

Meeting of the SAON Executive Committee (EC)	
When	4 May 2016, 17:00-18:00 CET (GMT+1)
Venue	Teleconference
Participants	Christine Daae Olseng (CDO), Eva Kruemmel (EK), Jan René Larsen (JRL), Jeremy Mathis (JM), Larry Hinzman (LH), Lars-Otto Reiersen (LOR), Lisa Loseto (LL)
Apologies	Peter Pulsifer (PP), Volker Rachold (VR)
Minutes	JRL

Agenda:

- 1) 2016 Ministerial Science Meeting
- 2) Agenda for Board meeting 24th May
- 3) Follow up from Fairbanks, including AOS and CBO
- 4) SAON Review
- 5) AOB

Meeting notes:

Ad 1) 2016 Ministerial Science Meeting

JM informed the meeting that invitation to the Ministerial Meeting has been sent out. Sustained observing is one of the themes. The deadline for deliverables is 31st May. JM said that there is a wish to reemphasize SAON.

CDO noted that invitations have been sent to the ministries of foreign affairs.

The meeting date has earlier been announced as end-August – start-September, but it will most likely be later.

- ✓ Ask SAON Board members to discuss the meeting with their SAOs.
- ✓ JM and LL to draft a deliverable by 13th May and share it with the Executive and finally with the Board.

Ad 2) Agenda for Board meeting 24th May

The meeting agenda should be:

- 2016 Ministerial Science Meeting
- SAON communication and outreach for 2016 Ministerial Science Meeting
 - Including national deliberations

- Reporting from the Committees
 - Including membership
- Other follow-ups from Fairbanks
 - Including AOS and CBO
- SAON Review

The duration of the meeting should be 1,5 hours.

- ✓ JRL to draft an email for David Scott on behalf of the Executive on the Canadian National SAON Coordinating Committee.
- ✓ LL to draft a text on Committee membership for the Board meeting

Ad 3) Follow up from Fairbanks, including AOS and CBO

Different options for the 2018 AOS venue have been discussed, including Davos (ASSW), Finland, Iceland (Arctic Circle), Japan, and Norway. The Davos hosts have been contacted and are willing to explore the possibilities. The AOS should be held either before, during or after the ASSW and all options have pros and cons. The most likely options are Davos and Iceland; a selling point for the former is that the organization would remain joined with the ASSW, but Iceland could also be supported by IASC because the IASC secretariat will move to Iceland. On timing, ASSW is in the summer of 2018 (closer to the usual timing of spring), while Arctic Circle is in the autumn.

EK noted that PP attendance in Davos could be an issue due to cost and that Iceland would likely be better due to its northern location. In terms of attendance, Davos would be focused on science and therefore will mainly have scientists attending, while there would be more policy makers and Arctic Indigenous leadership in Iceland. However, several AOS Organizing Committee members stated that they would look for funding early on to support participation of Arctic Indigenous peoples and try to ensure policy makers will be invited to attend the meeting.

There will be another meeting of the AOS Organising Committee on the topic. There is general support of the idea that AOS and ASSW also in the future should be held together.

It is known that Lilian Alessa for private reasons is delayed with her response on CBO. It should be ready by the Board meeting 24th May.

- ✓ LL to contact to contact Lilian Alessa on the CBO response

Ad 4) SAON Review

The survey will be released 4th May according to the plan. The date and venue for the physical meeting has been agreed. APECS assistance has been identified.

Ad 5) AOB

Hannele Savela from INTERACT is new Co-chair for CON. She is also the co-chair and the GEO Cold Region Initiative (GEOCRI).

The AMAP HoDs will meet end May 2016. JRL has initiated a GoogleDocs for the reporting on SAON to the meeting. The document should be finalized by 12th May.

EK reported on the review of the CBM atlas, which has now been finished.

- ✓ JRL to make this information available on the SAON web site.