APECS Council Meeting  
October 13, 2015  
2000 - 2040 GMT

Present: Gerlis Fugmann, Hanne Nielsen, J-S Moore, Ruth Vingerhagen, Alice Bradley, Tristy Vick-Majors, Rachel Downey, Scott Zolkos, Adam Campbell, Alena Dekhtyareva, Allen Pope, Anna Varfolomeeva, Archana Dayal, Béatrice Laudet, Bernabé Moreno, Claudia Maturana, Elena Kuznetsova, Ellorie McKnight, Friederike Gehrmann, Jennifer Cooper, Juliana Marson, Kristina Creek, Lara Hughes-Allen, Mar Fernandez Mendez, Matthias Wietz, Ming Jing, Paul Suprenand, Sara Strey, Vikram Goel, Zuzanna Swirad

Apologies: Alex Thornton, Laura Thurston, Lydie Lescarmontier, Nikita Kuprikov, Svenja Halfter. Otherwise absent: Ivan Dubinenkov, Gunnar Mar Gunnarsson, Alia Khan, Karolina Paquin, Heather Mariash

Agenda:  
• Introduction from ExCom  
• Introductions from Council Members  
• Description of the project groups for this term  
• Organizational Review overview  
• Strategic Plan  
• Voting for Council Chairs and National Committee Coordinators

Introduction from Hanne

Introductions from Council Members

Brief interruption to transfer from GoToMeetings to GoToWebinars because we reached capacity!

Description of the project groups for this term  
- All information contained here  
- There is a member of the ExCom for each group but they are there mainly for guidance and to help the groups get going. It is the council who will be leading these projects!

Organizational Review overview (Allen)  
- Want to make APECS even better.  
- Good time to do review since organization nearly 10 years old.  
- Organizational Review report recently published.  
- APECS maintain ‘core projects’.  
- Project groups are a direct result of the organizational review – keep projects updated.
Strategic Plan (JS, Gerlis)
- Time to start reflecting on longer-term goals.
- Organizational Review and survey provided material.
- How to meet needs of members.
- Council members encouraged to help out!
- The project group focusing on the organizational review/strategic plan will also consider the implementation of the recommendations.

Voting for Council Chairs and National Committee Coordinators
- Congratulations to the 2015/2016 council chairs: Rachel Downey and Scott Zolkos!
- Congratulations to the 2015/2016 NC coordinators: Mar Fernandez Mendez and Alex Thornton!

Action (all council): Sign up for at least 1 project by Friday 16 October. The ExCom contact for each group will be in touch with project members week beginning 19 October to get the projects going!

Meeting closed at 2040 GMT