**NZOAC September 18 2017 Meeting**

**Present: Norman, Christina, Cliff, Helen, Ro, Linn, Nicola, Anna, Conrad (late)**

**Apologies: Mary**

1. Conrad: 2018 OA Workshop
   1. Possible dates are the week starting Feb 12th (Craig Cary will be back from Antarctica and also before uni teaching).
   2. Needing 3 days all up inclusive of 1 day for CARIM - Wed 14th- 16th Feb
   3. CARIM- 14th – (1/2 day; 15 people)
   4. NZOA workshop 15th-16th including CARIM session
   5. Looking at a trip as part of workshop – Mary to look at trip to FoT perhaps – might take half a day or more – 5h to do it justice at least.
   6. Conrad will need help with numbers (30-70; settle on 40-50 as realistic aim; and budget – uni will be available to supply lecture theatres etc for gratis; doesn’t think UW will have a budget to match UO efforts- will need ideas for budget support).
   7. Cliff will pass on spreadsheets with costings from previous Wellington efforts
   8. Sam Du Pont is visiting scientist who will already be here- so costs largely covered for him already
   9. MfE are happy to put money in - Conrad etc to pursue this
   10. Will go in the next newsletter to advertise – Helen to organise
   11. Early Oct call for abstracts – abstract closing date in mid Dec
   12. Conrad will draft up call for abstracts etc and then will email out to the mailing list

2.      Norman: Pacific Climate Change conference (<http://www.confer.co.nz/pcc2018/call-for-papers-2/> ) – Wellington 21-23 Feb 2018? Opportunities, potential calendar clashes with our own workshop etc

- opportunities to get involved are now- would need to signal involvement asap

- Cliff was involved in a discussion as part of the last one

- suggest it would be good for NZOAC to have a presence

- Cliff says Tommy Moore could well be attending this and might be an opportunity for him to also come to NZOA workshop

- Looking at CARIM presence/presentation at the workshop – Cliff, Norman, Vic to discuss

3.      Christina: OA Alliance. The Alliance is still defining the role of the Affiliate member. For now, they would like us to sign the new letter of commitment (attached). The welcome packet is also attached for your review.

- Christina will sign this on our behalf

- Still fluid description of what the Alliance is doing

- We do look at advancing all 5 x goals as NZOAC but we can pick and choose the individual points a bit

e.g. “Protect the environment and coastal communities from the impacts of a changing ocean.” – this is beyond our capabilities

- suggest that the Alliance might want to constrain this a bit more – Christina will give them this feedback

And e.g. Take meaningful actions to reduce causes of acidification – puts us into an action group space

- Christina will talk to Tim Riding from MfE about their level of comfort over all the parts of the Alliance.

- Will put something in the newsletter about the Alliance

4.      Helen: Newsletter

- Been doing a few more updates and activities in the newsletter and would like more of this type of content moving forward

- Been getting positive feedback from ministries etc

- Up to 200 people on the newsletter distribution list

- Will include more CARIM updates

- Please ensure iwi checks are done on any photos/content

5.      What direction do we want to take with the Royal Society options? I’ve included Cliff’s last e-mail below.

- synthesis document of NZOA research coming out in NZJ Freshwater Sciences

- F&B have done summary of OA in NZ- Cliff has proof of that- will be more public facing (20 pages)

- Fact sheet done for WRC – online – focused on coastal acidification

* Suggestion of a shorter 1-4 page factsheet but maybe not for 1-2 years – maybe once CARIM is done
* Decision to park this idea for now.

6. Other matters arising

- J Shellfish Research has special issue on NZOA coming out in 2018. Helen will put in newsletter

  - Next meeting – will be in December

**Cliff’s e-mail re Royal Society**

Hi

So, from discussion with Roger Ridley at the Royal Society, they are interested & supportive, but very busy with lots of requests. They could:

        host a meeting at the Royal Soc. in Wellington (as before)

        support a report (20-30 page) developed & written by an appointed Expert Panel. See: <https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/our-expert-advice/all-expert-advice-papers>

        support a short (7-8 page) factsheet written by the Royal Society with advice & information from experts

These options are in order of decreasing preference wrt cost & time to the Royal Society. Both factsheet & report will take a while (6 months-year)

Roger suggested we send him a half-page case regardless of which option; the most important part of which is identifying the impact of a meeting/factsheet/report.

My thoughts are we should keep the meeting & report separate: pursue funding for the national workshop with MfE (& MPI & US?), and  discuss the format of  the factsheet/report at our next zoom/skype conference,  before going back to the Royal Society.

**Zoom directions**

To join the Zoom meeting, go here: <https://otago.zoom.us/j/373807642>