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### Council Meeting

A meeting of the CMS Council was held on October 23 in the Airport Terminal Building at Dorval. Raymond Gagnon, Ken Fluto and Ron Robinson, Chairmen of the Quebec, Winnipeg and Montreal Centres and Roland List, Chairman of SOMAS were in attendance, along with the executive committee and the editors of Atmosphere and the newsletter.

The first item of business was to accept the application of Ron Robinson for membership so that he could legally take part in the meeting.

Walter Hitschfeld reviewed the events which led to the creation of the Division of Aeronomy and Atmospheric Physics within the C.A.P. and mentioned the Society's intention of cooperating with the new Division in order to encourage interactions between meteorologists and aeronomers. The possibility of holding joint sessions at annual meetings has been considered.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the activities of the Centres and the relationship between the Centres and the National Executive. In addition to the comments from the Centre Chairmen present, letters were tabled from the Regina and Ottawa Centres. The larger centres complained of poor attendance, the smaller ones of difficulty in obtaining speakers. Public

information programs of various types are being pursued by many centres. While the problems were varied, the proposed solutions were identical - more funds. The executive therefore agreed to work out a suitable formula for modest financial support to the Local Centres and to prepare general guidelines on accountability. At the following executive meeting a support program was approved and on December 4 cheques totalling \$1500 were mailed to the centres.

Another topic of interest to council was the editorial policy of Atmosphere. Since Atmosphere is by far the largest item in the Society's budget, it must be maintained as a source of satisfaction to the membership. The general framework of the policy was hammered out at the meeting and the final version will appear in future copies of Atmosphere. The basic policy is that Atmosphere is to be a medium for the publication of original research, survey articles and book reviews in all fields of atmospheric science. Papers may be in English or French and contributors need not be members of the Society or Canadians. Preference will be given to articles less than sixteen pages in length. For the present, at least, page charges will not be imposed.

Roland List, Chairman of SOMAS (The Subcommittee on Matters relating to Atmospheric Science) reported for his committee. SOMAS will continue as a subcommittee of NRC until 31 March when it will be formally transferred to the CMS. The present fifteen members of SOMAS are perhaps too closely oriented

toward GARP and Dr. List would prefer to have GARP related matters handled mainly by the National GARP Committee (a sub-committee of SOMAS) with SOMAS having a broader representation. There was some discussion of an earlier Executive meeting proposal that SOMAS prepare a roster of experts (List's List) to whom the Executive could refer when the Society is asked to state a position on controversial matters.

### SCITEC

No doubt all members are aware that your society makes a contribution to SCITEC of 50 cents per member per year. SCITEC is the Association of the Scientific Engineering and Technological Community of Canada, founded 17th January 1970 by the national organizations representing the physical, biological, social, health, engineering and agricultural sciences. Its broad objective is to "marshal the scientific, engineering and technological community; to provide leadership, to communicate, cooperate and work within itself, with government and the public in the national interest in those areas in which it can make a competent contribution."

The latest SCITEC project has been a study, prepared under contract for the Ministry of State for Science and Technology, regarding the establishment of a House of Science and Technology (HOST). HOST would provide centralized administrative facilities to member societies, reducing costs both by sharing of common functions and by government subsidies. Your executive are studying these proposals with great interest.

### Call for Papers

The Eight Annual Congress and Annual General Meeting of the CMS will be held at York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 29-31, 1974. The theme of the Congress will be Meteorology and the Community and it is intended to emphasize the interface between meteorologists and the general public. Papers on weather-casting, urban meteorology and other aspects of the theme topic are particularly invited. Other sessions on cloud physics, dynamic meteorology, micrometeorology and atmospheric electricity are expected.

Members and others wishing to present papers at this meeting should send titles and definitive abstracts (preferably less than 300 words) to the Program Chairman, Dr. G.A. McBean, Atmospheric Environment Service, 4905 Dufferin Street, Downsview, Ontario, M3H 5T4, no later than 1 March 1974.

### Eastern Snow Conference

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference will be held in Ottawa, February 7-8, 1974.

The ESC is an international organization concerned with origin, precipitation, accumulation, character, melt and runoff of snow from the viewpoints of meteorology, power generation, conservation, engineering, forestry and related fields.

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