

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Tuesday, 12 December 2017
Rideau Canal, Junior Officers Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa

Present: Martin Gauthier (Chair), Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Michael Steeves (Member-at-Large), Bruce Angle (LAC Chair, 2020 Congress).

Unable to attend: Ann McMillan (past Chair), Helen Joseph (Member-at-Large), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa). Leslie Malone (Secretary) participated through Skype.

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 A.M.

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no change.

2. Minutes of the November meeting

The minutes from the 16 November meeting were approved with a minor change.

ACTION: Leslie Malone will finalize the minutes of the November meeting and send them to Bob Jones for the Archive.

3. Schedule of lunch meetings

12 December: The luncheon speaker today is Jonathan Moore, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada and team member of group which searched for the Erebus and Terror. The talk is on 'The Underwater Archaeology of H. M. Ships Erebus and Terror - lost vessels of the ill-fated Sir John Franklin Expedition of 1845'. Abstract: <http://cmos.ca/site/ottawa>.

31 January 2018: Martin Gauthier noted that arrangements with the SCOR speaker, Karen Kohfield, have been made and the date confirmed. Paul Pestieau has confirmed the new date with the Mess. Dr Kohfield's bio and abstract have been provided. The title of the talk is 'The Ocean's Role in Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Changes During Ice Age Cycles'.

ACTION: Bob Jones will post the bio and abstract for Dr Kohfield's talk as soon as possible.

28 February 2018: The speaker for the February talk will be Keith Lennon of DFO and the date has been confirmed.

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will get a bio and the abstract from Mr Lennon as soon as possible and provide this to Bob Jones for advertising the event.

The March talk is confirmed. Ann McMillan is still working with CACOR on the joint session for April. There is no speaker or topic identified for May, but several possibilities were raised at the November meeting.

4. CMOS 2020 Congress – update from LAC Chair

Bruce Angle informed the meeting that the first down payment has been made to the venue (the Delta). He will accelerate the search to identify volunteers for the LAC after the holidays.

Bruce also noted that CWRA is interested in joining with CMOS at the 2020 Congress. Bruce plans to work with CMOS National to develop a letter to CWRA (on CMOS letterhead) on matters associated with costing a share of the venue, food and beverages and so on. He will ask to see letters sent in the past for similar collaboration (e.g. when CWRA joined the Saskatoon Congress). Denis Bourque recalled that in the past CWRA held its own banquet – they are often a large group and have their own awards to hand out. Bruce noted that participation by CWRA would not be a full annual meeting and that the number of attendees would likely be about 50-60.

5. Financial matters

Cash on hand and maturing GIC

At the November meeting, the Executive had discussed how to invest \$6000 (recalling that the GIC that matured on 27 November 2017 was worth \$5000 plus \$227 in interest). Yvon Bernier and Martin Gauthier met with a financial advisor at the Bank, and were advised not to invest any sum for three years, as the rate was too low. Based on that advice, Yvon and Martin agreed to invest \$3000 for 2 years and the remaining \$3000 for 5 years, with both investments possible to cash out on the anniversary date.

6. Adding new persons to the mailing lists/outreach

Bob Jones reported that there had been no testing of the system set up on the CMOS web page to send an email to subscribe or unsubscribe. The Action to do so (from the November meeting) still stands. Bob would appreciate the feedback. Bob noted that the Bulletin Editor was using MailChimp to subscribe to her list and that he is getting information about this.

7. Other business

Michael Steeves has been working on information and approach to improve corporate sponsorship for the Ottawa CMOS, based on the approach used by Rotary Club. Bob Jones and Denis Bourque added that CMOS does have something like this, and that occasionally a representative of a corporate sponsor shows up at the luncheons. That said, both noted that looking for corporate sponsors was very much underutilized, and that it was excellent to have Michael look into improving on that. It could raise awareness, bring in new people, even younger new members. The timing is very good, given that Ottawa hosts the Congress in 2020 and corporate sponsors might appreciate that opportunity.

ACTION: Michael Steeves will have a look at what CMOS National has on corporate sponsorship for CMOS, and report back to the Executive in the New Year.

8. Adjournment

Dawn Conway moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:37. All agreed.

Luncheon speakers, September 2017 - May 2018

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
20 September Wednesday	Ian Black	Bob Jones	completed
24 October Tuesday	Geoff Strong	Bob Jones	completed
16 November Thursday	Alana Faber (Director of Operations, Adventure Canada) CEO, Cedar Swan, also attended	Dawn Conway	Completed
12 December Tuesday	Jonathan Moore Parks Canada	Dawn Conway	In progress today
31 January Wednesday	Karen Kohfield CNC/SCOR speaker	Helen Joseph and Martin Gauthier	Confirmed
28 February Wednesday	Keith Lennon (DFO)	Helen Joseph and Martin Gauthier	Confirmed (still need bio and abstract)
28 March Wednesday	Gilbert Brunet CMOS Tour Speaker	Martin Gauthier	Confirmed
25 April (TBD) Wednesday	Joint session with CACOR	Ann McMillan	Under consideration
23 May Wednesday	TBD		

NB: All the above-noted dates for the 2017-18 season are booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa.

For CMOS archive of past speakers: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>