



CANADIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

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C.M.S. NEWSLETTER NO. 5

It is time for our next NEWSLETTER. Here at A.E.S. Headquarters, as over most of Southern Ontario, spring is taking hold of the sun-starved country, about two weeks ahead of last year and the normal. The lawns are greening up and the Forsythia, that reliable harbinger of spring has burst into bloom. Similarly with the C.M.S. executive, who are wont to travel off in all directions around this time, which probably accounts for the relatively poor attendance during the Executive meeting of April 5, 1973. François Lemire, the Corresponding Secretary-elect was here to meet the members of the executive and get a feeling of their modus operandi.

C.M.S. ANTI-POLLUTION CITATION

The preparatory work in this matter is progressing rapidly. We received the news that Phil Aber had been nominated as Chairman of the selection committee while Al Hirt and Carl Mateer were to help him. The committee will consider a wide variety of nominees without, however, cataloguing the clean-up of Canada in every detail. It seems only just to consider primarily the efforts that go "beyond the call of duty" of persons whose calling it is to clean up pollution or are who are in some way associated with it.

The C.M.S. executive duly confirmed the trio for committee work in this matter.

C.M.S. CONGRESS 1973

Preparations for this event are nearly completed now. The outline of a programme was shown during the meeting. A total of 11 sessions will be presented during the period from Wednesday, May 30, through Friday, June 1.

Preceding this, a meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 29, at the Captain's Cabin in the Wharf, Scotia Square, including the members of the present executive, the members-elect of the new executive and representatives of the local centres. Time for this meeting has been set at 1830 hours. SOMAS will have a meeting the same day and plans are to eat dinner together at 1830 hours.

The Annual General Meeting of the C.M.S. is planned for 1900 hours on Wednesday, May 30, at St. Mary's University. It will be followed by a Wine and Cheese Party at 2130 hours.

A tour to Peggy's Cove at 1730 hours on Thursday, May 31, will be followed by the Banquet at the Shore Club, Hubbards Beach. The award of the Patterson Medal is to be made that evening. Consideration is also being given to presenting the C.M.S. prizes, awards and citations at the same time. This seems more fitting than during the Annual Meeting when the tone is decidedly more cold and businesslike.

Don't forget to bring your rainwear. Usually when approaching Halifax the edge of the middlecloud is found near Truro, N.S. although on occasion, it is closer to the Quebec border. I do not believe I have experienced bright sunshine as yet at good old Halifax, but there is always hope for a first time.

So let us keep our fingers crossed for fine weather during the Congress and have a real good turn-out!

A mailing containing information about the Congress Sessions, pre-registration forms, and a copy of our bilingual constitution has been sent to all members.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Dr. P.D. McTaggart-Cowan was in Florida recently where he met a representative of the French Meteorological Society. One word led to another and in the end both agreed on the desirability of some collaboration or contact. Taking the geographical facts into consideration, however, one becomes aware of a certain shortage of funds. As it happens Clarence Penner will travel to France soon and has promised to get in touch with the French Society to show our interest and goodwill. He will also issue an invitation to any member of the French Society who might be travelling in Canada, to come and visit with the C.M.S.

A letter was received from SCITEC which contained information on a suggested fee: the C.M.S. would now pay \$0.50 per member as an annual fee (earlier it was \$1.00 per member.) An agenda is being prepared for the next meeting of SCITEC at Montreal, May 3-4, 1973. The theme will be something like: The energy crisis and economic-social implications. The suggestion was made to ask a member of the C.M.S. Montreal Centre to attend this meeting in a liaison capacity. The registration fee which is \$40.00 will be paid by the C.M.S. Prof. Hirschfeld will talk to the local centre executive about sending an observer.

Norm Powe of Montreal wrote to the executive attaching a copy of an

"Ask-Andy" column in a recent paper. He was disturbed by the doubtful quality of some meteorological explanations offered in it. I agree with Norm: we have plenty of incompetence right here in Canada to supply us with all the misinformation we can take - we do not need the stuff coming from the U.S. !

THE BUDGET

Mike Webb reported to the meeting on financial matters during the first quarter of 1973. As of the end of March we had assets of \$3062 all told, while expenditures amounted to over \$4300. The impact of this dangerous-looking imbalance was softened by the news that the dues money is rolling in at a fairly good rate, also funds from subscriptions and so on; so we are in good financial shape as of this writing. He had also prepared a budget for 1974 or rather two budgets, an A-Budget and a B-Budget, the later predicated on receipt by the C.M.S. of a government grant, the outcome of which has not been announced as yet.

Budget A provides for an income of \$11,900 and expenditures in the same amount, including items like Support to Centres \$350, Information and Educational Services \$100 and Operating Costs of \$2900.

Budget B shows \$18,400 income including \$6,500 grant money with expenditure items like Support to Centres \$3,600, Information etc. \$1,750, Support for Congress \$1,000 and Operating Costs of \$3,500. The cost of publishing Atmosphere is set at \$8,000 and the fee for SCITEC is \$550, in both budgets.

THE EDITOR REPORTS

Atmosphere Vol. 11 No. 1 will be ready for mailing in May, while copy for No. 2 is coming in now. The congress issue is being typed as well

as the abstracts. The latter is to be mailed together with Newsletter No. 4.

Ed also mentioned that 6 sets of back issues of Atmosphere were sold for a total income of \$260. Every little bit helps. An analysis of the membership led to the following breakdown:

	Total Members	556	
	General "	483	
	Student "	73	
Affiliation of members	A.E.S.	358	64.4%
	Students	73	13.1
	Universities	59	10.6
	Other Gvmt Dep.	22	4.0
	Other or unkn.	44	8.0

Ed also told us that the A.E.S. subscription for 200 copies of Atmosphere has been made over into a standing order that is routinely handled by the A.E.S. library.

NEW MEMBERS

Eight new members were admitted into the Society, 3 Students and 5 General Members. Welcome!

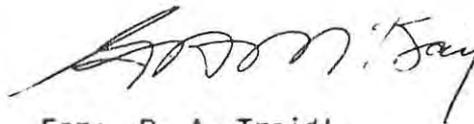
MAN AND RESOURCES

Mention has been made about this organization in past Newsletters. I have been asked to pass on to interested members a request that was received here recently by the secretary of M and R for the submission of reports by interested individuals. They have defined 12 issues, viz., 1. Citizen Participation, 2. Education, 3. Energy, 4. Foreign Ownership, 5. Environmental Protection, 6. Growth Ethics and Social Values, 7. Integrated Planning and Co-ordination, 8. Long Term Planning, 9. Northern Development, 10. Ownership,

11. Population, 12. Qualitative and Quantitative Analyses. These are the issues and I am sure every educated and intelligent person now-a-days has definite views on at least a few of these topics. If you feel you want to do something about it, put your thoughts on paper and send it to the Secretariat of Man and Resources, care of Miss Sharon Gubbay, 1170 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal 111, P.Q.

The C.M.S. urges interested members to get involved with Man and Resources whose membership includes many names of prominent Canadians concerned with our environment and other relevant issues.

Well, this is it. I hope to see many of you at Halifax in May!



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