

CMOS Ottawa Centre - Executive Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess

4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa

Present: Richard Asselin, Yvon Bernier, Bob Jones, Ann McMillan, Wayne Richardson, Paul Pestieau, Martin Gauthier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque

Regrets: Marty Taillefer, Adrienne Tivy, Tess Maheux, John Dewar

1. **Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 2014 were approved with minor corrections.
3. **Speakers:**
 - a. The speakers list is very out of date, needs an update.
ACTION: A few names were suggested for future speakers: Dave Jackson – Paul Pestieau to approach; Steve McCauley – Wayne Richardson to approach.
 - b. Special event – The AWMA are working on a special event to take place after work at a pub. They are considering several themes but like the water idea that Paul had suggested. They may go forward as early as June. Donna Jean Kilpatrick approached Ann McMillan for input, including whether CMOS Ottawa Centre would like to partner in the event, sponsor or help organize. Initial input was provided but direction from the Exec on level of support is required.
4. **Review of Actions:** Actions outstanding are included again in these minutes.
5. **CMOS Centre Business Plan:**
 - a. Pending, still with Marty. Yvon mentioned he had provided Marty with lots of financial information and suggested that a discussion would be good.
 - b. The Executive was in favour of having a couple of meetings over lunch at a suitable venue over the summer to get the new year off to a flying start with respect to speakers and dealing with the business plan if it is not forthcoming soon.
ACTION: Discuss at next meeting.
6. **Science Fairs:**
 - a. Both Gatineau and Ottawa Science Fairs went successfully. Reports are posted on the web site.

- b. Matching funds were requested from CMOS Council on February 1 but there has been no further news about that.

ACTION: Marty to follow up.

7. Student Program

Marty has approach Ryan Campbell about being a Student Representative to assist us with the organization of a student event in August or early September, 2014. He has not had feedback as to Ryan's interest.

Brenda O'Conner has followed up with some students who may attend the May lunch.

ACTION: Marty to follow up with Ryan.

8. National Executive coming to Ottawa:

- a. Martha Anderson has agreed to be incoming Vice President (2014-2015) and then President (2015-2016). This is an important step since she has high profile and is a woman from DND.
- b. Marie-France Gauthier has agreed to be Recording Secretary.
- c. The point was made that the CMOS nationally is changing direction quite dramatically. It was suggested that the Ottawa Centre Executive should have a special meeting at the Rimouski Congress, perhaps over lunch or after sessions one day to discuss, once direction was clear.

ACTION: Specifics of such a meeting to be discussed at May meeting.

9. Congress in Ottawa:

Ann McMillan met with Ottawa Tourism and they will put together a portfolio of proposals from venues for us to consider once we confirm with them that 2019 is a "go".

ACTION: Marty to obtain approval from National Council to proceed to organize Congress 2019.

10. Membership

The issue of membership was extensively discussed by the National Executive. Bob provided a status report: Ottawa Centre currently has 85 members, 6 lapsed last year and a greater number the year before. In response to a special email, two of the lapsed members have rejoined CMOS.

ACTION: Bob followed up with a reminder to the lapsed members. **Completed.**

11. Slate for Ottawa Centre Executive for coming year

Traditionally, the slate is announced and approved at the May meeting. The slate as it stands is:

Chairperson: Ann McMillan

Vice-chairperson: Martin Gauthier

Past Chair: Marty Taillefer

Treasurer: Yvon Bernier

Recording Secretary: Leslie Malone

Membership: Bob Jones

Education Coordinator: Sheila Bourque

Student Rep: ?

Members at Large: Denis Bourque; Wayne Richardson; Richard Asselin; Paul Pestieau

12. Other business

There was none.