

PGL Meeting 1 Minutes:

1. [Advice for Project Group Leaders](#) document.
 - a. Project leaders should be sure to read over it to get valuable advice on leading their group.
2. Group leader introductions.
 - a. Carla Tapia (Alpine Cryosphere)
 - b. Deniz Vural (ExCom representative)
 - c. Elisa Seyboth (Non-academic careers)
 - d. Elizabeth Perera (APECS Arts)
 - e. Hiral Jain (Remote Sensing Database)
 - f. Jhon Mojica (Polar Week September 2021)
 - g. Jilda Caccavo (ExCom ex-officio)
 - h. Louise Borthwick (Online Conference)
 - i. Marta Moreno Ibáñez (IPCC)
 - j. Mikhail Latonin (Remote Sensing Database)
 - k. Nicole Stark (Antarctica Day 2020)
 - l. Olga Kulikova (Polar Week September 2021)
 - m. Rodrigo Paidano Alves (Alpine Cryosphere Group)
 - n. Ryan O'Hara (APECS Podcast/UArctic Congress)
 - o. Sasha Leidman (DEI)
 - p. Sergey Chernikov (Indigenous Collaborations)
 - q. Sergio Ruez Villaneuva (MOSAiC Vlogs)
 - r. William Harcourt (Remote Sensing Database)
3. ExCom suggestions:
 - a. Each group should have at least 2 PGLs.
 - i. PGLs should share the workload and take on different roles during each meeting.
 - b. Try and get everyone to share their opinions and speak during each meeting.
 - c. Have someone new take minutes during each meeting.
 - d. Record all meetings.
 - e. Engage quiet members.
4. Project group updates:
 - a. Alpine Cryosphere:
 - i. 5 main goals:
 1. Finish APECS Alpine Cryosphere short-guide.
 2. Collect and upload mountain-related resources to APECS website.
 3. Hold 4 total webinars (2 per semester)
 4. Increase collaboration with APECS Online Conference Group.
 5. Increase social media presence.
 - ii. Celebrated International Mountain Day.
 - b. APECS Art:
 - i. 2 meetings thus far.

- ii. Currently working on project plan.
 - iii. Main ideas:
 1. Create database of different artists from polar regions.
 2. Create webinar series on polar art.
 3. Connect with Polar Week groups.
- c. DEI:
 - i. Finalizing project group plan.
 - ii. Working with ExCom to fix internal diversity issues in APECS.
 - iii. Planning webinars on gender identity and parenthood while out in the field (highlights voices of queer polar scientists).
 1. Hoping to collaborate with APECS Art group to make promotional material for webinar.
 - iv. Film screening.
- d. Non-academic Careers:
 - i. 1 meeting thus far.
 - ii. Main goals are to highlight women in non-academic careers and continue to update/add helpful advice to the non-academic career online database.
- e. Polar Organizations Overview:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- f. T-MOSAiC Vlogs:
 - i. 1 meeting thus far.
 - ii. Made Slack channel for communication purposes.
- g. Indigenous Collaborations:
 - i. 3 meetings.
 - ii. Project plan is finished.
 - iii. Working on project group summary for APECS website.
 - iv. Collaborating with Polar Week group.
 - v. Made a Facebook group
 - vi. Preparing a database of speakers
- h. APECS Podcast:
 - i. Had two meetings and podcast hosting/editing training thus far.
 - ii. Jack (the other group leader) and I wrote the project plan together and cleared it with the group.
 1. Main goals:
 - a. Increase the number of platforms we publish our podcast on in order to increase the size of our audience.
 - i. In talks with ExCom to have a page on the APECS website where we will centralize all of our different releases.
 - b. Diversify the topics we cover/people we interview in order to reach more people.
 - c. Continue to release episodes every 2 weeks.
- i. Remote Sensing Database:
 - i. Several meetings thus far.

- ii. Main goals:
 1. Create online database. Group members were assigned to the specific fields they are most interested in and are currently doing research.
 2. Build a survey for the polar community to collect data on tools used in polar research.
- j. Mental Health Resources:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- k. Science and Diplomacy:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- l. IPCC:
 - i. Participants in the group review have been selected.
 - ii. 239 people involved in this specific group review.
 - iii. Two webinars covering how to review reports.
 - iv. Review process has started.
- m. Antarctica Day:
 - i. Celebrated Antarctica Day with 2 webinars and an art/photo contest. Event was very successful!
 1. Still need to select contest winners and send thank you notes.
- n. APECS International Mentorship Award:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- o. IASC Fellowship Reviews:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- p. Guide on Proper Field Communication:
 - i. Not in attendance.
- q. APECS International Online Conference:
 - i. 1 meeting.
 - ii. Submitted project plan.
 - iii. Hoping to let other APECS project groups present during the conference.
- r. APECS International Polar Week March 2021:
 - i. 1 meeting.
 - ii. Submitted project plan.
 - iii. Generated strong ideas during meeting.
- s. APECS International Polar Week September 2021:
 - i. 1 meeting and 3 co-leaders.
 - ii. Currently drafting project plan.
 - iii. Most work will be postponed until the first Polar Week ends (after March).
 1. Will still meet monthly to brainstorm ideas.
- t. APECS UArctic Congress:
 - i. 2 meetings thus far.
 - ii. Currently drafting project plan.
 - iii. Discussed event background information and funding. Started brainstorming ideas.

1. A lot of decisions are still up in the air while we figure out whether or not the event will be in person.

5. Problems:

- a. Group members are spread across different timezones and cannot all make one time.
 - i. Possible solutions: use a Doodle Poll to determine what time works for the most people, rotate the meeting time.
- b. Lack of participation outside of meetings (people not responding to polls) (multiple).
 - i. Possible solutions: reach out personally, hard to deal with because some people don't participate every year.
- c. Need more people (DEI).
 - i. Would like for member redistribution to occur after event-based project groups finish and disband.
 1. This will likely be addressed by the ongoing APECS restructuring.
 - ii. Possible solutions: reach out to the APECS office and they can put out a call for more members.
- d. Project plan cannot be submitted anymore (multiple).
 - i. Solution: Email excom@apecs.is and info@apecs.is.
- e. Co-leader went missing (MOSAiC Vlogs).
 - i. Possible solutions: try and replace co-leader if necessary, try to establish contact.
- f. Limited funding, would like more than one funding opportunity per term (Indigeneous Collaborations).
 - i. Solution: Reach out to ExCom (excom@apecs.is and info@apecs.is) and funding can be broken into multiple parts.
- g. Engaging quiet group members (UARctic Congress).
 - i. Possible solutions: acknowledge and encourage individual members to present their thoughts (make them feel seen).