

CMOS Council 2021-2022 Meeting #2 2021-11-23
Procès-verbal du conseil d'administration de la SCMO 2021-2022 Réunion #2 23-11-2021

Minutes
Tuesday, 23-November-2021, 2 pm ET

Attendance:

Members:

President	Jim Abraham (JA)	√	Past President	Marek Stastna (MS)	√
Vice-President	Serge Desjardins (SD)	√	Director of Publications	Douw Steyn (DS)	x
Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng (JS)	√	Councillor	Aldona Wiacek (AW)	√
Councillor	Emily MacPherson (EM)	√	Councillor	Dominique Paquin (DP)	√
Councillor	Bruce Sutherland (BS)	x	Councillor	Felicia Kolonjari (FK)	x
Councillor	Christopher Poitras (CP)	x	Councillor	Laura Bianucci (LB)	x
Councillor	Iain Russell (IR)	√	Councillor	Abdoulaye Harou (AH)	x
Councillor	Clark Richards (CR)	x			
Executive Director & Secretary (ex officio)			Gordon Griffith (GG)		√

(Quorum = four voting members plus the President or Vice-President)

Current meeting: Seven voting members plus President = Quorum

Observers:

Congress 2022 SPC	Francis Zwiers (FZ)	√	Congress 2022 LAC	Craig Smith (CS)	√
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Agenda & Attachments

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3a	Draft Minutes_Council_1_2021-09-28	3h	Exec-Dir_Activities Report_CMOS_Council_2021-2022_Meeting_2
3b	Pres_Activities Report_CMOS_Council_2021-2022_Meeting_2	3i	CMOS Implementation Plan 2021-2022 – 2021-11-16 update
3c	Vice-Pres_Activities Report_CMOS_Council_2021-2022_Meeting_2	4	Council-Executive – Action Items – 2021-11-23
3e	Income20210831vsbudget-Variance (2)	7f	CMOS Communication Strategy – Current Activities

Attachments to Minutes

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Acronyms Used:

ARRCU	Atmosphere-Related Research in Canadian Universities
CGU	Canadian Geophysical Union
CWRA	Canadian Water Resources Association
ESC	Eastern Snow Conference
LAC	Local Arrangements Committee
SPC	Scientific Program Committee
SPEC	CMOS School and Public Education Committee
WET	Water Education Today – Project WET

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1.	Welcome and Introductions
	(JA) welcomed everyone to meeting #2 of the CMOS Council 2021-2022. Everyone who had missed meeting #1 introduced themselves and provided a short bio.
2.	Approval of Agenda
	<p>Agenda items 4) and 5) were switched to allow those reporting Congress updates to do so earlier during the meeting. Minor agenda changes like this are left at the discretion of the chair.</p> <p>Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. – MS/DP – Passed</p>
3.	Approval of Consent Agenda
	Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented. – SD/DP – Passed
4.	Congress Updates
	<p>a) 2022 – Saskatoon</p> <p>(FZ), chair of the SPC, and (CS) vice-chair of the LAC provided an oral update. Congress 2022 will be offered completely virtual over June 1-3 and 6-8, 2022 cohosted by CGU and ESC. The CMOS Congress 2022 website is live. The call for session proposals is currently open. ESC has shared with their members and CGU will be sharing the call shortly with their members. Next steps include discussing plenary session choices, identifying plenary speakers, a public lecturer and other associated events.</p> <p>A meeting of the Saskatoon LAC and SPC chairs along with Congress 2021 representatives David Fissel and Ken Denman will be scheduled over the next two to three weeks to share the important lessons learned and kick-off Congress 2022 planning.</p> <p>Action: (GG) to schedule an information transfer meeting between Congress 2021 SPC and LAC chairs and Congress 2022 chairs early in December.</p> <p>The concept of congress “watch parties” will be pursued with CMOS Centres where small groups of congress registrants could meet in-person to participate in certain virtual presentations.</p> <p>Action: (SD) will discuss the concept of congress “watch parties” and how to manage the associated congress registrations during the January 2022 Centre Chairs and Membership Committee meeting.</p> <p>Congress 2021 included a virtual Icebreaker event hosted on <i>Gather.town</i> and a CMOS Prizes and Awards Banquet hosted via <i>Zoom</i>.</p> <p>(JA) will be discussing a number of initiatives with DFO representatives including a group rate agreement for Saskatoon 2022 and support for Congress 2023 in St. John’s.</p>

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	<p>b) 2023 – St. John’s</p> <p>(JA) stated that Fraser Davidson from the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre expressed an interest in hosting an in-person congress in 2023. Destination St. John’s has provided comprehensive options for venues and hotels for various sizes of congresses. Connecting with Meopar, the Marine Institute, Ocean Frontier and the Ocean Supercluster were suggested.</p>
	<p>c) 2024 - Virtual</p> <p>(JA) stated that Pat McCarthy (Winnipeg Centre) and Peter Jackson (BC Interior & Yukon Centre) have agreed to co-host the virtual Congress 2024 now.</p>
	<p>d) 2025 – Saskatoon</p> <p>Saskatoon Centre would host an in-person Congress in 2025, probably with a virtual component.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Action Items</p> <p>(GG) updated all the action items from Council and Executive Committee meetings.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Decision Items</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Discussion Items</p>
	<p>a) Senior Scientific Officer and Publications Director Process</p> <p>(JA) reported that the request of interest in the roles of Senior Scientific Officer, Publications Director and Atmosphere-Ocean Technical Editor had been sent out to the general CMOS membership as well as being posted on the CMOS job board and social media networks with responses by December 10, 2021. It was also suggested to send these roles out through the ARRCU listserv and to Meopar. The following steps are included in the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover letters and CVs of interested parties received by December 10, 2021. • Screening and review of submissions will be done by a committee comprised of Executive Committee members, a former Director of Human Resources from ECCC and any Council members. Review criteria would be recommended by this former Director of HR. <p>It was clarified that the A-O Technical Editor role is a paid role, with CMOS budget already allocated. The other two roles are being recommended to be volunteer roles with negotiated financial support being offered.</p> <p>There was a general discussion of who would be expressing interest in the chief scientist role specifically. The description was worded to encourage interest from all levels of candidates, not only senior scientists.</p>

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	<p>Concerns were raised about emails being sent as part of a mass emailing through the Olatech database being filed away in junk folders in individuals' email systems. What steps or initiatives can be taken to minimize or eliminate this issue.</p>
b) Project WET – NS Science Teachers	<p>(JA), (SD) and (AW) participated in a workshop for the Association of Nova Scotia Science Teachers about Project WET. The workshop included Project WET material specifically related to NS curriculum content that the teachers could add to their classrooms. Feedback from the participating teachers was extremely positive about Project WET content and about having local CMOS Halifax contacts available. The success of this workshop should influence future Teacher's Day events offered by congress organizers.</p> <p>The letter of collaboration between CMOS and CWRA related to Project WET has now been formally signed.</p> <p><i>Weather, Water and Climate Resilience</i> program proposal is still being finalized. SPEC members are working on a Canadian version of this program. This speaks to the possibility of having an Outreach Officer position as part of CMOS.</p> <p>CMOS members from across the country will need to be recruited to participate in similar future workshops through the relationship with CWRA and Project WET.</p> <p>A discussion took place at the extent of teaching of climate and climate change in school curricula and how can CMOS and its various initiatives can promote this.</p>
c) Council Liaison Roles	<p>(JA) summarized the intent of asking each Councillor to take on a liaison role between the various standing committees and Council. (AW) offered to be the liaison with SPEC. (JA) encouraged Councillors to review the action items list and the Implementation Plan elements to see if there is any interest in helping advance specific items.</p> <p>A media strategy needs to be developed and from Congress 2021, Johanna Wagstaffe from BC offered to help develop one.</p>
d) Call for Awards/Prizes	<p>(GG) reported that the call for nominations for the eight CMOS prizes and awards is open and notification had been sent to the membership and shared across the social media networks.</p>
e) Fellows Committee	<p>(MS) reported that the Fellows Committee needs a new chair to lead the committee and the process/criteria for selecting fellows needs to be reviewed. He recommended that the new chair should be female. Committee chairs are approved by Council. Membership of the committee may need to be reviewed and possibly renewed.</p> <p>Action: (MS) will approach potential chair candidates for Fellows Committee.</p>

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	<p>f) Communications Strategy (EM) reported that she is championing the development of a communications strategy. She is collecting Google analytics data from the bulletin.cmos.ca website. Unfortunately, similar data is not available from the cmos.ca website. There are three communication approaches: 1. Communicating with current members 2. Engaging and recruiting new members 3. Sharing information with the public Increasing CMOS' social media presence is an avenue to recruiting new members.</p> <p>(SD) updated everyone on the development of a CMOS newsletter. He used software CANVA to develop this version. Getting centre and/or regional input may be challenging.</p> <p>All communication advancements are dependent on possibly breaking ties with Olatech.</p>																											
<p>8.</p>	<p>Upcoming Meetings 2021-2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="305 835 1435 1270"> <thead> <tr> <th>Centre Chair & Membership Committee</th> <th>Executive Committee</th> <th>Council</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>Tuesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>August 31</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>September 7</td> <td>September 14</td> <td>September 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 02</td> <td>November 11</td> <td>November 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 04</td> <td>January 11</td> <td>January 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 08</td> <td>March 15</td> <td>March 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 03</td> <td>May 10</td> <td>May 24</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>AGM XX</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Centre Chair & Membership Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday		August 31		September 7	September 14	September 28	November 02	November 11	November 23	January 04	January 11	January 25	March 08	March 15	March 29	May 03	May 10	May 24			AGM XX
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<p>9.</p>	<p>Adjournment (Meeting adjourned)</p>																											

Action Items

2021-2022			
ID	By	Action	Status
C2.4a.1	GG	to schedule an information transfer meeting between Congress 2021 SPC and LAC chairs and Congress 2022 chairs early in December.	Open.
C2.4a.2	SD	will discuss the concept of congress “watch parties” and how to manage the associated congress registrations during the January 2022 Centre Chairs and Membership Committee meeting.	Open.
C2.7e	MS	will approach potential chair candidates for Fellows Committee.	Open.