



APECS Council Call Minutes
Tuesday December 14, 2010 21:00 GMT

Chair: Silje-Kristin Jensen

Note takers: Tosca and Silje

Present/guests: Allen, Silje, Daniela, Alexey, Ben, Claudia, Ella, Fransisco, Jen Rhemann, Jenny Fisher, Kim, Mariette, Silvia, Tosca, Penny

Hosting: The call was hosted via Adobe Connect at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Silje is chairing the call. Gives updates about the Whale watching worldwide conference in Tokyo, Japan where she represented APECS and a brief update about the funding workshop in January after the Arctic Frontiers Conference and reads the Agenda for this Council call.

Agenda

- 1) Council members update
- 2) Project / Working Group / National Committee Updates
- 3) ExCom Update
- 4) Council charter
- 5) Council term report

Item 1: Members update

As list time we will go through the list of participants so everyone gets to talk and give an update

- Alexey: Has been working with organizing an APECS workshop for the Arctic summit week at the end of March (<http://apecs.is/workshops/assw2011>), they are sending invitations to mentors at the moment and they have pushed the deadline to mid-January. He has also been helping Yulia with the translation of the APECS brochure into Russian.

- Ben: is planning to develop a series of feature articles for the newsletter and would like to feature each of APECS Council members. Please send him a picture of yourself either an action picture or a portrait for the newsletter: bbeall@bgsu.edu
- Ella Darlington: Ella has been out at sea for the past 6 weeks and she will give us updates in January
- Francisco:
 - Has been in contact with SCAR. Will be the AGCS (ANTARCTIC and Global Climate System Research Program) representative for APECS (http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/met/SCAR_ssg_ps/AGCS.htm).
 - Is also working with Claudia and APECS Chile.
- Jen Rhemann:
 - Posted link to ICASS APECS Workshop (<http://apecs.is/workshops/icass2011>) – deadline on Dec 20th.
 - Arctic Council Working Group Conservation of Arctic Flora & Fauna (CAFF) & APECS collaboration is being coordinated right now. Tom Barry, the Executive Secretary for CAFF has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for review. If you are interested in reviewing and contributing to the (MoU), write e-mail to jenrhemann@gmail.com. The initial cooperation between APECS & CAFF is being organized now, and it will be a pilot program with the now-forming Arctic Sea Ice project. More information will be forthcoming.
- Jenny Fisher:
 - In touch with Shelly Knuth – meeting in May in Boston where there will be an APECS event.
- Kim:
 - RAC meeting yesterday with many people to talk about the new reorganization of APECS Council. People agree on the proposal to have the RAC as part of the Council.
 - Virtual Poster Session: They have asked people that posted their poster on APECS website to give presentations. Need to do more advertisement of the VPS and wants input for the February session.
- Matt:
 - Will give updates in the national committee session.
- Penny:
 - Organizing the Gordon Conference on 2011 and will be joining as a chair (http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2011&program=grs_polar), would like to create an APECS panel there but needs to have more APECS member that apply. Funding is available for traveling.

- Silje suggests that Penny put the link to the conference on APECS Facebook. Ben says that if you post on the news section of APECS website it will automatically go also on Twitter.
- Silvia:
 - There will be an APECS workshop in Portugal along with Polar Science Conference. No dates for now.
- Tosca: No updates this month

Item 2: Project/working groups/National Committee update

- Claudia Maturana for APECS-Chile:
 - I can post the APECS-Chile update: 1) We have a successful mentor panel in glaciology and geosciences 2) We presented a poster in a Biology meeting with some visitors, specially directors of important organizations 3) we are preparing a meeting to CNIA (an Antarctic investigation institute in Chile) to coordinate and do stuff together
- Matt for APECS Poland:
 - There has been the 2nd annual APECS Poland Meeting. 30 people from all over the country, with very cold weather. Piotr Glowacki mentor and leader polar in Poland Polar research and representing the polar ministry of science, asked APECS to work together for large education UE program for the next 4 yrs. This project is 6 million Euros and will serve to have 64 Science Festivals in all Poland. The objective is to encourage young students to study science. APECS members have been asked to help in education and outreach, and the people that will be involved more will receive compensation.
 - He is looking for someone in Poland that can replace him, especially for the big project above, because he is out of the country (NZ??) working at his PhD.
- Matt for Working group update on Cold region Sediment Budgets:
 - Starting cooperation with SEDIBUD, one of the best senior groups that work on sediment budgets. Will have an APECS (APECS-SEDIBUD) panel at AGU 2011 in Vienna. Want to use the Virtual Poster session facility of APECS to work with SEDIBUD.
- Jenny Fisher for Climate Change Answers Working Group
 - Questions have been written; 2 people will decide which ones will be answered and the rest of the group will start working at the answers.
- Mariette Wheeler for Field sites working group:

- Field Sites WG is busy creating a virtual map and database on field sites. Will keep you all posted. But please consider submitting information on your field sites in future. With some great photographs

Update via email:

- Dubrava have been organized a series APECS events in St. Petersburg during 2010 (see <http://www.apecs.is/national-committees/russia>). At present APECS Russia committee (in St. Petersburg) are working on establishing cooperation with young scientist councils of different Universities. Also Ivan Sudakov presents APECS Russia experience in a Career Development Workshop at the Governmental conference. Last week Ivan and I met with co-chair young scientist councils of Saint Petersburg State University of Service and Economics (<http://service.in.spb.ru/>) for a planning organize of APECS Russia Funding workshop by next spring. Also we are planning organize Career Development Symposium at the Baltic Sea Conference on summer 2011. We want to organize it as international event and need your support for it.

Item 3: Excom update

- Allen for the Excom:
 - Because the call is running late he gives the link to the new activities from the Ex-Com (<http://apecs.is/leadership/executive-committee/updates>). The major activity was to get in touch with various agencies to try to get funding.
 - Jenny is at AGU in S. Francisco, where a successful APECS event was held yesterday.

Item 4: Council charter

- Allen: reasons for changes are in the email he sent out a few days ago (Basically the Council would be: ODC + RAC + Members at Large)
- Jenny Fisher for Julie that is now doing field work: suggestion of using the word *Supporting members* instead of *Members at Large*. Should we have a maximum number of Council members , in order for the Council to work appropriately?
- Kim: members of the RAC like the reorganization of the RAC as part of the Council.
- Daniela: doesn't like the term *members at large* either and doesn't think it is necessary to have this third group. Would rather see only two groups, RAC and ODC. If you have the third group *Members at Large*, people joining it would think it is less important.
- Allen: explains that the idea of the *Members at Large* was proposed because especially young members at the beginning of their carrier might not feel to have expertise enough to sit in either the RAC or the ODC. He also says there is not a limiting size on the number of the people in the council.

- Silvia: regarding the national committee representative, it may have a kind of protocol that engage the representative to make the bridge between the council and the national committee.
- Ben: He tells about the council history and how it was thought to be an overall body for strategic direction.
- Daniela: answering to Ben on the responsibilities of Council members. The council has to be effective and oversee the duties of the ExCom.
- Silje: tells by joining the Council she could be more active, but was confused in the beginning of the setup of the council, by having two groups this would help especially the nations that don't have a national committee.
- Allen: not sure about the best between *members at large* or *supporting members*; the second one might seem even less important. Asks for suggestions
- Daniela: we may not need *members at large*; why not having all of the Council members in the ODC automatically? And only if they want they apply to the RAC. Or have everybody as a Council member and then if they want can apply to the RAC or ODC.
- Many people type in they like the idea of being ODC by default.
- Jen Rhemann: I agree. "organizational development" could be interpreted to be either regarding the development of APECS or representative of a specific organization, such as UArctic
- Allen: he thinks perhaps being ODC by default would be better. Council = ODC + RAC. So a new member in the Council will become an ODC, and they can then decide to become RAC as well if want to later.
- Silje: asks if anyone have any name change suggestions
- Jenny Fisher types in two other more minor comments from Julia: "It says that APECS council members are approved via an application process. Are there any criteria listed somewhere, so that in case of disapproval there is something like a "legal" background to it? This is hopefully only a theoretic question, but just to make sure." Joining mid-term, does it mean any time of the year or is there another "election" half way through the term?"
- Mariëtte and Allen answered that election of the Council is an ongoing process. If a member applies to be on the Council in the middle of the term, he/she (if voted in) will be on the Council until the end of the term.

Item 5: Council term report

- Silje: remembers that the Council term report is due 1st January. Where every council member will send her a brief paragraph about their activities the last term and ideas for the coming year.
- People ask what they have to write in the report

- Allen Pope: Basically just write down in a few bullet points what you have been doing and what you are planning to do. Past council reports are not available now in the website. Individual reports have been pooled together and then made anonymous and put on the website.

NEXT CALL:

- Allen: the two subcommittees, ODC and RAC, will meet (or better will call!) separately in January; the next Council Meeting will be in February.

Silje ends the call by thanking everyone for a productive discussion and for all the input and to keep being active and see you in February.