



APECS Oceania Annual General Meeting

Date/time: 4th December, 12-1pm (AEST)/2-3pm (NZDT)

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/895178943>

Meeting room in Hobart: Theodore Flynn room, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

Chair: Alyce Hancock

Minutes: Svenja Halfter

Attendees: Erica, Devi, Lauryn, Marc, Katie, Ed, Shaun, Oakes, Nadine, Jasmine, Gabriela, Chloe, Natalia, Maddie, Eva, Hanne

Apologies: Rebecca, Nathaniel, Eleri

Minutes:

1. Introduction and around the room
2. Highlights from 2019 - Report of APECS Oceania Activities 2019
 - Report available on the drive and on the website (Link: <https://apecsoceania.files.wordpress.com/2019/12/report-of-apecs-oceania-activities-2019-1.pdf>)
3. Engagement with APECS International - current to September 2020, will require renewal June/July (2 months prior to expiry)
4. Nomination for positions;
 - a. President - Alyce Hancock: **unanimously accepted**
 - b. Secretary - Katie Marx: **unanimously accepted**
 - c. Treasurer - **yet to fill**
 - d. National Representatives (2) - Natalia Ribeiro Santos: nomination has to be accepted by APECS International, **application unanimously supported by AGM attendees**
 - e. Social Media Managers and Council - Rebecca Duncan and Erica Spain: **unanimously accepted**
 - f. Council - Svenja Halfter, Laetitia Laudscher, Oakes Holland: **unanimously accepted**
 - g. Gabriela, Hanne, Jasmine and Meagan to remain as senior officers and advisors to the executive committee and council: **unanimously accepted**
5. Movement of AGM to September: doesn't match with APECS International terms (starting in September), timing also clashes with Antarctic fieldwork. Suggested early October, after Polar Week events and APECS International voting and reporting period.

Vote to move date of APECS Oceania AGM to early October 2020 - **unanimously accepted**

6. Budget

- a. Website - This has currently been covered by Indi Hodgson-Johnston who can't keep paying this beyond 2020. The website costs ~\$150USD for site hosting per year. It could potentially be added to the APECS International site and be cheaper? Indi has ownership details for the Oceania website but can easily transfer this when required.
- b. Events: apply for 300 EUR for events from APECS International
- c. Printing posters/banners: representation at conferences
- d. Support of ECRs?
- e. Potential funding: Antarctic Science Foundation, ResComm (within IMAS), Tasmanian Polar Network, ARC Special Research Initiative grant recipients
- f. Approaching universities where most members are based to pay for website etc., promotion

Action: set-up project group to build a budget and source sponsors.

7. Strategy and Priorities for the 2020

- a. March Polar Week
 - i. Recruitment drive
 - ii. Information session
 - iii. Social events
- b. Art-Science Collaboration - project group, Adele Jackson (Gateway Antarctica, polar artist) cannot commit at the moment, but is willing to lead the group, seeks for help from other artists, space at IMAS confirmed, but further discussion needed (Alyce will talk to Gabriela)
- c. Antarctic Festival (29th July - 3rd August) - does APECS Oceania want to be involved?
 - i. tie it to something that is already happening, otherwise too busy, need to talk to Paul soon to organise something for the festival (Katie will talk to them)

Action: Katie to engage with Antarctic Festival organisers on potential APECS Oceania involvement

- d. SCAR2020 (31st July - 11th August)
 - i. APECS Workshop (2nd August) - International project group, supported by local project group
 - ii. Social events and support for APECS at SCAR2020 - local project group
 - iii. Lightning talks (along the poster sessions) organised by APECS International
 - iv. Lots of opportunities for APECS members to come!
- e. September Polar Week
 - i. Social events
- f. (Early) October AGM
- g. Antarctica Day (1st December)

- h. Social media
- i. Promotion material is available in Hobart, if people are at conferences and want to promote APECS Oceania
 - i. A collection available Hobart (contact Alyce for this) and can organise getting material sent elsewhere but need 4 weeks to organise.

Feedback and ideas from Rebecca Duncan (facebook and instagram manager):

- Antarctica Day posts performed well, I think that all came together nicely in a hurry (thank you Erica and Alyce for organising all of that!!).
- Nice to get peoples fieldwork photos from that Antarctica Day call out. I'd really like to keep sharing those and engaging with people that way.
- Majority of the posts I'm sharing are job based or events posts. Do people want to see more research shared? Or is it potentially too niche...
- In order to boost engagement with the page, we need to get our posts shared by our members as much as possible. So far it has been job posts that have been most shared, but if anyone has any ideas of other content they would like to see and/or what sort of content they would be likely to share, I'd love to hear it.
- What do people think about running a little photo competition in order to collect some more material?
- Discussed ideas:
 - a) Share figures or posters from ECRs at conferences? (Gabriela)
 - b) Hidden talents (penguin origami, baking...)
 - c) Photo competition?
 - fieldwork pictures (broad range)
 - prizes: couple of books from AAD, Jasmine could ask Steven, Natalia could ask Andrew Rhodes IMAS for merch
 - d) Does anyone know anymore polar ECR's we can feature in our ECR of the week?
 - e) #MosaicMonday: invent a # and share it on a particular day
 - f) Send content to our APECS Oceania communication APECSO.Comms@gmail.com (check)

Upcoming dates:

Date/location	Event	APECS Oceania Contact
4-14 th Dec, Queenstown	Southern Hemisphere Conference on Permafrost (SouthCOP)	Gabriela
March 2020	Polar Week	Exec/council
29 th July - 3 rd Aug, 2020, Hobart	Antarctic Festival	
31 st July-11 th Aug 2020, Hobart	SCAR2020	Hanne
Aug-Sept 2020?, Hobart	Art-science collaboration	Gabriela
September	Polar Week	Exec/council
September	APECS International Elections	APECS International
October (early)	APECS Oceania AGM	Exec
1st December	Antarctica Day	Exec/council

Actions:

Item	Person(s) Responsible	Due
Set-up Budget/Sponsorship Project Group	Alyce	ASAP
Contact Antarctic Festival organisers	Katie Marx	ASAP
Release AGM Minutes	Alyce, Erica, Katie	ASAP
APECS Oceania Bulletin	Alyce, Katie	ASAP

Meeting close: 1:10pm (AEST), 3:10pm (NZ)

Next meeting: mid-January