 2009
Grand Hyatt Hotel
San Francisco, USA

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

a) Apologies received and roll-call

Apologies received:

Antoine Bailley
Peter Batey
David Edgington (CRSA/ACSR, **President PRSCO, Canada**)
Peter Nijkamp
John Quigley
Roger Stough
Makoto Tawada

Present:

Patricio Aroca (SOCHER, *Chile*)
Norman Awed (AMECIDER, *Mexico*)
Roberta Capello (President RSAI, *Italy*)
Mike Carroll (Editor, *Regional Science Policy and Practice, USA*)
Graham Clarke (Executive Director RSAI, *United Kingdom*)
Lay Gibson (WRSA, *USA*)
Eduardo Haddad (ABER, *Brazil*)
Kingsley Haynes (WRSA, LRPC – Past President RSAI, *USA*)
Yoshiro Higano (JSRSAI, **Executive Secretary PRSCO, Japan**)
T. John Kim (WRSA, *USA*)
John Madden (ANZRSAI, **Vice-President PRSCO, Australia**)
Yuzuru Miyata (JSRSAI, *Japan*)
Edgard Moncayo (ASCER, *Colombia*)
Sam Ock Park (KRSA, *Republic of Korea*)
Shin-kun Peng (CRSA-T, *Taiwan*)
David Plane (WRSA, *USA*)
Jacques Poot (ANZRSAI, *New Zealand*)
Richard Shearmur (CRSA, *Canada*)
Hiroyuki Shibusawa (JSRSAI, *Japan*)
Bob Stimson (ANZRSAI & LRPC RSAI, *Australia*)
Jouke van Dijk (Editor-in-Chief, *Papers in Regional Science, Netherlands*)
Ji-Chung Yang (KRSA, *Republic of Korea*)

b) Minutes of the PRSCO Council Meeting at Gold Coast Australia, 20th July 2009

It was moved by K. Haynes and seconded by R. Shearmur that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

c) Report of the sub-committee in Lodz and ratification of the venue for the 22nd PRSCO Conference, 2011

The sub-committee decided to approve the proposal made by the Korean RSA. J.-C. Yang was introduced as the Chair of the Local Organising Committee. The conference would be held in Seoul, July 3-6, 2011.

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

E. Moncayo of the Universidad Central de Bogota reported that the Colombian Association of Regional Studies (ASCER) held a local meeting in October, at which a new Board was elected. He was elected President. The Colombian group had agreed to accept the invitation from PRSCO to host the 2010 Summer Institute in Cali. This city of 3 million people is a natural choice because it is a port located on the Pacific side of Colombia. The meeting will be held on the campus of the Autonomous University of Western Colombia. J. Madden and R. Stimson noted that the travel insurers of universities in Australia and New Zealand may not cover travel to Cali given that the current security status of this city is still based on the problems of the past. In this case, the university would not permit staff to travel to the meeting. The situation may change, or an exception may be granted, if evidence can be provided that measures have been put in place to secure the safety of foreign participants. For example, it was recommended to have the accommodation and the sessions in the same building.

L. Gibson noted that the same issue may affect the number of US participants too. E. Haddad and K. Haynes noted that the situation in Colombia had improved considerably and that safety should no longer be an issue. It was moved by P. Aroca and seconded by Y. Higano that the 2010 meeting would be held in Cali. The date would be somewhere between late May and late July. It was noted that RSAI would confirm affiliation of the Colombian section at the San Francisco meeting and that affiliation to PRSCO could, according to the PRSCO constitution, be requested after the Cali meeting.

e) Nomination of the PRSCO delegate on the RSAI Council for the term, 2010-2012

It was noted that Y. Higano, who had just completed a 2007-2009 term on RSAI Council, would serve another term (2010-2012), given that he would be President of RSAI Council during 2011 and 2012. It was also noted that the other continuing PRSCO councillors on RSAI are T.J. Kim (2008-2010) and P. Aroca (2009-2011).

f) 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 was moved by K. Haynes and seconded by L. Gibson that H. Shibusawa would be appointed Executive Secretary from 1 January 2011.

g) Report on activities of the Pacific Rim regional science communities

(1) Columbia

E. Moncayo added to his earlier comments that the new Board of the Columbian Association has representatives of all the regions of Colombia. They are keen on new initiatives for international collaboration.

(2) China

Y. Higano noted that a local meeting would be held at PRC University in Beijing, 12-14 December 2009. This meeting would be the platform for launching the Chinese Section subsequently. It was likely that a PRSCO Summer Institute would be held in China in 2012.

(3) Other countries

P. Aroca noted that the Chilean Section had held a successful meeting in 2009, with more than 100 participants. The Chilean Section planned to offer to host the 2013 PRSCO conference in Chile, jointly with the Regional Science Association of the Americas.

h) Report of the Editor of PiRS

J. van Dijk (Editor-in-Chief) said that PiRS had a very successful year. PiRS will be managed over 2010-2012 by Philip McCann (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), James LeSage (Texas State University–San Marcos, U.S.A.), Jouke van Dijk (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) 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. Due to lack of time, no further details could be provided, but a full report would be tabled at the Editorial Board meeting.

i) Report of the Editor, Papers in Regional Science Policy and Practice

M. Carroll said that the journal had been successfully launched with the first issue of 2009. A second issue for 2009 was about to be published. Submissions of papers were being encouraged.

j) Any further business

The next meeting of the PRSCO Council will be held at the PRSCO Summer Institute in Colombia. Council members would be notified of the exact time and location by Y. Higano.

Vice-President J. Madden closed the meeting at 2:20 pm.

[Minutes written by J. Poot]