

CMOS Council 2022-2023 Meeting #2 2022-11-29
Procès-verbal du conseil d'administration de la SCMO 2022-2023 Réunion no. 2 29-11-2022

Minutes
Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 2 pm EST

Attendance:

Members:

President	Jim Abraham (JA)	√	Past President	Vacant	X
Vice-President	Serge Desjardins (SD)	√	Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng (JS)	X
Councillor	Emily MacPherson (EM)	X	Councillor	Aldona Wiacek (AW)	√
Councillor	Bruce Sutherland (BS)	√	Councillor	Dominique Paquin (DP)	√
Councillor	Ada Loewen (AL)	√	Councillor	Marek Stastna (MS)	√
Councillor	Scott Kehler (SK)	√	Councillor	Laura Bianucci (LB)	X
Councillor	Shaylea Ostapowich (SO)	X	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_2_SCMO_2022-11-29-v2	5a	Budget_CMOS_CGU_ESC_2022_08_17_U-v2
1	Briefing_Note_CMOS_Council_2_2022-11-29-v2	5b	CV_JMTherault_Short-2022
3a	Draft Minutes CMOS Council 1 2022-09-27	5c	Scott CV
3b	Council-Executive-CC – Action Items – 2022-11-22	5e	CMOS Position Statement 2022 – Extreme Weather
3c	Pres_Activities Report_CMOS_Council_2022-2023_Meeting_2	6a	Centres that had National Executive
3d	Minutes – draft – Centre Chairs and Membership Committee 2022-2023 – Meeting-2 – 2022-11-08	6b	Proposal – DEI Funding summary

Attachments to Minutes

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Acronyms Used:

ADM	Assistant Deputy Minister
AGM	Annual General Meeting
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
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
EDI	Equity Diversity Inclusivity
ESC	Eastern Snow Conference

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LAC	Local Arrangements Committee
MSC	Meteorological Services of Canada
ORCA	Oceans Research in Canada Alliance
PSC	Private Sector Committee
SIG	special interest group
SPC	Scientific Program Committee
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 #2 of the CMOS Council 2022-2023.</p> <p>(JA) also acknowledged the Indigenous lands on which he was chairing this virtual meeting. He invited all to make their own individual acknowledgements. (JA) reminded everyone that the two national tour speakers for 2022, Eric Oliver and Robert Way are of Indigenous decent. They also jointly presented during the Congress 2022 Public Lecture.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motion: To approve the agenda as presented. – AW/DP – Passed</p>
3.	<p>Approval of Consent Agenda</p> <p>The consent agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes – 2022-2023 Council meeting #1 – 2022-09-27 • Council-Executive-CC – Action Items – 2022-11-22 • President’s Report • Vice-President’s Report – Centre Chairs & Membership Committee Meeting #2 Minutes <p>Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented. – MS/SK – Passed</p>
4.	<p>Congress Updates</p> <p>a) 2023 – St. John’s</p> <p>(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 proposed with potentially 300-350 in-person and 300-350 virtual participants.</p> <p>The Halifax Centre members have volunteered to help organize the Congress. The Centre chair, Shannon Nudds, has agreed to be the chair of the LAC and (SD) is acting as co-chair of the SPC along with Nancy Soontiens (DFO). (JA) is working with Fraser Davidson to organize other related workshops and special events through the Workshop and Outreach Committee.</p> <p>Agenda Managers, an event planning organization from Halifax, has been hired to organize the overall congress event. Agenda Managers recently organized the</p>

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	<p>Year of Polar Prediction (YOPP) Final Summit in Montreal and has previously worked with Fraser Davidson on other events.</p> <p>(SD) added that the call for sessions was opened on November 30th with a submission deadline of December 13, 2022. The call for abstract submission will be available in early January. The SPC is still working on what the hybrid program will actually look like. This congress is the first pilot offering of a hybrid version. (AW) is also a member of the SPC. There will be French sessions/activities as part of Congress 2023.</p> <p>The congress website is available at https://cmos-scmo.ca .</p> <p>A recent meeting between (JA), (MS), (GG) and representatives of the ocean decade office of DFO have agreed to host their ORCA meeting if space is available in conjunction with the congress. (https://science.gc.ca/site/science/en/oceans-research-canada-alliance)</p> <p>(AL) shared that a students events are being discussed, for example, a boat tour of the harbour, hiking around the local area and a networking event at a local coffee shop or at the congress venue. (JA) added that all sponsorship request letters that have been sent out include options to sponsor student events.</p> <p>Congress updates are an ongoing Council agenda item.</p>
5.	Decision Items
	<p>a) Congress 2022 Revenue Sharing (GG) reviewed the final surplus generated from the Congress 2022 as detailed in the spreadsheet that was attached to the meeting agenda, the total surplus was \$96,200.16. The shared surplus was split 64% for CMOS and 36% for CGU as defined in the memorandum of understanding between CMOS, CGU and ESC. This translates to \$61,264.31 for CMOS and \$34,935.85 for CGU. The budget spreadsheet was shared with CGU executive, and they approved the financial position.</p> <p>The compensation paid to centres for hosting/organizing an annual congress is calculated in two parts, \$10 per registrant + 10% (final revenue – budgeted revenue). As per the attached final budget spreadsheet, the total Saskatchewan Centre compensation = \$3,214 + \$2,305 = \$5,519.</p> <p>Motion: That the Congress 2022 surplus amount, \$34,935.85 be approved for payment to CGU. DP/MS – Carried</p> <p>Motion: That the Congress 2022 Saskatchewan Centre compensation amount, \$5,519 be approved for payment. DP/MS – Carried</p>
	<p>b) Scientific Committee Chair – Julie Thériault (JA) spoke with the membership of the Scientific Committee and as a result, (JA), (SD) and (GG) met with Julie Thériault from UQAM to solicit her interest in</p>

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	<p>becoming the new chair of the committee. She agreed to put her name forward as chair. Her CV was attached to the meeting agenda package.</p> <p>Motion: to approve Julie Thériault as chair of the CMOS Scientific Committee. SD/DP - carried</p>
	<p>c) Private Sector Committee Chair and Membership (JA) introduced Scott Kehler as the recommended new chair of the Private Sector Committee. This recommendation came from the current committee members from a recent meeting.</p> <p>Motion: to approve Scott Kehler as chair of the CMOS Private Sector Committee. BS/SD - carried</p> <p>A second recommendation from the recent meeting of the Private Sector Committee was the following list of individuals agreeing to serve on the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Kehler (Chair) • Richard Boudreault • Harinder Ahluwalia • Chris Scott • Ken Macdonald • Laura Twidle • Francis Lavigne-Thériault • George Isaac <p>Motion: to approve the members of the CMOS Private Sector Committee as presented. SK/AL - carried</p>
	<p>d) University and Professional Education Committee Chair – Paul Kushner (JA) introduced Paul Kushner as the recommended new chair of the University and Professional Education Committee. Paul Kushner had already held an organizational meeting to help put some structure to the committee. This organizational meeting included standing committee members, representatives from CMOS, ECCC, CNC-SCOR, ARRCU and DFO, to help finalize the nominated membership process.</p> <p>Motion: to approve Paul Kushner as chair of the University and Professional Education Committee. AW/DP - carried</p>
	<p>e) CMOS Position Statement – Extreme Weather (JA) drafted this statement with the assistance of CMOS Executive, Council, CMOS committee chairs and a few retired MSC staff. This statement identifies a lack of funding for the weather enterprise, which includes the private sector, public sector and the academic sector. (JA) shared the proposed position statement with the ADM of MSC and as a result of a telephone discussion it was suggested that it may not be the opportune time to release the position statement due to the current active work on the ministry's submission to the federal budget. Releasing the position statement may disrupt this work.</p>

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	<p>A discussion took place around the content of the statement and when the best time would be to issue the position statement. It was suggested to approve the position statement and then issue it just before or during Congress 2023 as there are a few proposed sessions that would be directly related.</p> <p>Motion: to approve the CMOS Position Statement – Extreme Weather as written. BS/SD – carried</p> <p>Motion: to approve issuing the CMOS Position Statement – Extreme Weather at the discretion of the President but prior to the start of Congress 2023. SK/BS - carried</p>
6.	Discussion Items
	<p>a) Executive Committee 2024-2027 (JA) summarized that the CMOS Executive Committee is run by a specific Centre for a three-year term. As 2023-2024 is the last year for Halifax Centre members to run the executive, it is time to seek interest in another centre to assume the responsibility. To this end, an incoming vice-president needs to be identified and added to the slate of elected officers to be presented during the 2023 AGM. Based on the summary of centres that have assumed the role of executive members over the past 30 years, the next executive should come from a western centre. (JA) contacted all centre chairs from Winnipeg to the west, he will continue to follow-up with them. Saskatchewan Centre did respond no thanks as they will be hosting the 2025 Congress. It was acknowledged that two centres in proximity could share the responsibilities. The Alberta Centre has not been very active and will not be considered. This topic will be discussed at the next Centre Chairs and Membership Committee meeting.</p>
	<p>b) Equity – Diversity – Inclusivity Initiative</p> <p>(JA) provided a brief summary of the initiative. 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. A summary document was included in the meeting agenda package. All future update reports will be shared with Council.</p>
	<p>c) Brainstorming Session - Jan. 2023 The three strategic priorities from the current Strategic Plan include member engagement, scientific excellence, and education and outreach. To address the recent discussions on potential rebranding of the Society, the three strategic priorities, and potential reforms to the Society, the CMOS Executive is proposing a facilitated workshop during the time slot currently allocated to the January 31, 2023 Council meeting. Then a follow-up session during the Congress 2023, timing to be confirmed. The I-D-E-A concept (inclusion-diversity-equity-accessibility) will be incorporated in the January workshop. (SK) volunteered to help organize the workshop. (SD) added that we should discuss how to engage the CMOS members who are not engaged currently in Society activities. All committee chairs and Centre chairs will also be invited to participate.</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)		

Action Items

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ID	By	Action	Status