



## Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Thursday, 15 November 2018

Approved Minutes

**Venue:** Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa

**Call to Order:** 10:40 AM

**Chair:** Dawn Conway

**Ottawa Centre Executive:** See **Annex 1**

**Present:** Bruce Angle, Len Barrie, Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Barry Goodison, Bob Jones, Helen Joseph, Leslie Malone, Ann McMillan, Michael Steeves, John Stone.

**Regrets:** Ray Desjardins, Martin Gauthier, Brie Morrison, Paul Pestieau, Greg Steeves.

1. The **agenda** was adopted with a number of additions under Other Business.
2. The **Minutes** from the meeting of 27 September were adopted with minor changes. The minutes of the meeting of 22.05.2018 were not available for discussion. **ACTION:** Leslie will finalize the September minutes and distribute them; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site.
3. **Actions arising** from past meetings:
  - a) Item 7b, 27.09.2018, **signing authority:** Dawn, Yvon and Barry have gone to the Bank of Montreal and arranged for signing authority for the three in their capacities of Chair, Treasurer and Vice-Chair respectively.
  - b) Item 7d, 27.09.2018, **CMOS Congress within IUGG 2019:** Denis informed the meeting that topics related to atmosphere, oceans, cryosphere and hydrology would all take place in the first week of the IUGG (Montreal, 2019).
  - c) Results from other action items from 27.09.2018 are covered under the current agenda.
4. **Report on CMOS Centre Chairs meeting** (09.11.2018)

The CMOS Centre Chairs meeting held on 9 November was chaired by Kim Strong. Barry Goodison represented the Ottawa Centre in the teleconference. Barry noted that there are more than a dozen Centres, but not all were present on the call. Key issues discussed include:

  - **Centre Chairs meeting minutes:** the minutes of the Centre Chairs meetings can be made available. The Ottawa Centre Executive agreed they would like to see them. **ACTION:** Barry Goodison will disseminate the minutes of the meeting on 09.11 when they are finalized.

- **March for Science:** The third March for Science<sup>1</sup> is being planned for April 2019. There will be a main event, and local ones around the country. The Centres are all encouraged to participate. A resolution was put forward by Les Welsh to link a financial contribution for this event to the group 'Evidence for Democracy'<sup>2</sup>, but the Centre Chairs did not agree to it.
- **Membership:** Gordon Griffith (CMOS Exec. Dir.) had sent out an updated membership list to all Centres. Ottawa Centre has over 90 members, its total having recently dropped by 8. Toronto's total dropped by 90 members (possibly related to people that signed up as members for the Congress held in Toronto, then letting those memberships lapse). Mr Griffith asked the Centres to provide him with updated membership information. All centres report they are increasingly dependent on retirees.
- **CMOS postcard:** The Centre Chairs really like the postcard developed by Greg Steeves and would like an editable file so they can create their own versions (they had been provided with a pdf e-file). In discussion, Michael Steeves informed the Executive that the file had been created in Word and saved as pdf – it had not been created to be transferable and the Word file would not likely be easy for others to work with to retain formatting. Bob informed the Executive that the CMOS national office might have a full version of Adobe that could be updated and which might help with setting up an editable file. It would, for example, be really useful to have a version developed for the CMOS 2020, to be available to be handed out at the 2019 IUGG in Montreal. **ACTION:** Bob and Michael will look into accessing the software to see if it is feasible to create an editable file for the postcard (noting that there is some U. Ottawa information there that would need to be changed for a more universal model). **ACTION:** Denis will check to see if CMOS is planning a booth for the IUGG.
- **New CMOS committee:** CMOS has Terms of Reference for a Membership committee, but none have been found for a Committee of Centre Chairs. CMOS is planning to create a new Committee that merges the two (Centre Chairs and Membership), to be chaired by Kim Strong. Members would be the Chairs of the centres. Terms of Reference are being developed.
- **Eastern Tour Speaker:** It was noted that the schedule for the western tour speaker had been posted on the CMOS web site, but that none was available for the eastern tour speaker. None of the centres in the eastern area had the information for scheduling, and all need it. Alanna MacKenzie is working to address this.
- **Centre activities:** each centre described their core activities, some of which might be good initiatives to try in the Ottawa area (e.g. collaboration with University seminar series; installing weather sensors in schools, etc.)
- **School and Public Education Committee (SPEC):** Joan Klassen is currently leading the work as Dominique Paquin is stepping down as Chair. Kim Strong wants to recruit a new Chair, set up a committee and update the Terms of Reference to be less challenging, more reasonable, than the present ToRs. Depending on expectations, Sheila Bourque would be interested in reviewing the ToRs and possibly taking part in the Committee. Apparently, Joan Klassen would consider taking on the role of Chair if a new committee is established. It was pointed out that SPEC is appropriately focused on schools, but that more needed to be done on the public education component (this is

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<sup>1</sup> According to Wikipedia, the March for Science is an international series of rallies and marches held on Earth Day. The inaugural march was held on April 22, 2017 in Washington, D.C., and more than 600 other cities across the world. It is intended to be a non-partisan movement to celebrate science and the role it plays in everyday lives.

<sup>2</sup> <https://evidencefordemocracy.ca/en/about>

very relevant to CMOS's charitable status). Perhaps this will be considered in updating the ToRs. **ACTION:** Barry will send Sheila the current ToRs.

- It was noted that there were still school presentations being given in the Toronto area. Some talks had been given in the Ottawa area (Sheila and Denis, Ann, John), including to Girl Guides, Scouts and to kindergarten groups.
- It was also noted that there was currently no sponsor for the CMOS summer workshops for teachers – the workshops will continue, but CMOS national would be required to pay the full cost instead of the usual 50 per cent. Suggestions for possible sponsors would be welcome.
- The Canadian Network of Ocean Educators (CANOE) is very active.
- **CMOS web site:** At <https://www.cmos.ca> there is a link to the CMOS Centres. Some of the centres post information on their current and past activities, including links to various documents including minutes and presentations. Access is frequently password protected to CMOS Members. It is noted that Toronto makes available a number of educational presentations that may be of interest to other centres. On many of the Centre web pages there is a link at the bottom of the page to Documents – this link takes the reader to CMOS National folders, which includes a link to the documents of each of the centres. This method of accessing a centre's documents does not appear to work.

## 5. 2020 Congress Update

Bruce Angle noted that Dr Gordon McBean had agreed to serve as the SPC Chair for the 2020 Congress, and thanked John Stone and Barry Goodison for their efforts in helping bring this to pass. Dr McBean stepped down from his role in ICSU in July of this year but is still very busy – he will need a strong committee. Because Dr McBean is based in London at Western, Bruce would like to see a local Vice-Chair or co-chair to assist Gordon.

It is important to engage people inside the departments – and to have access to operational office facilities for such things as meetings, teleconferencing, copying, etc. unfortunately the Ice Service is relocating in January to South Ottawa and may not be able to provide any accommodation during the transition. **ACTION:** Helen will work with DFO to identify active participants for the 2020 planning committee. It was agreed we need active participation from ECCC and AgCan as well.

LAC-2 is planned for 23 November.

With respect to exhibits, there has been some consideration of using some of the ballroom space as there is not a lot of space in the corridor outside the ballrooms or in the lobby. That potentially would reduce the plenary space to 450, but in Ottawa typically one can count on at least 700 participants. It is likely, with Dr McBean as SPC chair, attendance will be strong.

The theme will be related to Disaster Risk Reduction but has not been fully laid out yet.

## 6. Schedule of speakers:

(a) Peter Kimbell (severe Wx meteorologist) will speak today (15.11.2018) on the Ottawa tornadoes and on the smartphone alert system. Denis will introduce the speaker and manage the question period. A Morley Thomas book will be offered as a gift.

(b) David Grimes has confirmed he will give the December talk (11.12.2018). Heather Aucoin will send Bob the abstract and bio. **ACTION:** Paul Pestieau will confirm with the Mess that the traditional turkey lunch will be offered. **ACTION:** Dawn will contact Prof. Mike Brklacich (Carleton University, Human dimensions of environmental change) to inform him the December talk is scheduled.

(c) Dr Eric Crighton has confirmed his availability to speak at the March luncheon (27.03), on a topic related to climate and health.

(d) It will not be possible to host the SCOR speaker this season. SCOR and DFO proposed 19 December but our December meeting is already booked for the 11<sup>th</sup>. DFO cannot offer their facility for the event due to their security system. SCOR has been informed.

(e) It was agreed to keep the 26 June date on the schedule, but not to hold a luncheon for that date. There will only be a meeting of the Executive.

(f) For January, February, April and May, while there have been many suggestions made and preliminary discussions made with potential speakers, none are confirmed at the time of this meeting. Current status:

- Barry and Helen are following up with Jackie Dawson for one of the following 2019 dates – 23.01; 27.02. Frank Johnson (Adventure Canada) has indicated he would also be available to speak in this period (Bob to follow up). Gilles Bourgeois (Transport Canada) has been identified potentially for February (Dawn following up).
- April will be a joint session with CACOR (17.04). Ann McMillan is contacting Eddie Carmack (DFO Emeritus) and/or Dierdre Laframboise of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- It was agreed to try to get the CMOS tour speaker for the 22 May luncheon.  
**ACTION:** Dawn will contact Alanna MacKenzie to see if Laxmi Sushama can be scheduled for 22 May in Ottawa.

All other suggestions from previous meetings will be reconsidered for the fall 2019 schedule.

The schedule for the 2018-19 calendar is summarized in **Table 1** below.

Meetings relevant to CMOS are presented in **Table 2** below.

The archive of past speakers can be found at: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>

**Table 1: Luncheon dates and Speakers, Sept 2018 - June 2019**

Date	Day	Speaker	Proposed by
27.09.2018	Th.	Dr Brian Gray	B. Goodison & R. Desjardins
25.10.2018	Th.	No session	
15.11.2018	Th.	Peter Kimbell	Denis Bourque
11.12.2018	Tues.	David Grimes	Barry Goodison
23.01.2019	Wed.	TBD	See 6(f) above
27.02.2019	Wed.	TBD	See 6(f) above
27.03.2019	Wed.	Dr Eric Crighton, U. Ottawa	Dawn Conway
17.04.2019	Wed.	TBD. Joint session with CACOR Speaker.	See 6(f) above
22.05.2019	Wed.	TBD. Possibly CMOS Eastern tour speaker.	See 6(f) above
26.06.2019	Wed.	Executive meeting only	

*NB: All the above-noted dates for the 2018-19 season have been booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa.*

## 7. Other business

**Ontario Government consultations on a made-in-Ontario climate change plan:** The Executive discussed the current consultations and whether, as CMOS members, it was advisable to take part. The group was informed that Paul Kushner and Kim Strong felt that, since the process of doing the consultations did not require that you identify yourself, the results could easily be skewed by trolls. Any considered opinion posted by CMOS could easily lead to negative feedback. Preferably CMOS will update its statement on climate change from the 2014 version.

**Science fairs:** Greg Steeves has agreed to assist with the Ottawa Science fair.

**ACTION:** Dawn will contact Brie Morrison to see if she will attend the next Ottawa Executive meeting. She could also be asked if she would like to take part in the science fair. The Executive agreed to provide \$300 as usual to support the Outaouais science fair.

**Investments:** Upcoming expenses include the science fairs and there is an average shortfall of \$200 per luncheon, with seven luncheons ahead. The current account has about \$1900. It was agreed to cash in the GIC that has its anniversary date next week (about \$3000).

**ACTION:** Yvon and Dawn will go to the bank and cash in the GIC. The Executive can consider re-investing any amount that might be considered surplus to requirements.

**Proposal for a CMOS Committee:** Michael proposed that a CMOS committee to look into partnerships and sponsorships would be useful (with ToRs, membership, etc). **ACTION:** Michael will write up a proposal in time for the January 2019 Council meeting.

**Ad-hoc Committee to discuss membership:** It was decided that Denis, Bob, Michael, Ann and Dawn would form an ad-hoc committee to discuss Ottawa Centre membership.

**CMOS registration at the 2019 IUGG:** Denis suggested that members planning to attend the IUGG delay registering until some issues with the online process are dealt with.

**Table 2: Meetings/events relevant to CMOS, Sept 2018- July 2019**

Date	Meeting	Info
05.09.2018	<a href="#">LAC_1</a> , CMOS 2020	
13.09.2018	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
19.09.2018	CACOR	<a href="http://canadiancor.com/">http://canadiancor.com/</a>
20.09.2018	CMOS National Executive	
26.09.2018	PROBUS	
08.11.2018	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
23.11.2018	<a href="#">LAC_2</a> , CMOS 2020	
15.11.2018	CMOS Council	
10.12.2018 - 14.12.2018	ArcticNet 2018	<a href="http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/asm2018/index.php">http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/asm2018/index.php</a>
13.12.2018	CMOS National Executive	
10.01.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
16.01.2019	CACOR	
17.01.2019	CMOS Council	
30.01.2019	<a href="#">LAC_3</a> , CMOS 2020	
14.02.2019	CMOS National Executive	
07.03.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
20.02.2019	CACOR	
20.03.2019	CACOR	
21.03.2019	CMOS Council	
18.04.2019	CMOS National Executive	
17.04.2019	CACOR. Joint with CMOS	
19.04.2019	Good Friday	
22.04.2019	Easter Monday	
01.05.2019	CACOR	
22.05.2019	CACOR	
06.06.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	

13.06.2019	CMOS Council	
19.06.2019	CACOR	
8-18.07.2019	27th IUGG General Assembly, incl. the 53rd CMOS Congress	<a href="http://iugg2019montreal.com/">http://iugg2019montreal.com/</a>

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

**Annex 1: Ottawa Centre Executive** (see also <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawaexecs.html> )

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