

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Thursday, 16 April, 2015, 11:00 AM

Present: Ann McMillan (Chair, Ottawa Centre), Martin Gauthier (Vice Chair), Wayne Richardson (member at large), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (membership coordinator), Paul Pestieau (member at large), Wesley van Wychen (student representative).

Unable to attend: Richard Asselin (member at large), Denis Bourque (member at large), Sheila Bourque (education coordinator), Marty Taillefer (past chair, CMOS Ottawa Centre), Leslie Malone (Recording Secretary).

Proceedings:

1. Ann McMillan chaired the meeting of the Executive of the CMOS Ottawa Centre held on 16 April 2015.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 19 March 2015 were approved as written.

3. The agenda for the meeting was approved as written. Discussions on each item are summarized below (items 4 through 8) along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

4. Speakers and Events:

- a) All arrangements are in place for the upcoming talks for 14 May (Mac MacLeod).
- b) Wayne Richardson agreed to arrange a talk by Mark Richardson for the fall programme.

See **Table 1** below for the summary of proposed upcoming sessions and speakers for the remainder of 2015.

The following actions were agreed:

Action 1: Continue to develop the concept of cooperation between the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome (CACOR) and CMOS, including a possible joint session in autumn 2015 (Ann McMillan and Bob Jones).

Action 2: Firm up Mark Richardson's participation for autumn 2015, and get an abstract for his talk (Wayne Richardson)

5. Partnerships

a) The Canadian Association for the Club of Rome (CACOR)

A draft of cooperation between CACOR and CMOS Ottawa Centre was put together by Madeleine Aubrey with input from her executive based on some ideas from Bob and Ann. This document was unanimously approved by the CMOS Ottawa executive members and is attached to these minutes as appendix A.

b) MEOPAR

Ann has scheduled a call on Friday April 17 to discuss co-sponsoring the MEOPAR tour speaker who will be in Ottawa on September 2. It is Dr. Sobel, who is a professor at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. His book about Hurricane Sandy, Storm Surge, published in October 2014, received the 2014 Atmospheric Science Librarians International Choice Award. Dr. Sobel is author or co-author of over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles. This would most likely be an after work event, and perhaps it would be good to use a different venue to try to entice some of the meteorological community to join us.

After discussion, it was found that the selection of the date of the event on September 2 might not be ideal since it is prior to Labour Day (September 7). Ann will communicate this fact to MEOPAR when calling on April 17.

c) AWMA

The Air and Waste Management Association had proposed to partner with CMOS on an event to discuss the past Winter Weather. The event is planned to occur in mid May.

6. Upcoming election

All executive members have agreed to continue their term for at least another year. This news will be announced at the next Luncheon in May.

7. Matters arising from the National Executive Chairs session

Bob Jones (membership coordinator) has attended the National Executive Chairs session on March 20, 2015. One of the most important items discussed was the 2017 CMOS Congress still not finalized yet. Martha Anderson (CMOS co-chair) proposed the idea of having the CMOS Congress at Carleton University and she was hoping to get some assistance from the Ottawa center. The next CMOS Congress in Ottawa was scheduled for 2019.

8. Other business:

No items were tabled for discussion.

9. Closure: The meeting was closed at 12:00. The chair thanked the members for their contributions.

Table 1: Speakers for remaining sessions, 2015

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
14 May 2015	Mac MacLeod	Ann McMillan	Confirmed
September 2015	TBD		TBD
October 2015	Possible joint session with CACOR (northern monitoring)	Bob Jones	In discussion
November 2015			TBD
December 2015			TBD

Likely candidates (some discussion underway):

- Mark Richardson for autumn 2015, proposed by Wayne Richardson
- Dr David Burgess (NRCan) for autumn 2015, proposed by Wesley Van Wychen
- Canterbury HS student for some time in the 2015-16 schedule, proposed by Denis Bourque

Additional candidates being considered for invitation to speak:

- Steve McCauley, proposed by Wayne Richardson
- Dr Gordon Young proposed by Leslie Malone
- One or more graduate students from U. Ottawa and Carleton U., proposed by John Stone

For CMOS archives (past speakers, etc.) please see:

<http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>

Appendix A

DRAFT MEMORANDUM of Agreement between CACOR and CMOS/Ottawa

Areas of cooperation between CACOR and CMOS Ottawa Centre/Chapter

1. Share our event notices with our respective groups. This includes posting them on our respective websites.
2. Plan and host joint events or participate as presenters, when mutually possible at the local or national level.
3. Permit members of both associations to benefit from members' prices when attending our respective events.
4. Fund educational projects that reflect the vision and mission of our respective association.
5. Designate a contact person in each association to facilitate cooperation between CMOS and CACOR.