

CNC-SCOR Mid-Year Conference Call

15 December 2020

11-12 Pacific = 12-13 Mountain = 13-14 Central = 14-15 Eastern = 15-16 Atlantic
= 15:30-16:30 Newfoundland

Call details:

JZoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87613205048>

Meeting ID: 876 1320 5048

Attending: Paul Myers, David Greenberg, Christopher Poitras, Gordon Griffiths, Markus Kienast, Robie Macdonald, Jody Klymak, David Beauchesne, Steve Mihaly, Michael Scarratt, David Fissel, Jay Cullen, Stephanie Waterman, Peter Galbraith
Regrets: Paul Snelgrove

1. Review of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

2. Review of Minutes of May 2020 AGM (attached)

The minutes were accepted as amended from the distribution after the AGM.

3. Review of Action Items

4i Jody Klymak is no longer the senior Canadian IAPSO representative. His position has been taken by Peter Galbraith, who will now fill the IAPSO ex-officio position on CNC-SCOR. Although Jody indicated that they were still looking for the junior Canadian IAPSO representative, later that day he indicated that the position has been filled by Jennifer Jackson from the Hakai Institute.

With recent changes in the CNC-SCOR committee, it was noted that there was no longer an acceptable gender balance. Some potential new committee member names were suggested, and Paul asked that additional names of potential members be forwarded to him. **Action: Paul will contact one or more of the suggested names to help diversify the committee.**

4iia **Action continued: Paul will prepare an item for the January newsletter looking for postdoc participation in the committee.**

4iib **Action continued all: Suggestions for new members to Paul.**

4iii **Action continued Paul, David Beauchesne: Work on switching David to postdoc and finding new Quebec student member(s).**

7ii The committee of Paul, Stephanie and Markus has met. See item **6** below.

7ix To be considered again in item **10** of this meeting.

10 This mid-year meeting arranged as required.

4. Committee Membership

As alluded to in **3** above, we would like to improve the gender balance of the committee and add postdoc representation. The hope is to maintain a diversity in discipline and regional representation. Some suggestions were made. **Action all:** Please send all suggestions to Paul.

5. News from 2020 SCOR International Meeting

Paul reported that typical of this year's travel challenges the meeting was held online. Three new working groups were approved. Two of those three were among the three we recommended for funding. The third was one that was not rated as highly by us but had broad international support.

6. Tour Speakers

Paul, Stephanie and Markus met and have suggested a different format since travel is impractical for the near future. A half day session is proposed where the speaker delivers a talk to all institutes in the target half of the country after which there is a general round table for interaction, as well as a separate session for interaction with HQP. We are hoping to confirm the speakers early in the New Year.

7. Early Career Ocean Scientist Award

We have had no further nominations received after the call was put in the out in the last two issues of the newsletter. We know there are deserving people out there, so would like to have a pool of eligible recipients. **Action all:** Nominate someone and prod your colleagues for nominations.

8. CMOS Oceanographic Awards

CMOS Fellows

Paul noted that CMOS too is looking for nominations its awards. **Action all:** Nominate someone and prod your colleagues for nominations.

a. President's Prize

b. Francois J. Saucier Prize in Applied Oceanography

c. Tully Medal

d. Tertia Hughes Graduate Student Prizes

e. Roger Daley Post-doctoral Publication Award

f. Parsons Award (DFO)

9. Annual Performance Review

CNC-SCOR was reviewed this year by NSERC with a yet again a different procedure. We passed with flying colours and they are happy to fund Canada's contribution to SCOR international. This review will now be every two years, reducing some of the bureaucracy.

10. Budget

Our funding from DFO has been increased. This year with no travel and no Oceanographers nominated for Project Ocean, the school teacher AMS lead course, we have very few expenses. Any money not spent goes back to DFO. We cannot spend it on scholarships. We can spend it on updating our website – see **13** below.

Action all: Think of ways to spend money. Forward to Paul.

11. Contribution Agreement with DFO

The agreement for DFO funding has been finalized. It will be a 2 year, agreement expiring March 31 2022. We were hoping for a 4 year agreement. The funding has been increased to \$26,240.

12. Newsletter

Suggestions were made to seek out articles for the newsletter from the chair ATOMIX and Katja Fennel of REMO. Over the past year, the subscription base has remained stable with no people unsubscribing and two additional subscribing.

Action: Paul – contact individuals about newsletter articles.

13. Website

The website needs improvement. We have the budget to hire someone to do this, but have not yet initiated the action. A subcommittee was set up to establish what content should be on our pages and turn that over to a web developer, possibly the CMOS webmaster. The subcommittee would include Paul, David Greenberg, Jody, and Robie. Action Paul: Call meeting.

14. CMOS Congresses

David Fissel reported the Victoria conference will be virtual 2 weeks - 31 May - 11 June. There have been 27 session proposals with 12 of them being in Oceanography. There will be two sets of scientific sessions on most days with 3-4 concurrent groups of oral presentations, along with poster sessions and 8 plenary speakers.

15. Annual General Meeting

The CNC-SCOR AGM will again be an online ZOOM meeting and be around the time of CMOS. It is expected to take around 2 hours. Action Paul, David Greenberg: Make arrangements for the AGM at the appropriate time.

16. Secretarial Items

No issues raised.

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 15:45 Mountain time.