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ISCSC STRUCTURE AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

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I am honored that you have elected me to be the new president of the ISCSC. I pledge to you to do my best over the coming three years of my tenure.

I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Past-President Lee Snyder (USA), a great civilizationist, who has identified a 300-400 year-long cycle of civilization and its four-stage timing. I thank past Vice-Presidents Laina Farhat-Holzman (USA) and Shuntaro Ito (Japan) for their dedication to our Society.

Our new officers are: Oleg Benesch (USA), Vice-President for Organization; Jung Dong-Hyeon (S. Korea) Vice-President for International Relations; Laina Farhat-Holzman (USA), Secretary General; and Betsy Drummer (USA), Treasurer

Our new vice presidents, Oleg Benesch (USA) and Dong Hyeon Jung (S. Korea) will bring in youth-driven curiosity, energy, and global reach. Laina Farhat-Holzman (USA), our new Secretary General, is tasked with being our Society's memory and Content Master. Also, I would like to thank Matthew Melko, our great inspiration, for his enormous help in putting together a new leadership team.

Our new *Comparative Civilizations Review* Editorial Team is: Joseph Drew, Editor in Chief; Laina Farhat-Holzman, Editor; Walter Benesch, Manuscript Editor; Mathew Melko, Peer Review Editor; and David Wilkinson, Book Review Editor.

Our new Leadership Team is: Sanford Holst, Chair of the Quigley Committee; Connie Lamb, Chair of the Communications Committee; Norman Rothman, Chair of the Membership Committee; Donald Burgy, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee; Ross Maxwell, Chair of the Ethics Committee; Stephen Blaha, 2008 Program Chair; and Ricardo Duchesne, 2008 Conference Chair.

Our newly elected Council Members are: Lee Snyder, Michael Andregg, Oleg Benesch, Donald Burgy, Ricardo Duchesne, Isaac Tseggai, Keisuke Kawakubo, Ashok Malhotra, Ross Maxwell, Peter O'Brien, Norman Rothman, Douglas Shrader, Lee Stauffer, Palmer Talbutt, Midori Yamanouchi, and the above-mentioned officers and editors.

Our Advisory Council of former Presidents will be chaired by

Michael Palencia-Roth, and includes Matthew Melko, Shuntaro Ito, Wayne Bledsoe, and Lee Snyder. Welcome to them.

1. My program is designed to strengthen our organization by:
 - a. Supporting the Society's mission and goals:
 - i. Mission: Provide a forum for collaboration among all persons interested in the advancement of the comparative study of civilizations.
 - ii. Creed: Civilizational studies matter.
 - iii Goal: Achieve scholarly recognition as the primary source of knowledge on the comparative study of civilizations.
 - iv. Strategy: Organize annual international conferences with leading scholars of the comparative study of civilization and publish our bi-annual journal, *Comparative Civilizations Review (CCR)*, *Conference Proceedings*, & *Civilization Book Series*.
 - b. Securing the active participation of our many members in conferences, publications, and committees.
 - c. Improving or expanding the Society's resources: budget, website, e-communication, grants/donations, conferences, proceedings, and CCR.
 - d. Implementing the Society's By-Laws in accordance with the Constitution.
 - e. Establishing the Academy of Civilization.
 - f. Expanding the Society's membership and bringing in more young researchers/contributors, who can continue our work and interests.
2. Make the Society a truly interdisciplinary group of researchers and contributors investigating the past, present, and future (Braudel); and challenges and responses of civilization (Toynbee), and including aggressive use of communications technology to further our mission.
3. Make the membership of the Society a pleasant and intellectually inspiring experience for those who are involved in the Society's practices and believe that "understanding civilizations matters" in the 21st century.

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