

CMOS Council 2022-2023 Meeting #1 2022-09-27
Procès-verbal du conseil d'administration de la SCMO 2022-2023 Réunion no. 1 27-09-2022

Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 2 pm EDT

Attendance:

Members:

President	Jim Abraham (JA)	√	Past President	Vacant	X
Vice-President	Serge Desjardins (SD)	√	Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng (JS)	√
Councillor	Emily MacPherson (EM)	X	Councillor	Aldona Wiacek (AW)	√
Councillor	Bruce Sutherland (BS)	X	Councillor	Dominique Paquin (DP)	√
Councillor	Ada Loewen (AL)	X	Councillor	Marek Stastna (MS)	√
Councillor	Scott Kehler (SK)	√	Councillor	Laura Bianucci (LB)	X
Councillor	Shaylea Ostapowich (SO)	√	Councillor	Abdoulaye Harou (AH)	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:

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Agenda & Attachments

1	Agenda_CMOS_Council_1_SCMO_2022-09-27-v2	3d	Minutes – draft – Centre Chairs and Membership Committee 2022-2023 – Meeting-1 – 2022-09-06
1	Briefing_Note_CMOS_Council_1_2022-09-27-v2	5a	CMOS Implementation Plan 2022-2023 – 2022-09-22
3a	Draft Minutes_CMOS_Council_6_2022-06-17	5b	NewMemberApplication(6)-092722
3b	Council-Executive-CC – Action Items – 2022-09-26	6a	GCXE23M009 – Agreement_CMOS-signed
3c	Pres_Activities_Report_CMOS_Council_2022-2023_Meeting_1		

Attachments to Minutes

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Acronyms Used:

ARRCU	Atmosphere-Related Research in Canadian Universities
CGU	Canadian Geophysical Union
CNC-SCOR	Canadian National Committee – Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research
CWRA	Canadian Water Resources Association
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
EDI	Equity Diversity Inclusivity
ESC	Eastern Snow Conference
LAC	Local Arrangements Committee
LPTC	Local Personal Touch Committee
PSC	Private Sector Committee
SIG	special interest group
SPC	Scientific Program Committee

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SPEC	School and Public Education Committee
UPEC	University and Professional Education Committee

1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>(JA) welcomed everyone to meeting #1 of the CMOS Council 2022-2023. He invited everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of everyone, especially the new Councillors-at-large.</p> <p>The following table illustrates the terms of office for each member of Council. It was inserted here for information.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Role</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Member</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Expected Term of Service</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Jim Abraham</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2022 June 2022 – June 2023 (Past President, June 2023-June 2024)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Serge Desjardins</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2022 June 2022 – June 2023 (President, June 2023-June 2024 Past President, June 2024-June 2025)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>Vacant</td> <td>June 2022 – June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Jinyu Sheng</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large Director of Publications</td> <td>Marek Stastna</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2022 (Past President) Dir. Of Pub. (2022 – 2026)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Scott Kehler</td> <td>June 2022 – June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Laura Bianucci</td> <td>July 2019 – June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Dominique Paquin</td> <td>June 2020 – June 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Shay Ostapowich</td> <td>June 2022 – June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Bruce Sutherland</td> <td>July 2019 – June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Aldona Wiacek</td> <td>July 2019 – June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Ada Loewen</td> <td>June 2022 – June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Emily MacPherson</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor at Large</td> <td>Abdoulaye Harou</td> <td>June 2021 – June 2025</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(JA) also acknowledged the Indigenous lands on which he was chairing this virtual meeting. He invited all to make their own individual acknowledgements.</p>	Role	Member	Expected Term of Service	President	Jim Abraham	June 2021 – June 2022 June 2022 – June 2023 (Past President, June 2023-June 2024)	Vice President	Serge Desjardins	June 2021 – June 2022 June 2022 – June 2023 (President, June 2023-June 2024 Past President, June 2024-June 2025)	Past President	Vacant	June 2022 – June 2023	Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng	June 2021 – June 2024	Councillor at Large Director of Publications	Marek Stastna	June 2021 – June 2022 (Past President) Dir. Of Pub. (2022 – 2026)	Councillor at Large	Scott Kehler	June 2022 – June 2026	Councillor at Large	Laura Bianucci	July 2019 – June 2023	Councillor at Large	Dominique Paquin	June 2020 – June 2024	Councillor at Large	Shay Ostapowich	June 2022 – June 2026	Councillor at Large	Bruce Sutherland	July 2019 – June 2023	Councillor at Large	Aldona Wiacek	July 2019 – June 2023	Councillor at Large	Ada Loewen	June 2022 – June 2023	Councillor at Large	Emily MacPherson	June 2021 – June 2025	Councillor at Large	Abdoulaye Harou	June 2021 – June 2025
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2.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. – DP/JS – Passed</p>																																													
3.	<p>Approval of Consent Agenda</p> <p>The consent agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes – 2021-2022 Council meeting #6 – 2022-06-17 																																													

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council-Executive-CC – Action Items – 2022-09-26 • President’s Report • Vice-President’s Report – Centre Chairs & Membership Committee Meeting #1 Minutes <p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented. – JS/SD – Passed</p>
4.	Congress Updates
	<p>a) 2022 – Saskatoon (GG) shared the following from Congress 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 867 registrants for the six-day event. • 272 ECCC staff participated (63 CMOS members) (\$25K ECCC corporate registration fee) • 554 abstracts submitted (93 from ECCC staff) (\$5K ECCC corporate fee) • Co-hosted congress with Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) and Eastern Snow Conference (ESC). • From the MOU between CMOS, CGU and ESC, any net revenue was to be shared between CMOS and CGU only based on the proportion of registrants from each society. This was calculated at 64% for CMOS and 36% for CGU. • The preliminary net revenue is: \$61,264 for CMOS and \$34,935 for CGU. <p>Other comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (JA) thanked the Saskatoon members (especially Yanping Li and Craig Smith) for organizing the successful event and Francis Zwiers for leading the scientific program committee. • (JA) also added that once the decision was made to make Congress 2022 completely virtual, the Saskatoon Convention Centre agreed to refund half of the original deposit (\$11K) and retain the other \$11K and credit it to the future in-person congress in 2025.
	<p>b) 2023 – St. John’s (JA) stated that work continues on Congress 2023 with a theme of “<i>Connecting on the Rock from Marine Environment to the Blue Economy</i>”. The Sheraton Hotel has been contracted as the venue for May 28th to June 1st, 2023. A hybrid model is being considered with potentially 300-350 in-person and 300-350 virtual participants. (JA) visited St. John’s and the venue through an invitation by Destination St. John’s. He took the opportunity to meet with Fraser Davidson (ECCC and DFO and chair of a program committee) and Len Zedel.</p> <p>The Halifax Centre chair, Shannon Nudds, has agreed to be the chair of the LAC for Congress 2023. Fraser Davidson is interested in developing sessions on extreme weather and the blue economy while involving stakeholders, industry and including the Meteorological Enterprise on Extreme Weather. Due to the 4.5-hour difference in time zones from St. John’s to Victoria, the early morning sessions may be pre-recorded to accommodate. Also, the plenary sessions would be presented in the afternoon, St. John’s time. The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) is co-chaired by (SD) and Nancy Soontiens (DFO). A request to the chairs of ARRCU, Arctic SIG and CNC-SCOR has been made to seek a representative from each to help</p>

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	<p>populate the Congress SPC. Other SPC members are from the media, and private sector. Len Zedel will be managing the student program. It is anticipated to have at least one program session offered completely in French and perhaps a plenary speaker as well. To this end, it will be advantageous to have Francophone representation on the SPC.</p> <p>The congress committees are responsible for the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC: venue logistics, food and beverage, hotel rooming block, audio/visual, social program (banquet, icebreaker, students), and public lecture. • SPC: Science presentations, invited plenary speakers, the call for session proposals, establishing the themes, call for abstracts, create a program based on the submissions (oral and posters). • Local Personal Touch Committee (LPTC): Panel discussions, non-traditional sessions, and workshops taking advantage of Newfoundland industries <p>Congress updates are an ongoing Council agenda item.</p>
5.	Decision Items
	<p>a) Implementation Plan 2022-2023</p> <p>(JA) summarized the strategic priorities detailed in the Strategic Plan 2021-2024 and how the annual implementation plan details the targeted activities to be carried out over the year to support the strategic priorities. The circulated draft was developed by the Executive Committee over the summer and early fall. The following details were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremely important to revitalize the Scientific Committee; • Council liaison roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (SD) liaison with Centre Chairs and Membership Committee; ○ (AL) liaison with Students Committee; ○ (SK) liaison with Private Sector Committee; ○ (AW) liaison with School and Public Education Committee; ○ (MS) liaison with Publications Committee; ○ Need councillor to liaise with media. ○ Need councillor to liaise the University and Professional Education Committee. • Support to underrepresented communities in weather, water and climate opportunities. An equity-diversity-inclusivity initiative with funding from ECCC. <p>The following comments/feedback were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing participation of all councillors (or as many as possible) in all Council meetings. • An Atlantic cooperation being considered for future events to include all eastern centres and representatives from PEI. • Question about discontinuing Endorsed Weathercaster designation as it is perceived as just a money grab by those in the sector. • CMOS, as a scientific society needs an active Scientific Committee. This committee should be providing input for publications, congress scientific program committee, scholarships and outreach/media. The committee definitely needs to be revitalized.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the current Centre distribution the best for attracting local member participation? (e.g. Toronto Centre covers all south-western Ontario) • Recruit more early-to-middle career scientists to CMOS and to participate on key standing committees: SPEC, UPEC, Scientific Committee and the Private Sector Committee. • Develop national initiatives through collectives of centres. • Promote the society mission and vision to the membership through the newsletter. • Council liaison representatives should be reporting during Council meetings the level of activity/or not of their respective committees. • Organize a future Council meeting to discuss potential reforms to the Society, set some resulting goals. ACTION: Executive Committee to discuss the suggestion of organizing a Council discussion on potential reforms to the society. • PSC met at end of August and determined a better vision needs to be developed for the committee and a future presentation by Ken MacDonald (MSC) will be scheduled. • More collaboration between private, public and academic sectors and especially in critical times to work together to spread the word of pending storms and to ensure public safety. • Inventory other scientific organizations to see what services are being offered to their francophone members. • Should there be more councillors to be able to do more work? • Rebranding exercise needs to be developed to move away from “meteorology” and “oceanography” and start using “weather”, “water”, “ice” and “climate”, etc. <p>Motion: to approve the Implementation Plan for 2022-2023 as written. JS/SK - Carried</p>
	<p>b) New Member Applications (GG) presented six new member applications for approval. All six were for student memberships.</p> <p>Motion: to approve the six new member applications. JS/DP - carried</p>
6.	<p>Discussion Items</p>
	<p>a) Equity – Diversity – Inclusivity Initiative</p> <p>ECCC has approved \$175K funding over three years for CMOS, the Black Environmental Initiative and CWRA to identify systemic issues that deter Black and Indigenous youth from pursuing careers in meteorology and oceanography and developing training modules.</p> <p>UPEC is also looking at developing EDI initiatives to help recruit underrepresented youth.</p>

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7.	Upcoming Meetings 2022-2023		
	Centre Chair & Membership Committee	Executive Committee	Council
	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
		August 31	
	September 6	September 13	September 27
	November 08	November 15	November 29
	January 10	January 17	January 31
	March 07	March 14	March 28
	May 09	May 16	May 30
			AGM xx
8.	Adjournment (Meeting adjourned)		

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Action Items

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ID	By	Action	Status
C1.5a	Executive Committee	Committee to discuss the suggestion of organizing a Council discussion on potential reforms to the society.	Open