

CMOS Executive Committee 2022-2023 Meeting #5 2023-03-21
Procès-verbal du comité exécutif de la SCMO 2022-2023 Réunion no. 5 21-03-2023

Minutes
Tuesday, March 21-2023, 2:00 pm EDT

Attendance:

President	Jim Abraham (JA)	√	Publications Director	Marek Stastna (MS)	√
Vice-President	Serge Desjardins (SD)	√	Councillor Member-at-large	Emily MacPherson (EM)	x
Treasurer	Jinyu Sheng (JS)	√			
	Secretary:		Executive Director	Gordon Griffith (GG)	√

(Quorum = two voting members plus the President or Vice-President)
 Current meeting: Three voting members plus President = Quorum

Agenda & Attachments

1	1_Agenda_CMOS_Executive_5_SCMO_2023-03-21	5a	5a_Minutes – draft – Centre Chairs and Membership Committee 2022-2023 – Meeting-4 2023-03-07
2	2_Draft Minutes_CMOS_Executive_4_2023-01-17-v1	5c	5c_CMOS_Nominating_Committee-Nominations for 2023-2024-Draft
3	3_Council-Executive-CC – Action Items – 2023-03-09	5d	5d_Draft Minutes – CMOS Brainstorming Session – 2023-02-09

Attachments to Minutes

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Acronyms Used:

ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
LAC	Local Arrangements Committee
MSC	Meteorological Service of Canada
NSERC	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
UQAM	Université du Québec à Montréal

1.	Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved as amended. The following two items were added to the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECCC Science & Technology Scholarship offering • CMOS – Olatech contract
2.	Approval of Executive Meeting #4 Minutes 2022-2023 The minutes from Meeting #4 held on January 17, 2023, were approved as written.
3.	Council – Executive Action Items (GG) provided an update on the outstanding action items from the Council, Executive Committee and Centre Chairs and Membership Committee meetings. This document also maintains the historical record of complete action items.
4.	Decision Item
	a) N/A

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5.	Discussion Items
	<p>a) Centre Chairs & Membership Committee Meeting Summary</p> <p>(SD) chaired the Centre Chairs & Membership Committee March 7, 2023 meeting. The following key discussion items from the meeting were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good discussion on brainstorming summary and next steps • No change in society’s name (CMOS), just a change in scope needed • Climate versus climate change and which should be included in CMOS’ scope • CMOS is an envelope to address climate change • CMOS needs to support the science and continue to be politically neutral • Communicating between centres and CMOS members needs to be more frequently, possibly via email instead of newsletter. • Only half of the centres were represented. Perhaps those centres that continue to be absent need to find new executives. Congress discussions may help to renew centre leadership. • Action: Add to the future role of Past-President is to actively engage the membership of centres that have no active executive members and facilitate the recruitment of new executive members. (GG)
	<p>b) EDI Initiative Project Update</p> <p>(JA) provided a verbal update to this project that is being funded by MSC of ECCC.</p>
	<p>c) Draft Slate of Elected Officers – 2023-2024</p> <p>(GG) developed the first draft of the slate of elected officers for 2023-2024. The following councillors will be completing their four-year term at the 2023 AGM: Laura Bianucci, Bruce Sutherland, and Aldona Wiacek. Ada Loewen, as the Students Committee chair, needs to be consulted to see if she will continue for another one-year term on Council. It was agreed that management of DFO and ECCC be consulted with to nominate a representative to serve on CMOS Council. It was also suggested that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada should be better represented either on Council or more at the centres level.</p> <p>Action: (JA) and (GG) will explore options for Council members from ECCC and DFO.</p> <p>Incoming vice-president will be the first representative of the next centre to take over the Executive duties. Discussions are ongoing with Peter Jackson from BC Interior and Yukon Centre and possibly having representatives from 2-3 centres taking on these roles. Pat McCarthy is also being considered from Winnipeg Centre. Julie Thériault (UQAM), chair of the Scientific Committee has agreed to allow the addition of her name to the slate.</p>
	<p>d) CMOS Brainstorming Session</p> <p>A brainstorming session took place on February 9, 2023. The summary of the session was included in this meeting documentation. The following discussion took place on the next steps identified in the document:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public, media and member engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congress 2023 is involving the media in a number of sessions and workshops ○ A series of questions is being developed to engage the public during the public talk at Congress 2023 ○ Perhaps develop a regional media network to share information ○ Need to share the science more, internally (currently through webinars) and externally (not really happening) – outreach ○ Develop a group of media meteorologists that can suggest/recommend topics for our future webinars. They would be able to promote the webinars to the public. Perhaps develop a Media Committee under the CMOS envelope. • Lobbying government for research investment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need more active participation at Congress by NSERC ○ Develop relationship with Mitacs (www.mitacs.ca). ○ Lobbying can also help encourage government employees to join CMOS • Focused CMOS operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have made great strides in organizing the national office and the committee structure. ○ Work should continue developing the centres more. • Member Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Value proposition ○ Government scientists are not well represented. ○ Incorporate automatic renewal ○ One option: make membership free, ask for donations for attending webinars, etc. ○ What are the benefits of membership? ○ Secretary’s note: annual revenue from memberships = approx. \$50,000 ○ AMS offers prorated membership fee based on individual’s annual salary. Satisfies inclusivity and accessibility. ○ Renegotiate G & C agreements between CMOS and ECCC and DFO to cover infrastructure costs and a benefit would include membership for all government scientists (not explicitly stated) <p>These next steps will be presented and discussed at the March 28th Council meeting.</p>
	<p>e) ECCC S&T Scholarships Offering</p> <p>(JA) will send a brief summary of what the discussion with ECCC includes to seek any opinions from other committee members ahead of the call.</p>
	<p>f) CMOS Olatech Agreement</p> <p>(GG) provided an update of finding alternative solutions to replace the Olatech In1Touch software. An alternative solution was found offering all the modules and more compared to the Olatech solution and at a greatly reduced price, except the alternative did not include a module for organizing large meetings/congresses. (GG) reminded everyone that Congress 2023 was being organized as a pilot project with three substantial factors being assessed. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First fully hybrid Congress – implications with higher AV costs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Congress being organized by a third party event management firm – additional associated costs • Congress being organized completely independent of the current Olatech software. This includes new registration system, new website, new abstract submission and program development system. <p>Based on the outcome of Congress 2023, financially and anticipated better use of volunteers time and effort (focussing on program development), a workplan for association management solution will be developed.</p>																											
6.	<p>Upcoming Meetings 2022-2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">Centre Chair & Membership Committee</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Executive Committee</th> <th style="width: 33%;">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-6</td> <td>September 13</td> <td>September 27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 08</td> <td>November 15</td> <td>November 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January 10</td> <td>January 17</td> <td>February 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 07</td> <td>March 21</td> <td>March 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 09</td> <td>May 16</td> <td>May 30</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-6	September 13	September 27	November 08	November 15	November 29	January 10	January 17	February 9	March 07	March 21	March 28	May 09	May 16	May 30			AGM xx
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7.	Other Business																											
8.	Adjournment (Meeting adjourned)																											

Action Items

2022-2023			
ID	By	Action	Status
E5.5a	GG	Add to the future role of Past-President is to actively engage the membership of centres that have no active executive members and facilitate the recruitment of new executive members.	Open
E5.5c	JA/GG	will explore options for Council members from ECCC and DFO.	Open