



## APECS Oceania 2021 Annual General Meeting

**Date/time:** 19th October 2021, 11.30am-12.30pm (AEST), 1.30pm-2.30pm (NZ)

**Chair:** Alyce Hancock

**Minutes:** Katie Marx

**Attendees:** Alyce Hancock, Natalia Ribeiro Santos, Alex Aves, Alexis Marshall, Helena Baird, Megan Dewar, Vicki Heinrich, Rebecca Duncan, Svenja Halfter, Nina Gallo, Gabriela Roldan, Katie Marx, Natasha Gardiner

**Apologies:** Jasmine Lee

### **Agenda:**

1. Introduction, acknowledgement of country, and around the room
2. Highlights from 2021 - Report of APECS Oceania Activities 2021
  - Report available on the drive and on the website (Report available [here](#))
  - Membership has grown by 40 people over the last 12 months, in particular in NZ.
  - We've had a fairly quiet 12 months due to Covid. It's been harder to run events and have seen diminished capacity of the committee and council.
  - We have released a strategic plan, available [here](#). This sits underneath the APECS International strategy and will help us ensure that we are delivering as much value as possible to our members in the coming years.
  - We ran two very successful seminars through March and September polar week as part of the new seminar series.
  - APECS Oceania was also represented through a variety of Activities at the NZ Antarctic Science Conference in March.
3. Engagement with APECS International - current to September 2021
  - We are currently waiting to hear from APECS International regarding the renewal of our Memorandum of Understanding and anticipate that there will be no changes to the current arrangement.
4. Election of the new Committee and Council
  - President - no nominations. **Role vacant.**
  - Secretary - no nominations. **Role vacant.**
  - Treasurer - no nominations. **Role vacant.**
  - National Representatives (up to 2) - Rebecca Duncan (UTS, Aus) - **elected.**
  - Social Media Managers and Council - Rebecca Duncan (UTS, Aus.) - **elected.**

- Council - Nina Gallo (Independent, Aus), Victoria Hendrich (UTAS, Aus.), Alex Aves (Uni. of Canterbury, NZ), Alexis Marshall (Uni. of Waikato, NZ) - **all elected**
- Senior officers - Gabriela Roldan (Gateway Antarctica, NZ), Alyce Hancock (SOOS, Aus), and Meagan Dewar (Federation Uni, Aus.) **to remain** as senior officers and advisors to the executive committee and council.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in any of the vacant roles, please get in contact via [apecs.oceania@gmail.com](mailto:apecs.oceania@gmail.com).

With the president and secretary roles currently vacant, we will need to find a less formal way of operating in 2022. One potential idea is to have an informal meeting i.e. “monthly morning tea” via google meets or zoom that will allow members to meet one another and share ideas and opportunities. This could be chaired by a different person every month.

#### 5. Reports and Updates from the project groups

- Nothing to report from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group (EDI). The draft EDY plan can be found [here](#).
- The Seminar Series Group has a number of ideas for future events, which can be found [here](#).

#### 6. Plans for 2021/22 APECS Oceania Activities

- Suggestion for an event to mark Antarctica Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> December

#### 7. General business

- **Social media engagement:** We have seen an increase in engagement through Twitter and Instagram, with Nina’s SciComm workshop and PhD position adverts being the most successful. Facebook is providing diminishing returns, and Bec recommends we focus on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn in 2022. She also suggests trialling a group chat for the committee and council via WhatsApp or Slack.
- **APECS International** new host institution in Norway and is advertising for an Executive Director.

Meeting closed 12.25pm