

Minutes
2014 AGM for CNC/SCOR
Sunday, 1 June 10:30 – 14:00
Hotel Rimouski, 2nd Floor, Salle Léonard

Attending: Paul Myers (Chair), Michel Mitchell (Secretary), Michael Scarratt, Al Mucci, Len Zedel, Paul Lyon (DFO, for Sylvain deMargerie), Marty Taillefer (Maritime Way, part time)

Conference Call: Ian Perry, Blair Greenan (part time).

Regrets: Rob Macdonald, Markus Kienast, Céline Guégin, Bjorn Sundby, Andrew Bell.

1. Welcome, introductions and remarks from the Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order at 0835 and thanked committee members for participating.

2. Approval of 2014 agenda

One item was added to the agenda: *Nomination of IAPSO junior member*. It was noted that agenda item 4 would be discussed when a representative of CMOS could join the meeting. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of 2013 minutes

The 2013 AGM was held in Saskatoon, 26 May. A Mid-Year Conference Call was held on 15 October 2013. Copies of the minutes of the 2013 AGM and of the minutes of the Mid-Year Conference Call had been provided to all committee members via email prior to the 2014 meeting.

The actions items were reviewed: only one item (re the *100th anniversary of the Fisheries Expedition*) will be carried forward to the 2014 list of action items.

Minutes for both the 2103 AGM and the Mid-Year Conference Call were approved without changes.

4. Inter-Relationships Between SCOR and CMOS

No one representing CMOS was present at the meeting.

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

Website support continues to be provided through Bob Jones, the CMOS webmaster. CMOS is in the process of renewing its website.

The Secretary has submitted the CNC-SCOR Annual Report to CMOS. The report has been accepted by CMOS, and translated for inclusion in the CMOS Annual Review.

The Chair asked if Committee members would like to see changes or addition to our relationship with CMOS. The committee felt the relationship continues to be very good, and is effective and beneficial and should continue.

(ii) Congresses

The CNC-SCOR AGM has been held in conjunction with the CMOS congress. The 2015 Congress will be hosted by the Vancouver Centre in Whistler. In 2016, the CMOS Congress will be in Fredericton: it is unclear how much ocean science representation will be present at that meeting. It was agreed that we should continue to hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the CMOS congress.

The Chair indicated agenda item 4 would be revisited if a CMOS executive member joins the meeting. No one from CMOS joined.

5. CNC-SCOR Finances

(i) CNC-SCOR revenues and expenses for 2013

The Secretary provided a summary financial report via email prior to the meeting. The primary source of operational revenue is through a Contribution Agreement with DFO. Funding from DFO for 2013-14 has been received. Expenditures are in line with previous years.

In addition to DFO funds, at the end of 2013, the CNC-SCOR account had a balance of \$18K in legacy funds which are not bound by the same restrictions as the DFO funding: these funds could be used for activities such as educational ventures, funding the attendance of students to conferences and congresses, awards and prizes, etc., that are not permitted with the DFO funds.

(ii) Agreement with DFO

The current Contribution Agreement with DFO provides \$20K for each of three fiscal years (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16). Permitted expenditures from DFO funds are defined in the Contribution Agreement with DFO and are restrictive.

There was a discussion on how to best use our funds. Suggestions included:

- Sponsor student participation at a conference (e.g. CMOS)
- Sponsor a CNC-SCOR booth at CMOS or other meeting: obtain some publication materials from international SCOR. This would be well suited for the NRC Performance Review.
- Activities that would help to better co-ordinate and understand ocean sciences issues and the needs in international countries
- Activities to raise the profile of CNC-SCOR in non-government institutions
- Any activities that would raise the profile of ocean sciences would be well worthed.
- Send a representative (e.g. committee member, other scientist or DFO employee) to a meeting (e.g. CMOS or AGU) to expand the reach and visibility of CNC-SCOR.

Action: Paul Myers to draft a message to committee seeking suggestion for appropriate new activities to be funded through DFO contribution agreement funds, and through the legacy fund.

(iii) Agreement with NRC

NRC continues to provide the Canadian Dues to SCOR International. In 2014 the dues for Canada were US\$23,900. CNC-SCOR must provide a yearly Performance Report as condition for this funding. We continue to get good reviews of our progress from this report.

(iv) Website

The Committee Members all agreed that the CNC-SCOR website needs improvements. The CMOS website is undergoing a redesign: the CNC-SCOR webpage is integral to the CMOS website. A small sum would help create a basic more modern look. The Chair highlighted his VITALS web page as an example that was achieved with only about \$1200.

There was a general discussion on how to improve the page. Funds could be provided for a student to improve the profile and catch impact of our web page. Numerous low cost ideas were provided. A few suggestions for immediate implementation were provided and will be actioned by the Secretary in collaboration with Bob Jones, the webmaster.

The Thesis List page was identified as the page that receives the most "hits". The lists continues to be updated by the Secretary. It was suggested that the Secretary should directly contact University representative to update the lists as these representatives are best able to provide complete and accurate information.

Action: Michel Mitchell to implement recommended changes to the thesis page; add links to the Maury Project report; add link to the speaker tour abstracts; update the WG list

It was suggested that we could find a student who could create a test design of an improved webpage that could be implemented once the CMOS project is completed.

Action: Paul Myers to identify student that will design an improved the CNC-SCOR webpage: a test design to be circulated to committee

6. CNC-SCOR Issues and Activities

(i) Committee membership

Many current CNC-SCOR members will be reaching the end of their term by the 2015 AGM. In reviewing the committee membership, attention should be given to ensure a good representation from different disciplines. Consideration should be given to including a student on the committee: this would also facilitate sending a student to the

CMOS congress) or an ex-officio member from a recognized student organization (e.g. Canadian Ocean Awareness Student Network).

Action: Paul Myers will contact each current Committee member to determine their interest and willingness in continued Committee membership.

Action: Paul Myers will distribute the list of members willing to continue on the Committee in order to identify potential gaps.

The Secretary asked if there was an actual Terms of Reference document that defined the structure of the CNC-SCOR and other pertinent details. No one present could provide the information but it was suggested that the past Executive Secretary of CMOS might be able to provide guidance. If no document can be found, one should be created.

Action: Michel Mitchell to contact CMOS to determine if there is an official Terms of Reference for CNC-SCOR.

(ii) Student Involvement and Canadian Marine Science Student Societies

The role of student organizations in increasing interest in Ocean Sciences was discussed. It would be useful to establish the status and activity level of student organizations (e.g. COASTnet – the Canadian Ocean Awareness Student Network).

Action: Paul Myers to contact student organizations to seek student interest in increased participation in Marine Science Student Societies (include Quebec student organizations).

(iii) Ocean science theses

Discussed along with the website re-design item 5(iv).

(iv) Lecture tour – 2013 and 2014

Chair indicated that he has received very good feedback from the last 2 speakers: Susan Allen and Philippe Archambault. To identify speakers for 2014, a sub-committee was established consisting of Paul Myers, Michael Scarratt and Ian Perry.

Action: Paul Myers, Michael Scarratt and Ian Perry will identify two speakers for the 2014 speaker tour.

(v) Scholarship supplements for 2014

This Scholarship has been suspended and will not be happening again this year. There is a commitment for a second year of funding for the 2013 recipient.

(vi) **Project Maury**

CNC-SCOR supported one teacher (Leslie Haussmann, from the École Sunrise Ridge Elementary School, in Surrey, British Columbia) in 2013. A report has been submitted and is posted on the CMOS webpage. In 2014, three applications were received: Daryl Rideout of Macdonald Drive Elementary School in St. John's, Newfoundland was chosen as the Canadian participant. The Committee agreed that CNC-SCOR should support Project Maury again next year.

(vii) **Newsletter**

Six newsletters were published in 2013. There are 398 subscribers to the distribution list. Obtaining a lead article for the newsletter continues to be a challenge for the secretary. Except in rare occasions, there is no material contributed to any other section of the newsletter from the community: the secretary finds and extracts from the news media and the internet information he thinks may be of interest.

It was noted that CMOS has found it difficult to obtain enough nominations for the CMOS awards. The call for nominations should be advertised in the December newsletter. The Parsons Award citation should be included in the next newsletter. Committee members should seek contributions for lead articles from within their organizations. MEOPAR could also contribute.

Action: ALL will seek contribution from within their respective organization for a lead article for the newsletter

Action: Paul Lyon will obtain the Parsons Award citation

Action: Michel Mitchell will contact MEOPAR for potential article

(viii) **Proposal for a Young Oceanographer's Prize**

CNC-SCOR could fund the participation of students to a congress or international meeting. This would increase CNC-SCOR exposure. The students could submit a one or two page proposal for evaluation by the Committee. The Terms of Reference for the Prize could indicate the student must acknowledge SCOR and provide an article for the newsletter.

Action: Paul Myers to draft a proposal for Early Career and Student Oceanography Prizes and circulate to committee for discussion.

(ix) **Council of Canadian Academies report**

An article by Ian Perry appeared in the March edition of the Newsletter. Ian Perry provided an update. The report was released in November 2013. The report noted that Canada lacked a strategy to move forward. Martha Crago and the Consortium of Canadian Ocean Research Universities (CCORU) are considering next

steps, and this discussion should not be limited only to members of the CCORU. CNC-SCOR should play a role in reaching out to the Canadian Ocean science community including private industry.

Things are moving forward. The IOC has a Working Group to further review and improve the Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR). A proposal is going to the IOC executive committee this year. Each country will provide a report on how they are positioned to move forward. CNC-SCOR could get involved and help move this forward.

(x) Nomination of IAPSO junior member.

Canada has two representatives on the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO), one junior and one senior. Blair Greenan is ending his 8-year term. The junior rep, Jody Klymak will replace Blair and assume the role of senior rep. A nomination for a new junior rep should be provided to the CMOS council. Blair Greenan has recommended two names who have obtained from their managers approval for the added travel requirements: Peter Galbraith (DFO, IML) who is bilingual, and Guoqi Han (DFO, NWAFC).

The committee felt both candidates would be excellent representatives and after discussion decided to nominate Peter Galbraith.

7. SCOR International

(i) 2013 Executive Meeting, Wellington, NZ

Bjorn Sundby represented CNC-SCOR as Paul Myers was unable to attend. Bjorn provided a report that was distributed to CNC-SCOR Committee members and published in the Newsletter.

(ii) 2014 Executive Meeting, 15-17 Sept., Bremen, Germany

Paul Myers will attend. He asked that Committee members identify any specific Canadian issues that should be brought up at that 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

8. New Working Group Proposal Review

The international SCOR annual meeting, where the WG proposals are discussed, will take place in September this year, earlier than last year. The timeline to prepare the Canadian comments is tight. Paul has received some comments, but not from everyone yet.

We will follow the same process as last year. Each person is to provide reviews including a rating of 1) *Should Fund*, 2) *May Fund*, or 3) *Should Not Fund*. Paul will collate all the comments and will provide a 1st draft ranking for discussion through email prior to a conference call in July. The final discussion and ranking will be done at a conference call in mid- to late-July.

Action: All committee members to provide comments to Paul.

9. Timing and location of next meeting/conference call

The next conference call will be in July with a focus on the WG proposals discussion
The usual mid-year conference call will occur in the fall.

The next AGM will take place on 31 May 2015 at the beginning of CMOS congress in Whistler, BC.

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjournment

The chair thanked participants with special mention to Ian Perry who joined the teleconference call at an early hour from BC.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:45.