## Minutes Friday, June 17, 2022, 2 pm EDT

## Attendance:

## Members:

President	Jim Abraham (JA)		Pa	st President	Marek Stastna (MS)	V
Vice-President	Serge Desjardins (SD)			Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng (JS)	
Councillor	Emily MacPherson (EM)	Х		Councillor	Aldona Wiacek (AW)	
Councillor	Bruce Sutherland (BS)	Х		Councillor	Dominique Paquin (DP)	Χ
Councillor	Christopher Poitras (CP)	Х		Councillor	Felicia Kolonjari (FK)	X
Councillor	lain Russell (IR)			Councillor	Laura Bianucci (LB)	X
Councillor	Clark Richards (CR)	Х		Councillor	Abdoulaye Harou (AH)	X
Executive Director & Secretary (ex officio) Gordon Griffith (GG)				V		

(Quorum = four voting members plus the President or Vice-President)
Current meeting: five voting members plus President = Quorum

## **Observers:**

Future Councillor	Ada Loewen (AL)		

Agenda & Attachments

1	Agenda_CMOS_Council_6_SCMO_2022-06-17	5c	CMOS_English 2021 Draft FSA		
3a	Draft Minutes_CMOS_Council_5_2022-05-24	5d	CMOS Budget2023 – Draft-v3		
5a	CMOS AGM 2022 Draft Agenda				
5b	CMOS_Nominating_Committee-				
	Nominations_for_2022-2023-Final				

Attachment	ts to N	linutes		

## **Acronyms Used:**

CNC-SCOR	Canadian National Committee – Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
SIG	special interest group

1.	Welcome and Introductions			
	(JA) welcomed everyone to meeting #6 of the CMOS Council 2021-2022, an additional			
	special meeting to finalize items prior to the AGM.			
2.	Approval of Agenda			
	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the agenda as presented. – SD/MS – Passed			
3.	Approval of Consent Agenda			
	The consent agenda only included the draft minutes from Council meeting #5.			
	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the consent agenda as presented. – MS/IR – Passed			

## 4. Congress Updates

#### a) 2022 - Saskatoon

Numerous members provided positive feedback from their experiences with the virtual congress 2022. The following comments/suggestions were shared:

- The EventMobi calendar scheduler only allowed for identifying complete sessions instead of individual talks.
- Hold public talk a week or so prior to the congress to provide a separation, so participants don't get "Zoom" fatigue. This could also be a preview for the upcoming congress.
- Earlier promotion of the public talk is encouraged.

(GG) shared the following from Congress 2022:

- All session recordings have been posted on the CMOS YouTube Channel.
  They are all currently "unlisted" so that they can only be accessed by
  entering the EventMobi platform.
- The recordings from Congress 2021 are no longer available as they were only accessible through EventMobi for one year.
- A post-congress survey is being prepared in SurveyMonkey and will be distributed to all participants to complete.
- Total registrations were 862.
- Unofficial total ECCC representatives were 269
- There is a complete session-by-session total of participants ranging from 23
   150 for any particular session.
- The public lecture had 94 participants.

### b) 2023 - St. John's

(JA) stated that work continues on Congress 2023 with a theme of "Connecting on the Rock from Marine Environment to the Blue Economy". The Sheraton Hotel has been contracted as the venue for May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. A hybrid model is being considered with potentially 300 in-person participants. (JA) has been invited by Destination St. John's to visit the venue in July 2022. (GG) confirmed that the Congress 2022 survey contains a question asking who would be participating inperson at Congress 2023.

(JA) and (GG) attended a meeting with representatives from ECCC looking to draft a contract agreement for a corporate rate Congress 2023. There are a number of options being considered that include a corporate rate for virtual participation only, virtual participation plus 20-30 in-person registrations (being identified later), and/or add a workshop/training session prior to or during the congress. (JA) intends to follow up with DFO to organize a similar agreement.

#### 5. Decision Items

### a) AGM 2022 Agenda

(JA) summarized what the proposed agenda included. There are no by-law modifications and no membership fee increase. (JA) added item 12.3 Q and A to allow for members to introduce new items or discuss anything.

Motion: to approve the AGM 2022 agenda as amended. SD/MS - Carried

## b) Council Slate of Elected Officers

(MS) as the chair of the Nominating Committee proposed the slate of elected officers for 2022-2023. It was decided that the Past-President's role would be left vacant for this term. (MS) would continue on Council as a councillor-at-large and Director of Publications. It was also confirmed that the Executive would remain in place for an additional term to allow for continuity in seeing a number of initiatives to conclusion.

Future ideas include asking each special interest group and CNC-SCOR to nominate a representative to join the CMOS Scientific Committee.

**Motion:** to approve the Council slate of Elected Officers for 2022-2023. MS/AW - carried

## c) Audited Financial Statements

(GG) presented the draft audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021 on behalf of (JS). The Audit Committee had met with the auditor and the treasurer on June 16, 2022 to go through the draft audited statements and recommended their approval by Council and acceptance by the membership at the AGM. CMOS ended the year with a surplus of \$18,260 (including CNC-SCOR funds). (GG) confirmed that there is no policy that identifies what annual surpluses should be used for.

**Action:** The Finance and Investment Committee will develop a policy to identify what any annual surpluses should be used for.

(JA) reminded everyone that the funds contained in the Development Fund had been assigned to the School and Public Education Committee (SPEC) to use. Support was voiced to increase both undergraduate and graduate scholarship offering with the understanding that there is an active committee (Scientific Committee) to administer the scholarships. It was suggested the University and Professional Education Committee (UPEC) may be a better choice for administering the scholarships, however this committee has a large mandate already that was identified during their recent meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the audited financial statements for year ending December 31, 2021. MS/AW - carried

There was further discussion around the relationship and history between CMOS and CNC-SCOR.

## d) Budget 2023

(GG) presented the draft budget for 2023. The format included a one-page summary broken down by Society Operations, A-O, Bulletin, Congress under Revenue and Expenses.

It was recommended to include an additional column showing the actual numbers from 2021 to compare the budgeted amounts for 2023 against. There was general

support for this revised format including the actual numbers from 2021. A detailed version of the budget is available to backup any questions.

Motion: to approve the draft budget for 2023. SD/AW - carried

## 6. Upcoming Meetings 2021-2022

Centre Chair & Membership Committee	Executive Committee	Council	
Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	
	August 31		
<del>September 7</del>	September 14	September 28	
November 02	November 11	November 23	
<del>January 04</del>	<del>January 11</del>	<del>January 25</del>	
March 08	March 15	March 29	
May 03	May 10	May 24	
		June 17	
		AGM June 22	

7. **Adjournment** (Meeting adjourned)

## **Action Items**

2021-2022				
ID	Ву	Action	Status	
C6.5c	FIC	The Finance and Investment Committee will develop a policy to identify what any annual surpluses should be used for.	Open	