

CMOS Council 2020-21 Meeting #3 2021-01-14

Procès-verbal du conseil de la SCMO 2020-21 Réunion #3 14-01-2021

Minutes

Thursday, 14-Jan-2021, 12 pm EDT

Attendance:

President	Marek Stastna (MS)	√	Past Pres.	Kim Strong (KS)	√
Vice-Pres.	Jim Abraham (JA)	√	Exec Dir	Gordon Griffith (GG)	√
Treasurer	Amir Shabbar (AS)	√	Dir. Pub.	Douw Steyn (DS)	Regrets
Cor. Sec.	Diane Pendlebury (DPe)	√	Congress 2022	Yanping Li (YL)	Regrets
Rec. Sec.	Alexandre Audette (AA)	√	Councillor-at-large	Christopher Poitras (CP)	√
Congress 2021	Dave Fissel (DF)	Regrets	Councillor-at-large	Dominique Paquin (DP)	√
Councillor-at-large	Aldona Wiacek (AW)	√	Councillor-at-large	Bruce Sutherland (BS)	√
Councillor-at-large	Felicia Kolonjari (FK)	√	Councillor-at-large	Iain Russell(IR)	√

Agenda Attachments

1	Agenda_CMOS_Council_3_SCMO_2021-01-14-DRAFT	8a	8a_Pres_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14_Template
2	Draft Minutes_CMOS_Council_2_11-12-2020_KS	8b	8b_Vice-Pres_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14
3	Draft Minutes_CMOS_Executive_3_12-10-2020_KS	8c	Dir_exec_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14
5	Discussion record - CMOS Centre Chairs and Membership Committee 2020-21 Meeting 3 - 2021-01-07	8d	Treasurer_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14
7a	CMOS_Strategic_Survey_Graphical_Summary_EN	8f	CorSec_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14
7b	CMOS_Strategic_Survey_Graphical_Summary_FR	8g	Past_Pres_Activity Report_CMOS_Council_3-2021-01-14
7c	cmos_comments_distillation	No #	Anti-Racism
7d	CMOS Strategic Plan 2021-2024 Member Survey	No #	CMOSTourSpeaker-Info
7e	Sondage_aupre`s_des_membres_concernant_la_Plan_strategique_de_la_SCMO-CMOS	11	CycleofActivities-Nov-Jan

Attachments to Minutes

12	New Action Items from Council-3	13	Updated Outstanding Action Items from Council-3
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Acronyms Used :

CMOS-CCMC	CMOS Centre Chair and Membership Committee
PECC	Planetary Exploration Consultation Committee (Canadian Space Agency)
SPEC	CMOS School and Public Education Committee
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada

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DFO	Dept of Fisheries and Oceans
NSERC	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
SCGS	Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences

1.	Approval of Agenda. (MS) KS moved, DPe seconded. <i>Carried.</i>
2.	Minutes from Council meeting #2 (MS) JA moved, CP seconded. <i>Carried.</i>
3.	Minutes from Executive Meeting #3 (MS) DPe moved, KS seconded. <i>Carried.</i>
4.	Congress and Congress Committee Update
4(a)	<p>CMOS 2021 Victoria (DF, absent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GG: Victoria Congress will use EventMobi for the overlying infrastructure. All sessions will be live. • Olatech software will be used for registration and abstract submission. • Coop student salary? AS: We are just breaking even. MS disagrees. Need to recheck this. (MS and AS need to recheck the budget of the Victoria congress and verify if we can increase the Coop student salary.) • Encouraging as many government employees as possible to attend the congress. 2021 makes the 150th anniversary of weather services and ECCC's 50th.
4(b)	CMOS/CGU 2022 Saskatoon (YL, absent)
5	<p>Centre Chairs and Membership Committee Meeting #3 – Minutes (JA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnipeg, Newfoundland and BC Interior/Yukon centres considering collaboration on the next congress (2023). (More update on that in the future) • Manitoba thinking of a joint centre with Nunavut. • KS, DPe suggest revisiting the naming of the centres to make them more consistent and inclusive. (Some are named after provinces, some after regions and others after cities.) • MS will work on getting CMOS to play a leadership role in encouraging the development of community cyber infrastructure to support the downloading and storage of large datasets (such as Copernicus in EU). FK suggests reaching out to the CSA about the Copernicus infrastructure.
6.	<p>Tour Speakers 2020-2021 (MS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tatja Fennell has submitted a title, abstract and bio to put up on website. DPe will ask for pictures for the webpage.
7.	Strategic Plan Update (Attachment #7) (MS)
7a	<p>Member Survey Summary – see attachment 7a – 7e</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7a: Summary of the responses of the member survey. The meaning of “climate” has changed from a physical science to something about the consequences of climate change on human life. • MS: We need meaningful, attractive ECR sessions. • MS: As there are no student membership fees, could we ask the students to answer a few questions before they renew?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small centres have little to offer members -> The virtual congress will help greatly with that. • Scientific volunteerism doesn't get as much credit as it should. • A national entity for all geosciences in Canada would be great, but a large entity would dilute the brand. First thing to start would be twice a decade national joint conference for all geosciences in Canada. CSGS is already in place, but dormant. • Point 7 in attachment 7c: What can CMOS do that ONLY CMOS can do? We should look at how we can improve our early career scientists/student "mentorship". • Ideas: sessions on how to apply to jobs and not get lost in the process, help keep in touch with where post docs are available. (Put this on our website?) MS: Follow up with FK and DPe about how to help graduate students/ early career scientists to find jobs/post-doc opportunities. • Media asks international experts about meteorology/climate issues. FK: Add a list on our website of go to people for the media. DPe: Media training for the people on this list. • Our current Twitter administrator is asking for a replacement. (Action item Council)
7b	<p>IOG Review (MS/JA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About a dozen of CMOS exec/council members will be interviewed as part of a governance review.
8.	Executive reports – See attachments for details.
8(a)	<p>President MS :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific committee co-chair has resigned. • Bulletin editor has resigned. Need a stop gap for this year. DS reached out to a previously short-listed candidate that accepted to take the job for the year. • Olatech contract comes due in May 2021. A review of CMOS' technical requirements is underway.
8(b)	<p>Vice President JA :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-racism position statement: JA proposed to Council and Executive members that work on action plan should continue during future meetings. • Need to find candidates for the Exec and Council for next year.
8(c)	<p>Executive Director GG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution agreement with ECCC (5 years ending March 31, 2025) \$50K annually) • Contribution agreement with DFO (2 years ending March 31, 2022) has not been signed by DFO yet.
8(d)	<p>Treasurer AS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the check from Delta Ottawa.
8(e)	Recording Secretary AA : No report.
8(f)	<p>Corresponding Secretary DPe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members approved. DPe moved. JA seconded. <i>Carried.</i>
8(g)	<p>Past President KS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked the Councillors-at-large if they wanted to stay for a 4th term as allowed by the Bylaws.
9.	Cycle of activities – (DPe)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attachment 9 for details. • Deadlines for reports and applications for funding are coming soon. 																					
10.	Review of Action Items (AA):																					
11.	Upcoming Meetings 2020-2021 – <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Exec</th> <th>CCMC</th> <th>Council</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>Thursday</td> <td>Thursday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 15</td> <td>November 05</td> <td>November 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 10</td> <td>January 07</td> <td>January 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 11</td> <td>March 04</td> <td>March 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 15</td> <td>May 20</td> <td>May 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>AGM May 24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Exec	CCMC	Council	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	October 15	November 05	November 12	December 10	January 07	January 14	February 11	March 04	March 11	April 15	May 20	May 23			AGM May 24
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12.	Adjournment (Meeting adjourned)																					

Attachment 12: New Action Items from CMOS Council 3

C2.4a	MS, AS	MS and AS need to recheck the budget of the Victoria congress and verify if we can increase the Coop student salary	Open.
C2.7a	MS	Follow up with FK and DPe about how to help graduate students/ early career scientists to find jobs/post-doc opportunities.	Open.
C2.7a	Council	Come up with suggestions for a new Twitter administrator.	Open.

**Attachment 13: Outstanding Action Items
(Year is 2020-21 unless specified)**

C2.4b	MS	By council meeting C3, present a proposal on how the online 2023 Congress organization will work.	Open.
C2.4b	MS	Raise the idea of a coalition of smaller centers organizing the 2023 Congress to Centre Chairs and Membership Committee.	Open.
E2.1	MS	Get more details on the new scholarships for the next executive meeting and will report at the next Council meeting as well.	Reported on at C2.8
E2.2	MS	Bring the results of the member survey on the strategic plan to the February Executive meeting.	Done.
E2.3	MS	Discuss with JA (and KS) to get ideas for an external consultation on our structure and way of functioning. Bring this to executive committee before council.	Done.

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C1.1	MS, JA, GG	Come up with specific ideas and guidelines to get a consent agenda for each meeting and will report back at the next Council meeting.	Open
C1.2	MS, GG, DPe	Post-mortem on who did and did not have a tour speaker.	Open. DPe will have that information in her year-end review.
C1.3	MS, GG	Obtain ARRCU budget information and actual spendings.	Closed.
E1.1	AS	Contact Delta Ottawa for the 2020 congress venue refund of \$20K deposit.	Closed.
2019-20AGM.1	MS	Ensure that Council completes the development of a management process for the CMOS Members' Code of Conduct by the end of calendar year 2020, for presentation to the 2021 AGM.	Open
2019-20AGM.2	Fellows Committee	Review and rationalize the Fellow category and recommend any changes to Council and subsequently the AGM, with legal review if deemed necessary.	Open
2019-20C5.1	KS, MS	Complete assessment of virtual Congress for inclusion in the official Congress report.	
2019-20C5.2	GG	GG to clarify items included in "Bulletin Renewal-Online" Congress	
2019-20E5.2	BA	Ottawa LAC to submit cost proposal for Ottawa Plenary session to Council	Open
2019-20C4.2	GG	Discuss with Olatech required changes to website re donations.	Open
2019-20C3.7	GG/AS	Explore logistics and costs of suggested new Signing Authority Procedure and report to Exec	CIBC Forms being signed
2019-20C3.1	GG	Consider wording for a multi-year or stronger automatic renewal arrangement for future personal service contracts.	Open
2019-20E2.7	GG	Take lead in collection of bios of CMOS Councillors for posting on CMOS website.	Progress. Lead with GG Missing: Tim, Clark, Diane, Felicia and Laura
2019-20E1.3	GG	Update CMOS reference about its charitable status on CRA website when annual report on CMOS charitable status is done (spring 2020).	Open. Discussed at E4
2018-19AGM.2	Exec	With respect to the impact of waiving student membership fees since 2017, it was recommended to collect two more years of data to better inform a decision on whether or not to continue to waive the student membership fee. (Executive Committee).	Open

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2018-19E3.3	GG	Conduct a review of the three existing MOUs (RMS, AMS and CGU) will be done to ensure they are kept current and that members of each society can take advantage of the intent of the MOUs with ease. (for example, easily obtaining associate membership with the other societies.)	Update at C4: RMS – awaiting return of signed version from RMS AMS – done and posted on website CGU – under review AMOS – done and posted.
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