

APECS Council Meeting

October 11, 2016

18:00 GMT



Present: Alice Bradley (chair), Gerlis Fugmann, Adam Campbell, Alex Thornton, TJ Young, Bernabé Moreno, Bruno Ibanez, Caroline Coch, Caroline Geisert, Chris Horvat, Claire Griffin, Claudia Maturana, Douwe Maat, Swati Nagar, Friederike Gehrman, Gabriela Roldan, Gary Wesche, Gesche Blume-Werry, Hanna Kauko, Henrik Christiansen, Jean Holloway, Jennifer Cooper, Jilda Caccavo, José Queiros, Josefine Lenz, Katya Uryupova, Liz Bowman, Liz Ceperley, Lorna Thurston, Marta Bysrowska, Onur Sabri Durak, Pablo Rodriguez Ros, Ruth Vingerhagen (protocol), Scott Zolkos, Elisa Seyboth, Tamara Fletcher, Ted Bibby, Vicki Sahanatien

Agenda

- Welcome
- ExCom Updates
- Council Charter
- Council Leadership
- Council Project Groups

Meeting opened by Alice Bradley

Welcome

- Introductions from everyone

ExCom Updates

- ExCom = Executive Committee
- Current ExCom elected end of September by previous Council
- New president is Alice Bradley (University of Colorado, Boulder, USA), Alex Thornton (UAF, Fairbanks), TJ (BAS, UK), Hanne (University of Tasmania, Australia) and Josefine (AWI, Germany)
- Emails from ExCom contacts coming out very soon, if not already
- Directorate moving to Potsdam in February, includes 50% admin assistant position
- Gerlis: full-time directorate, feel free to contact at any time

Council Charter

- Key change is 2 categories of council members: Individual members and NC/organisation representatives. The latter's role is to be a key link between APECS International and NCs.
- Everyone one vote (NC reps have one vote per NC)
- Q: Any ideas of the pros/cons of this charter change? A: NC Reps who want to just be NC Reps have role of transfer information between APECS / NC Rep; Council members will need to be active in project groups (leading 1 or participating in 2). Thus, they are different categories of positions. Cons: May be confusing at first.
- Q: What does prompt replies and report comprise? A: Report: What you have done within your project group, how effective it was. Keep it short--more of an update on what you are working on--also shouldn't take a long time. Report is 3 times a year and on Google Docs.
- Q: What is a long period of absence? A. Month or longer, or if you are involved in project planning and are gone at critical period of project. Let us know before you disappear.
- Q: Who is our ExCom Contact? A. You should have got an email about that, or will receive that soon. They are your point of contact, but you can contact any one of the ExCom if you want.
- Q: Limit to # of council members? A. Not at the moment as right now is a healthy number but we can discuss this for future.
- Q: Where do we send polar jobs and similar? A. To Gerlis (we have some security issues atm).
- **Council charter link:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ToDjnj9ibQVn_jGJABRNnK8m_InPX1ndSKAGxOAqLal/edit
- **If you have comments or concerns with the text, please comment by end of day October 12.**
- **If you are ready to either approve the charter or have serious reservations, the voting link is: <http://doodle.com/poll/c9ehbiv84bqkkd8m>. Vote by the end of the day on October 17th.**

Council Leadership

Co-chairs:

Gabriela Roldan: New to council, organised, work in time frame. Will be a learning curve for her, looking forward to this and can also work in other ways to be useful. Bilingual!

Expression of Interest: I am interested in applying for the Council Chair position. Although I have been recently selected as member of the Council, I believe I have the skills to take on the role: I am an organized person with good time-management skills, I have experience managing teams in a work place and I have friendly and clear communication skills. Also, I

am proficient in two languages (English and Spanish) which could be useful with the international membership of this organization.

Lorna: (typed in chatbox): Hi, my name is Lorna, I'm also from New Zealand, but I am currently studying in the USA. I have a longstanding interest in polar research. I have completed the Postgraduate Certificate of Antarctic Science at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. I am currently working towards my MS on a NSF Arctic Glacial Lakes Project. I joined Council at the same time I came to the USA and I've applied for co-chair because I'm enthusiastic to learn more. I believe I have the management and communication skills required for the position. Many Thanks!

Expression of Interest: My name is Lorna Louise Thurston and I have been on the APECS Council for one year. I originally joined the APECS Council because I am interested in pursuing a career in polar science and policy and want to learn more about polar organizations. I didn't originally intend to apply for position of Chair with APECS this year, but following some email correspondence with President Alice Bradley, I realize this would be a good opportunity for me to broaden my experience with APECS, in particular relations with ExCom. Please take this email as my formal application. My main strengths for the position of co-chair are as follows:

- I am interested in both the Antarctic and Arctic, and in science and policy, so I am enthusiastic to learn about all aspects of APECS.
- I have five years policy and project management experience.
- I am working on a NSF funded Arctic Glacial Lakes Project, developing sediment rating curves.
- I am from New Zealand, but studying in the USA. I have travelled to Antarctica, Alaska, and many places in-between, so I have real-world geographical experience.
- I have met Alice, Hanne, and Gerlis, and enjoy working with all of them.
- I completed my fieldwork in May so I should not be away for any extended periods during the upcoming Council term.
- I am very open to attending more polar events, subject to funding.

Sara: <Not on the call>

Statement of Interest: I am writing this letter to express my interest in the council chair position. Having served two terms on the council and a partial term as a temporary Executive Committee member, I seek ways in which I might give more back to APECS. As a council co-chair, my organizational and leadership skills will be of great use as the link between the Council, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director. I hope to lead the Council in improving communication and increasing activity in our project groups. I also hope to foster improved communication with National Committee chairs and generally help APECS reach as many polar early career scientists as possible.

Link to vote (open for 24 hours) (closes on 12 October at 19:00 GMT):
<http://doodle.com/poll/suqbr4uz44u7h4ei>

NC Chair:

Jilda is the only one who has volunteered so far...

Expression of Interest: While new to the council, I've recently joined as both a National Committee (Italy) and individual member, and as I will be absorbing the information needed to carry out these roles during this year, I feel it will be a great opportunity to use the experience I will be gaining in order to assist as NC coordinator. As I'm sure is the case for all of us in APECS, I want to contribute and get more involved in the polar research community. Perking my head up as a candidate for NC coordinator is a way for me to do that: I saw that something was needed in the organization, I thought about how could I help, so put myself forward. This 'contributing when needed, being active and communicative' attitude is something I would bring to my role as NC coordinator, and hope to do so as well in my National Committee and individual member positions.

Need at least another Co-Chair! Let ExCom know!

Council Project Groups

- Contribute to (minimum) 2 project groups, OR lead 1 project group
- Each project group will have a point person
- Notes (other than what is already on the Google Docs):
 - i. World Summit Planning: This is long-term so it would be great if people who are on this group will be available for the next 2 years.
 - ii. IASC Fellowship WG: If you are applying for this fellowship this year, you can not be on this WG.
 - iii. Antarctica Day flag project: needs to get started now, help spread the word about flags project!
 - iv. Q: Participating in Polar Week if you have fieldwork? A. Yes no problem, you can contribute to the one that you are around at, and also, there is a lot of work that needs to be done prior to Polar Week.
 - v. Non-Academic Career Info: Previous plan exists (Gerlis will share with those on project)
 - vi. PROJECT LEADER ROLES: Need 1 per project, shouldn't be too much work...

Link to Project Group:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10-lv2-RDY10fGJI5ceJcE7XTmYPgMkEW3hW-wNhwVfY/edit#gid=0>