

Draft Minutes
2015 AGM for CNC/SCOR
Sunday, 31 May 10:00 – 14:00
Whistler Conference Centre, Lower Level, Wedgemount Room

Attending: Paul Myers (Chair), Michel Mitchell (Secretary), Marty Taillefer, Jody Klymak, Keith Lennon, Len Zedel (joined at item 7 iv)

Conference Call: Paul Snelgrove, Rob Macdonald, Michael Scarratt (called at item 7 ii)

Regrets: Céline Guéguen, Markus Kienast, Alfonso Mucci, Ian Perry, Bjorn Sundby, Andrew Bell, Jean-Éric Tremblay

1. Welcome, introductions and remarks from the Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 and thanked the committee members for participating in person or through the conference call.

2. Approval of 2015 agenda

The agenda was accepted with no modification.

3. Review of the 2014 minutes

The 2014 AGM was held on 1 May in Rimouski and a mid-year conference call took place on 16 Dec 2014. The minutes of the AGM and the minutes of the mid-year call had been provided to committee members via email prior to the 2015 AGM. The action items were reviewed: most action items were completed or deferred to today's agenda..

The Dec 2014 mid-year call minutes were approved. The June 2014 AGM minutes had already been approved at the mid-year conference call.

4. Committee Membership

(i) Nomination to International SCOR

Bjorn Sundby wishes to be replaced on the CNC-SCOR. He is also a Canadian nominated member on the international SCOR and might be willing to continue in this capacity.

Action: Paul Myers to confirm with Bjorn Sundby that he is still willing to continue to be a Canadian nominated member on the international SCOR.

5. Inter-Relationships Between SCOR and CMOS

(i) Accounting, Secretariat, Web Site, Annual Report

Our relationship with CMOS continues to be effective and beneficial. CMOS provides financial and accounting services as well as web site support. During the winter, the Secretary provided the 2014 CNC-SCOR annual report to CMOS. The reported was accepted and translated by CMOS for inclusion in the CMOS annual review.

Concern was expressed that no CMOS representative is attending this AGM although they were invited. Previously the executive secretary for CMOS attended at least part of the meeting and the CMOS Web master also attended. It was felt that their attendance

would be useful, in particular for the agenda items pertaining to CMOS. It is recognized that there are frequently conflicting meetings.

Action: Prior to the 2014 mid-year call and prior to the 2015 AGM, Secretary to personally invite the CMOS Executive Secretary (Andrew Bell) to participate in the CNC-SCOR AGM next year.

Post-AGM note: Michel Mitchell discussed this issue with Andrew Bell during the congress. Andrew indicated he had intended to attend our AGM but a conflict developed at the last minute.

It would be useful to clarify what CNC-SCOR would like to see from CMOS and we should work closely with the CMOS executive to identify our mutual interests. Marty Taillefer will be the new CMOS Vice-President and so will be well positioned to facilitate the discussion.

Action: Marty Taillefer will consult with CMOS executive and will draft Terms of Reference outlining the relationship between CNC-SCOR and CMOS.

(ii) Congresses

The CNC-SCOR AGM is held in conjunction with the CMOS congress. The 2016 Congress will be in Fredericton, followed by Toronto and then Halifax. It is unclear how much ocean science representation will be present at the Fredericton and Toronto meetings.

It was agreed that we should continue to hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the CMOS congress and we should contact the organizing committees to ensure ocean science representation.

Action: Paul Myers to contact the Fredericton, Toronto and other congress organizing committees to ensure there is appropriate oceanographic representation at these congresses.

6. CNC-SCOR Finances

(i) CNC-SCOR revenues and expenses for 2014

The chair provided a summary of finances for 2014. The primary source of operational revenue continues to be through a Contribution Agreement with DFO. Expenditures are in line with previous years.

(ii) Agreement with DFO

The Contribution agreement with DFO continues to be the only source of operational funding for CNC-SCOR. The agreement ends in March 2016 at the end of the DFO fiscal year 2015-16. There were delays in the last renewal of the agreement resulting in one year without funding. Paul Lyon previously indicated that the renewal process has been simplified and there should be no issue in the renewal this year. Nevertheless, in order to ensure no interruption in the funding, renewal of this agreement should be initiated over the next few months. Technically, this is an agreement between DFO and

CMOS; Keith Lennon and Paul Lyon need to communicate with the CMOS executive secretary Andrew Bell to initiate the process.

Action: Michel Mitchell to send an email message to Paul Lyon, Keith Lennon and Andrew Bell to remind them that the agreement expires this year and needs to be renewed.

Action: Keith Lennon to ensure the process of renewal is initiated in a timely fashion.

(iii) Agreement with NRC

Through an agreement with NRC, NRC provides the Canadian dues to SCOR International. In 2015 the dues for Canada, whose Category of Membership Adherence is Category IV, were US\$24,600. CNC-SCOR must provide to NRC a yearly Performance Report as condition for this funding. This report was compiled by the Secretary and submitted to NRC by Paul Lyon of DFO who is the official NRC contact. We typically receive excellent reviews of our progress from this report.

Both IAPSO and CNC-SCOR have to provide NRC a yearly report through questionnaires that require similar information. The report is usually due in December. CNC-SCOR and IAPSO should work together to facilitate the collecting of required information from the community.

Action: Secretary and Jody Klymak (IAPSO) to solicit input for the reports from the ocean science community through email to the distribution and through the newsletter, near October 2015.

Action: Secretary to include a summary of our performance in a fall newsletter.

(iv) Website

Our website continues to be hosted by CMOS. The CMOS website has been modernized over the last year. The CNC-SCOR site re-design is still in progress. Most of the website action items from last year have been put on hold while our web site has been under development . The web site material has been updated and kept current by Michel Mitchell and Bob Jones (CMOS archivist and past webmaster) on the archive web site accessible through the CMOS page.

The aim of the web site re-design is to modernize the site and align the format with that of the CMOS web site. The pages would benefit from more images and pictures.

Action: Secretary will request oceanographic pictures through the newsletter.

Action: Keith Lennon will look into the availability of DFO pictures.

It was suggested that the webpage could have an industry section with links to Canadian Marine Science Companies. The page could include a link to companies and

their logo. This would be offered to companies and we would only post a link of interested companies. We could also have a section for companies who contribute financially to CNC-SCOR and those would be highlighted first on the page.

Action: Marty Taillefer to discuss with Susan Woodbury how to best create an Ocean/Marine Industry link on the main CNC-SCOR page.

Some of the information on the new web page has errors or does not yet include the updates that have been implemented on the archive site.

ACTION: Michel Mitchell to verify the currency of the information on the new CNCSCOR.CA link.

7. CNC-SCOR Issues and Activities

(i) Committee membership

Officially Paul Myers' term as Chair ends at this AGM. Paul is willing to continue for another 3 years. This would be most beneficial in ensuring strong continuity. All supported the continuation of Paul as chair.

Celine Guegin wishes to be replaced. Another person in the field of Organic Chemistry is required.

Alfonso Mucci, Bjorn Sundby and Len Zedel also wish to be replaced.

Keith Lennon is replacing Sylvain deMargerie as the DFO representative.

In considering new members, appropriate regional representation as well as field of expertise should be considered.

Action: Paul Myers to send an email to all Committee members asking them to provide names of persons who should be invited to join the committee.

Action: Paul Myers to write a paragraph for the Ocean Science Newsletter inviting participation in CNC-SCOR from the community.

Michel wishes to retire from the position of Secretary as soon as possible and prior to September.

Action: Paul Myers will approach a candidate during the CMOS congress to invite her to take on this role and follow up after the congress.

The secretary honorarium was discussed. The Chair indicated that he was open to discussing increasing the amount which is currently \$1200/year. It was pointed out this was discussed in the past and that it is recognized that even doubling the amount would not be an appropriate compensation for the effort and amount of work required. The Secretary indicated it is understood that this is a volunteer position and the honorarium

is only a token of the committee's appreciation and certainly not compensation for the amount of work. Michel indicated the honorarium amount did not influence his decision to retire. It was decided to maintain the current honorarium.

(ii) Student Involvement and Canadian Marine Science Student Societies

Paul Myers indicated he would like to include a student on the Committee as ex-officio.

Action: Paul Myers to formally invite representatives of student organizations to be involved as ex-officio members of CNC-SCOR.

(iii) Ocean science theses

The thesis lists have been updated and are accessible through the archive web site. The SCOR logo has been added to each file as suggested at last year's AGM. The link on the new web site is not yet functional. Some Committee members have provided a contact name to the Secretary, but many have not yet.

Action: Committee members from universities are to provide the Secretary the name of a contact person who can provide the list of thesis for their respective universities.

(iv) Lecture tour – 2014 and 2015

Chair indicated the tour speakers have been very well received again this year. The 2 speakers were: Markus Kienast (Dalhousie) and Debby Ianson (DFO).

Secretary indicated that he had omitted to include federal government labs on the western tour and this had raised concern. On the eastern tour, conference call/WebEx was used between ULaval in Quebec and UQAR in Rimouski as well as between BIO in Dartmouth and GFC in Moncton with much success.

Action: Paul Myers to reconstitute the tour speaker selection committee

(v) Project Maury

In 2014, three applications were received and CNC-SCOR chose to support Mr. Daryl Rideout from Macdonald Drive Elementary School in St. John's, Newfoundland. As in the past, the participant was most impressed with the training provided through project Maury. A report has been provided to Sheila Bourque.

This year, the successful candidate is Kara Lengyel from Naicam School in Naicam, Saskatchewan.

Although only 2 applications were received this year, the Committee feels this continues to be a worthy endeavor that we should continue to support. The program would obviously benefit from more effective advertising. Currently, the project is advertised through the newsletter which is not an effective way to reach teachers. A separate email through the distribution list requesting people send the information to teachers they may know and communicating the details of the project to the provincial departments of education might be effective.

Action: In collaboration with Sheila Bourque, the program coordinator, Secretary to send the announcement of Project Maury to provincial departments of education and a dedicated email to the distribution list.

Post-AGM note: After the AGM, Michel discussed this issue with Sheila Bourque who indicated she has attempted in the past to promote through the depts. of educations with no success. She indicated the best approach might be through teachers' unions.

(vi) Newsletter

Michel Mitchell indicated that in 2014 the Newsletters was published every 2 months. Last year, two special issues were also published to announce the tour speakers. Information in the newsletter continues to be collected by Michel mostly from the internet and occasionally from the CMOS bulletin. There are typically no unsolicited contributions to the newsletter. It continues to require effort to obtain contributions for the lead Ocean Science Program article as well as other contributions. Some newsletter issues had no lead Ocean Science Program article. One contributor was unable to provide on time the article promised.

Action: Michel Mitchell to add a request for contributions immediately below the title "Ocean Science Program".

Action: Committee members to seek contributions for lead articles from their contacts.

(vii) Proposal for a Young Oceanographer's Prize

Paul Myers distributed a printed overview of the proposed Young Oceanographer Prize. It was decided that the selection of the first recipient would not be expedited and would be done through a proper nomination process with a November 2015 deadline. The winner would be funded to attend the next CMOS meeting and invited to sit on the CNC-SCOR Committee for 1 year. The winner would also be required to provide a 1-2 page article of his/her research for the Canadian Ocean Science Newsletter. Nominations will be sought for the fall of 2015.

Action: Paul Myers to formally write-up the Young Oceanographer's Prize proposal and send the document to the Committee for review.

Other CMOS awards: Nominations are not always submitted for the various CMOS awards for which there are numerous deserving scientists in our community. CNC-SCOR should ensure nominations are prepared for the Oceanography prizes such as the Parsons Award, the Tully Medal and the Francois Saucier Prize.

Action: "Nominations for Major Oceanographic Awards" to be added as a standard agenda item to the mid-year conference call.

Including an agenda item will encourage the Committee members to offer names and consider any awards that are lacking nominations, prior to the nomination deadlines. It

is not the intent for CNC-SCOR to endorse or nominate specific candidates to these prizes, but rather to ensure that each prize has one or more nominations.

Action: Paul Myers to work with Jacqueline Dumas, our web page designer, to highlight upcoming awards on the website.

(viii) CCORU

Chair attended a meeting in October 2014 sponsored by the CCORU as follow up to the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) report on the state of Marine Sciences in Canada. A report of the October meeting was published in the January 2015 edition of the Canadian Ocean Science Newsletter. This continues to be an issue and is linked to items 7ix) and 7x).

(ix) ARRCU

The Atmosphere-Related Research in Canadian Universities (ARRCU) working group has prepared a white paper which is an effort to create a strategic plan for atmosphere-related research for Canadian universities. The white paper was discussed at a meeting in May 2015 and the outcome of this meeting will be further discussed at a special NSERC session during the CMOS congress with the aim of making plans for the future of this initiative.

(x) Canadian Marine Sciences Society

The chair had prepared a letter to the Ocean Science community asking “*Do we need a Canadian Society for the Marine (and aquatic?) Sciences*”. This letter was published in English in the January edition of the Canadian Ocean Science Newsletter and published in English and French in the following edition of the CMOS bulletin. The letter asked for comments to be sent to the Secretary. Only three comments were received, all in favor of the creation of a marine society.

It is recognized that it is difficult to generate the momentum for these initiatives. Further input from the community is required. The biological community in particular is poorly represented at CMOS and more effort is required to reach this community. Opportunities for further discussion could be created at major science gatherings such as the ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting. CNC-SCOR could also create a special session at a CMOS congress, perhaps a joint CMOS-ASLO summer meeting.

Action: Paul Myers to contact ASLO to set up a town hall on Canadian Marine Science Issues including biological oceanography at a future Ocean Sciences Meeting.

Action: Paul Myers to contact the Halifax congress organizing Committee to gauge the interest in hosting a joint CMOS-ASLO congress.

8. SCOR International

(i) 2014 General Meeting, 15-17 September, Bremen, Germany

Paul Myers attended the 2014 SCOR General meeting in Bremen, Germany. It was a good meeting. The two Work groups proposals that had been ranked highest by the CNC-SCOR were funded.

(ii) 2015 Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 December, Goa, India

Paul Myers will attend the 2015 executive committee meeting to be held 7-9 December 2015 in Goa, India. The deadlines for WG proposals is later this year so there will be opportunity for reviewing these in late summer or in the fall prior to the Goa meeting.

(iii) Existing SCOR Working Groups

No discussion

(iv) Large Scale Ocean Research Programs; e.g. GEOHAB, etc

No discussion

(v) SCOR Affiliated Programs; e.g. IMAGES, IOCCG, etc.

No discussion

9. New Working Group Proposals Review

This year the SCOR secretariat is accepting new working group proposals until 15 June 2015. Shortly afterward we will be receiving the proposals for review. We will review the proposals using the same process as last year. Each reviewer will provide comments and a ranking for each proposal reviewed. A follow up conference call will take place in late summer or early fall for the final discussion and ranking of the proposals.

10. Timing and location of next meeting/conference call

There will be 2 conference calls this fall. Once we have received the Working Group proposals, the first conference call will be scheduled for September or October to finalize the reviews and the rankings. The second conference call will be schedule for November or early December in advance of the SCOR Executive Meeting of 7-9 December 2015 in Goa, India. The next AGM will be held in Fredericton on Sunday 29 May 2016, the first day of the joint CMOS-CGU congress in Fredericton (29 May – 2 June 2016).

11. Other business

Paul Myers thanked Michel Mitchell for his role as Secretary over the last few years, doing a great job and for being much assistance to the Chair.

Action: Paul Myers will write a paragraph for the newsletter acknowledging Michel's contribution to the committee.

12. Adjournment

The chair thanked the participants for taking part in the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.