

## GeoHab 2015 Business Meeting

### Agenda

Open meeting 4:43pm

#### 1) Finances

CPC holds the GeoHab account, so that it gets the non-profit organization status. The savings are used to assure the success of the meeting.

Account as of May 2015:

Federal credit union account: \$US 67883.91

GEOHAB 2015 was supported by the Brazilian government grant of \$US32k. The final budget spreadsheet will come in the next week.

#### 2) GeoHab 2016 Presentation – Winchester. Workshop May 2<sup>nd</sup>, conference May 3-5.

- Conference centre limited seating to 160.
- Discussion on the themes:
  - Workshop: Predictive mapping, standards, advantages and limitations
    - Practical OBIA.
  - Could be used to start the next working group
- Discussion on how to deal with the limited seating:
  - Propose a two stage process, i.e.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> send an abstract by end of Jan 2016 and within 2 weeks, acceptance is given.
  - Then registration opens for the accepted abstracts by mid-Feb 2016.
  - Then open to all others by mid-March.
  
- Comments: Is there a way to get a bigger room to not limit seating?
  - GeoHab has never limited people.
  - Halifax (2017) is facing the same problem with seating, but it benefit
  - It is likely that a lot of younger scientists want to access the meeting. It is a shame to limit.
  - There is a possibility to move to the larger room (Bapsy room), but then the lunch, posters, and exhibitors will have to be fit in smaller places.
  - Propose to use lighting sessions to accommodate more presentations. It's been thought about before and refused.
  - Propose to use live webinar in another room
  - Cautious not to burden hosts

3) GeoHab 2017 Presentation – Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), Halifax  
Nova Scotia

- Booked several locations already in prep for possible busy periods
- Accommodation will be in downtown Halifax, daily ferry to NSCC

4) Meeting Timing discussion – shift meeting schedules

- GeoHab same week as OTC prevents getting more participation from industry, Saudi group
- Suggest moving meeting, keeping dates flexible for Halifax
- Comments:
  - Like that industry has been given more acceptance and good move to give consideration to encourage this.

5) Student funding

- Seven students funded directly, one through R2Sonic
- Congrats to Daniel for organizing this year

6) 2018 and beyond

- Suggestions
  - Asia – Singapore? Talk to industry partners about contacts (Daniel)
  - Africa – South Africa (Brian Todd)
  - Santa Barbara (Guy Cochrane)

7) Finances, Round 2!

- Review of spreadsheet – draft!
  - Total Sponsorship: 273,000 R+
  - Registrations: 122+,
  - Costs: 214, 850 R
  - Balance: 58,600 R
- Advice: Try to have earlier deadlines or earlier acceptance of abstracts so that people can register.

8) BSWG – document publication

- BSWG report – publication to improve uptake, properly referenceable, freely available
- Options:
  - Professional review -- \$\$\$. GeoHab sponsor?
  - Publication options
    - IHO (International Hydrographic Office). Doc on website for download. Preferred.
    - Standard publisher (Springer, etc.) -- \$\$, publication not free for download, we don't like this idea.
    - Pay for publication and make it free.
  - Comments:
    - Don't think current state limits the spread and use of document.
    - Second edition? Not sure. Will assess comments that come in.
    - Can we have scientific review (someone within our network) and profession review

9) eCongition/OBIA working group

- Victoria Price to lead.

10) GDSSPC (SOPAC) asked CPC to underwrite conference (STAR)

- Underwrite conferences help every two years
- CPC branching out using GeoHab model

11) Website – mobile friendly.

- Suggestion to go back to one-stop rather than portal to individual website for different locations.

12) Workshop ideas for future GeoHabs

- Workshops were initiated by CPC, they should be involved

13) Other Business

Close 6:07pm