

Meeting of the SAON Executive Committee (EC)	
When	1 April 2016, 16:00-17:00 CET (GMT+1)
Venue	Teleconference
Participants	Christine Daae Olseng (CDO), Jan René Larsen (JRL), Jeremy Mathis (JM), Larry Hinzman (LH), Lars-Otto Reiersen (LOR), Lisa Loseto (LL), Peter Pulsifer (PP)
Apologies	Eva Krueemmel (EK), Volker Rachold
Minutes	JRL

### **Agenda:**

- 1) Follow up from Board meeting in Fairbanks
- 2) Follow up from Arctic Observing Summit (AOS) in Fairbanks
- 3) External Review
- 4) AOB

### **Meeting notes:**

#### Ad 1) Follow up from Board meeting in Fairbanks

Discussions had focused on establishing SAON implementation plans. The Executive had been asked to draft proposals for such plans with a 1-, 2, and 5 year perspective.

A proposal on Community Based Observing (CBO) had been presented by Lilian Alessa to CON and the Board in Fairbanks. It had been agreed to provide a response to the proposal. LL and PP presented a draft response, which was approved and will submitted as a response from the Executive.

- ✓ LL and PP to submit a response on behalf of the Executive. This should include statements about funding.

#### Ad 2) Follow up from Arctic Observing Summit (AOS) in Fairbanks

The Executive meeting briefly discussed the AOS conference statement, and especially the expectations formulated to SAON in article 4: "Coordinate the implementation of a pan-Arctic observing system with regional and global observing initiatives, and organize efforts in securing resources for its sustained operation through the leadership of the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) initiative.

The SAON Board had agreed to accept this expectation, given that resources will be provided and had also agreed to provide an input to the 2016 Arctic Ministerial meeting on this.

- ✓ JRL to arrange next Executive meeting end April or beginning of May. The meeting will ask JM and LH for new information about the Arctic Ministerial meeting

- ✓ JRL to arrange next Board meeting end May. The meeting will prepare SAON input to the Arctic Ministerial meeting

The venue for the 2018 AOS was discussed. The 2018 ASSW is a joint event with IASC and SCAR in Davos, Switzerland. The question is if the AOS should be held in conjunction with this joint meeting. Concerns have been raised about costs, capacity, duration, and the fact that Switzerland is not an Arctic country. Alternatives mentioned have been ISAR (Japan), Helsinki, Arctic Circle, Arctic Frontiers, and GEO and WMO hosting the meeting in Geneva.

- ✓ LH to arrange a text and a meeting on the 2018 AOS venue

### Ad 3) External Review

The External Review Committee has been established under the chairmanship of Helen Joseph. The next major activity is the survey. The detailed plans are available at <http://www.arcticobserving.org/review>

### Ad 4) AOB

#### 4.1 Arctic Ministerial meeting

There will be an Arctic Ministerial meeting, most likely 31st August 31- 1st September. JM and LH are involved in the dialogues about scoping and planning of the meeting. More information will be available by the end of April.

#### 4.2 ADC

PP made reference to the AOS conference statement, especially article 7: Work (...) to develop a broad, globally connected Arctic observing data and information system of systems that is based on open access data and standards (...). He proposed that, through ADC, a workshop on establishing standards and protocols should be organized. The ADC should be the lead, but would be asking for organizational resources (of any kind): Venue, travel funds, etc.

- ✓ JRL to include request for organizational resources in the report on SAON to AMAP

#### 4.3 Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)

In cooperation with app. 20 other, ADC has responded to a requests for 'information to guide Arctic Spatial Data Pilot' from the 'Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)'. The immediate response has been that it is a good document, and it is currently under review.

#### 4.4 European Space Agency (ESA)

Ola Gråbak (ESA) had made a presentation to the Board in Fairbanks. He was interested in a continuation of the dialogue, and would provide information about Polaris to the Board.

- ✓ JRL to remind Ola Gråbak to provide information

#### 4.5 GEO

Barbara Ryan had asked for a list of Board members. The idea was to bring national GEO and SAON representatives in contact. This was approved.

PP will attend the GEO Work Programme Symposium in May on behalf of SAON.