

**Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive**  
**Wednesday, 16 August 2017**  
**The Earl of Sussex, 431 Sussex Drive, Ottawa**

**Present:** Martin Gauthier (Chair) by Skype, Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), Ann McMillan (past Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Leslie Malone (Secretary).

**Unable to attend:** Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Bruce Angle (LAC Chair, 2020 Congress), Helen Joseph (Member-at-Large, pending election), Michael Steeves (Member-at-Large, pending election), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa), Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton).

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

**Proceedings:**

**1. Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**2. Minutes of June meeting**

The minutes from the 14 June session were approved with minor changes to the text under item 7 on the IUGG meeting being planned for 2019.

**ACTION:** Ann McMillan will revise the June minutes as agreed and provide the final version to Bob Jones for posting.

**3. Schedule of lunch meetings**

The rooms for the luncheons for the 2017-18 season have been booked by Paul Pestieau with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, for the September through May period (see table below). Dates that will not fall on a Wednesday are noted in red. It was suggested that it might be an advantage to arrange bookings for the fall 2018 season in late spring 2018, given the popularity of the Mess as a venue.

Suggestions were made for possible speakers for the schedule. To date, none of these persons has been approached, nor dates identified as to when they might be scheduled, but actions to do so are proposed below (bold text):

- i) Ian Black, who last spoke in September 1997 for a 20-year anniversary talk on broadcast meteorology, or on Weathercasters and their Endorsement (**Bob Jones to speak with Bruce Ramsay and follow up**)
- ii) Geoff Strong, to speak on his new climate change book - he will be in Toronto in October and might be able to make our Oct 24<sup>th</sup> date in Ottawa (**Bob Jones to follow up**)
- iii) Jackie Dawson, U. Ottawa, possibly on climate services, northern perspectives (**Dawn Conway to follow up**)
- iv) Cedar Bradley-Swan, CEO of Adventure Canada, on Arctic science tours (**Dawn Conway to follow up**)

- v) Parks Canada, on recent findings on the Franklin discovery (NB: Denis Hains spoke on the new discovery in Dec 2014) **(Dawn Conway to follow up)**.
- vi) Someone to speak on Meteorological and Air Quality aspects of the 2017 BC fires **(Ann McMillan to scope this with Eric Taylor, BC Environment Ministry)**
- vii) Someone to speak on the findings in the recent US report on climate change, a leaked copy of which was made available to the public by the NY Times **(Denis Bourque to follow up)**.
- viii) Someone to speak on an Ocean theme **(Ann McMillan will follow up with Helen Joseph on ideas)**
- ix) Someone to speak on a water theme (possibly to look at the implications of heavy precipitation in the centre/east vs drier conditions in the west)
- x) A speaker to talk about the future of CMOS based on the Strategic Plan in Progress **(Denis Bourque to follow up with Wayne Richardson, and to provide to the Executive his comments on the draft strategic plan)**
- xi) Deirdre Laframboise, to speak on the CCF and its evolution
- xii) SCOR speaker
- xiii) CMOS Tour speaker

It was noted that CMOS and the CCF are talking about partnering. At present, CCF is still a viable entity with Members and a dues system but there are insufficient funds to cover the costs of full-time administrative/science leadership. It is hoped that the funding gap can be resolved in future. Dierdre Laframboise is working part time for CCF, while she serves on the Executive of CWRA. Jim Abraham is also engaged in CCF activities. There is a possibility of CCF sessions/events at upcoming CMOS Congresses.

## 1. Congress 2020 Congress – update from LAC Chair

Bruce Angle was unable to participate, but had earlier provided a detailed progress report regarding selection of a venue for the 2020 Congress. The Delta hotel looks, so far, as the best prospect but would not have the capacity if CMOS were to offer a joint session with a large organization such as the IUGG. The IUGG will be partnering with CMOS in Montreal in 2019 (in July), so that possibility is unlikely for 2020. Working with the CCF should not pose a significant issue for the capacity offered by the Delta.

A brief discussion on possible sponsors, to help offset costs, proposed the network of Canadian Universities and NSERC, but noted that government sponsors may be tough to find given the recent expensive celebrations for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Further discussion on the topic was deferred to a future date.

## 2. Financial matters

- a) Payment for gratuity for meals

The Treasurer noted that the Executive has been provided with the dates for use of the Mess for the upcoming season, but we have not yet received information on negotiated costs for use of the facilities and for meals. Last season we were paying \$22 per person per meal (including about \$15 for the food plus a share of the room rental, use of the bar, and all taxes, but with no gratuity). At approximately 15% gratuity (now an 'optional' cost), the price per meal per person would be around \$24. Adding a gratuity without changing what we charge guests at the luncheons (currently \$20 for Members) would further

increase losses to the Centre's financial balance. The Executive agreed that we need to know as soon as possible what the costs will be.

**ACTION:** Paul Pestieau will negotiate options for costs, with and without gratuities, and return this information to the Executive as soon as possible for decision.

b) Cash on hand and maturing GIC

Yvon distributed a financial statement for the period 30 June 2016 through 30 June 2017 (**See Annex 1**), and noted the following:

- i) Revenue from luncheons was \$6820, while costs were \$8243.90, a loss of \$1423.90.
- ii) Funding and cash levels are fine at present. There is \$4221.60 cash on hand, after cashing in a GIC late last year. However, another GIC matures in 2017 (GIC #2, in November), worth \$5198.40. We do not want to hold too much money as cash earning low to zero interest.

The Executive noted the information with thanks, and agreed to discuss this further at the September meeting.

## 1. Student representatives

The Executive would be pleased if Greg Steeves were to continue as student representative for U. Ottawa for another year and hope he will stay on. Not having heard from Marc Quintaneiro for some time, however, the Executive decided to try to recruit a new representative from Carleton University and to formally remove Marc's name from the list of Members.

**ACTION:** Ann McMillan will contact the Editor of the student newsletter to start discussions on finding a new representative for CMOS.

## 2. Other Business

- i) Bob Jones proposed that Deirdre Laframboise be asked to join our Executive as a Member-at-Large and the meeting agreed.

**ACTION:** Ann McMillan will contact Ms Laframboise to discuss her joining the Executive.

- ii) Ann McMillan asked whether the monthly calls between CMOS National and the Centre Chairs could be re-instated, as they had been useful sources of information. Martin noted that they still took place, but that he was not always available to sit in. Denis confirmed that the Centre Chairs were no longer Members of the CMOS Council and no longer get the minutes of Council meetings (this arose as part of the requirements for incorporation of CMOS National). The Executive felt that more communications would be better. The Chair agreed to delegate the function of participating in the monthly calls to the vice chair when he is unavailable.
- iii) The Executive noted that election of the Members to the Executive should be on the agenda for the meeting of 20 September.

- iv) Bob Jones arranged a photo opportunity for the luncheon participants, and may use it for the Ottawa Chapter's Facebook page to replace the 2010 photo currently on that site:



**1. Adjournment**

It was moved by Mart in Gauthier that the meeting adjourn at 1 :40 PM. All were in agreement.

**Luncheon speakers, September 2017 - May 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Status</b>
20 September Wednesday	TBD		
24 October Tuesday	TBD		
16 November Thursday	TBD		
12 December Tuesday	TBD		
24 January Wednesday	TBD		
28 February Wednesday	TBD		
28 March Wednesday	TBD		
25 April Wednesday	TBD		
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>

Annex 1

**CMOS OTTAWA CENTRE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2016/2017  
(JUNE 30, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017)**

<b>Balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$14856.56</b>
<u>Plus Income</u>	
Luncheons (9 meetings)	6820.00
CMOS Annual Subvention	894.00
Matching Grant from CMOS for Science Fairs	400.00
Interest Earned on GICs during the period	<u>163.36</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8277.36</b>
<u>Minus Expenses</u>	
Luncheons (9 meetings)	8243.90
Ottawa Regional Science Fair	600.00
Expo-sciences de l'Outaouais	300.00
Lodging and taxis for SCOR Speaker	230.46
Purchase of 4 books by Geoff Strong	88.00
Displayport for Apple Adaptor	39.55
Mailing of ten 25-year CMOS pins	21.00
Stamps and Envelopes	5.00
Booklets of 100 cheques	104.49
Bank Service Charge	<u>12.62</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9645.02</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$13,488.90</b>
Balance made up of:	
Cash and bank deposit:	4221.60
GIC #2 (matures in Nov. 2017) worth on June 30, 2017	5198.40
GIC #3 (matures in Feb. 2021) worth on June 30, 2017	4068.90
	<b>\$13,488.90</b>

Yvon Bernier  
Treasurer  
August 12, 2017