



APECS Council Meeting

November 19, 2015

1800 - 1845 GMT

Present: Gerlis Fugmann, Ruth Vingerhagen, Hanne Nielsen, Tristy Vick-Majors, J-S Moore, Scott Zolkos, Rachel Downey, Allen Pope, Yulia Zaika, Archana Dayal, Béatrice Laudet, Bernabé Moreno, Ellorie McKnight, Friederike Gehrmann, Jennifer Cooper, Kristina Creek, Lara Hughes-Allen, Mar Fernandez Mendez, Paul Suprenand, Sara Strey, Vikram Goel, Adam Campbell

Apologies: Lydie Lescaumontier, Elena Kuznetsova, Claudia Maturana, Zuzanna Swirad, Matthias Wietz, Svenja Halfter, Juliana Marson, Vicki Sahanatien, Alexander Thornton, Anna Varfolomeeva, Nikita Kuprikov, Alena Dekhtyareva, Jing Ming, Alice Bradley, Karolina Paquin

Agenda:

- Project groups summary
- Monthly Council contributions
- Website posting
- Council Reports
- ExCom temporary posts throughout the year
- Upcoming and potential new APECS events
- Research Features Group update
- Draft for Strategic Plan update
- Importance of Project Groups for APECS
- Responding to emails from APECS ExCOM and Council

Meeting opened by Scott Zolkos at 1800

Introduction of ExCom and council members – current research topics

- To start off the new Council year, APECS Council Members provided brief introductions, including their research foci

Project Group Overview

- Review of history behind the change in APECS structure
- We delivered this as part of the organisational review (Gerlis)
- Confirmed that everyone is committed to a project
 - o Ruth mentioned all are committed apart from one or two people
- Some project groups still need to do their project group start document - Ruth to follow up on this

Monthly Council contributions

- Discussed expectations for posting jobs to websites, posting of events, new literature articles
- Important! We must all remain active and contribute to APECS monthly duties

- It is helpful for Council members to create a list of what they have done, as it makes Council reports easier to write and APECS is aware of how much work is being done within the council

Website posting

- Gerlis/Ruth/Hanne: keep posting, share news within APECS. We are a grassroots organisation, it is really important to do this regularly as a council member.
- The Council duties list is in the process of being revised (Alice leading this).
- Lorna: when will criteria for council member's duties be finished?
 - o Gerlis/Ruth: In the next few weeks
- Hanne: post items to the website, job board, event list, news section etc.

Council Reports

- Three times a year; keep them simple
- This Council year, reports should be submitted by January 31, May 31, and September 09, 2016

ExCom temporary posts throughout the year

- Hanne will be away and send the opportunity for that after the meeting (14th Dec- 14th Feb). This is an opportunity to get leadership experience in a temporary APECS ExCom position.
- Don't be afraid to step up for ExCOM and within the project groups and council- it's a great way to learn project management. We are trying to transition leadership towards the council, and so there are opportunities to step up, supported by the ExCOM.

Upcoming and potential new APECS events

- Sara Strey: Upcoming event- US APECS is hosting a career panel. Junior to senior scientists hosting. Wednesday at AGU.
- Gerlis: The 14th AMS (American Meteorological Society) conference in Seattle in Jan 2016; we could organise an event for this. Sara would like to help with that.
- Inuit Studies 2016 conference- APECS to potentially organise an APECS activity there as well.
- If you go to other conferences and want to organise an event, ask Gerlis to help with that. Good opportunity to get to know members and mentors, as well as promoting APECS and learning new skills.
- ArcticNet, Vancouver, December 2016: APECS Canada organising a Pub night social. Scott to ask Meagan Grabowski about the details of that.

Research Features Group update

- Vikram has developed Figure Friday.
- Showcasing figures. Email Vikram and get posting!
- Gerlis will highlight this for the newsletter next week. Hanne to organise on social media to link to the site, she will tweet it.

Draft for Strategic Plan update

- Up for another round of comments
- There will be some changes to make, and so if you have comments to make, please feel free to comment on this.
- We are learning how to do these plans to develop APECS for the future.

Importance of Project Groups for APECS (Yulia)

- Previously we had committees on APECS, right now we are changing to project groups.
- We rely on council members to develop this. This is based on the recommendations of the polar community. We want to see if this structure works better for APECS.

Responding to emails from APECS ExCOM and Council (Ruth)

- Please respond to emails we send you with specific questions, even if it is "I agree". So we know that everyone has read the emails. Sara asked the question: reply to all in emails or not? Ruth says "reply all" to stimulate responses from other Council members.

Meeting closed at 1845 GMT

Post-call comments

From Allen Pope, by email:

1) Figure Friday

I love the idea of Figure Fortnight / Figure Friday! Maybe it would be worthwhile to approach Kristin Timm about this? She might be able to provide a good guide / advice / webinar or something like that? In addition to being a great friend to APECS, she and her team was "People's Choice" in the 2015 NSF Vizzies (see it here, PDF: <https://csc.alaska.edu/sites/default/files/Timm.K.Glacier-System-Poster-2014.pdf>)

2) Stepping up to ExCom

I wanted to second what I saw in the notes about encouraging council members to step up to (temporary) ExCom roles. It's how I got more involved in the Council originally and learned a lot about how APECS works as well as useful skills. So, really consider it!

3) Recurring responsibilities / projects

As Yulia I'm sure talked about, one of the outcomes of the ORC was to suggested a move to project-based groups to keep APECS moving forwards and to better engage the Council in tasks. So please, get involved in both these important projects, as well as your recurring responsibilities that are the most important to APECS members!! It is these ongoing resources (jobs, etc.) that are of real need to APECS members and are a unique resource to the polar community.