



Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday 18 December 2019
Approved Minutes

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

Call to Order: 10:30 AM

Chair: Dawn Conway

Present: Bruce Angle, Yvon Bernier, Dawn Conway, Barry Goodison, Bob Jones, Helen Joseph, Leslie Malone, Michael Steeves, John Stone.

Not present: Len Barrie, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Ray Desjardins, Martin Gauthier, Ann McMillan, Paul Pestieau.

1. The **agenda** was adopted.
2. The **Minutes** from the meeting of 20 November 2019 were adopted subject to minor editing.
ACTIONS: Leslie will finalize the November draft and Bob will post the final minutes on the Centre's web site.
3. **Actions arising** from past meetings:
The status of actions from the November meeting is summarized in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Actions arising from 20.11.2019 (or earlier) with status

Item	Action	Status
2	Leslie will finalize the October minutes; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site	Completed.
From Oct	Dawn will follow up with Dave Phillips on an alternate date for a public talk in Ottawa.	In progress. No new information is available.
From Oct	SCOR speaker – alternative host	No further information
From Oct	Changes to cost of meals for luncheons	Will discuss in January 2020.
5	Dawn will write to CMOS National (in January) to request the matching funds for the 2020 Science Fairs	Not due until January 2020
6	New student representatives, U. Ottawa. Bob will contact them and invite.	Completed. Both have agreed.
9	Barry will contact Nancy Hamzawi to finalize arrangements for the December talk.	Completed.

4. Update on Congress 2020

The next meeting of the LAC (LAC-11) is scheduled for 19 December 2019 – an informal meeting at a local restaurant. Updates on progress included the following:

- *Volunteer Coordinator*: not yet identified.
- *Translation*: Progress is being made in many areas, but there are delays in translation of materials.
- *Web site*: The site is up, but not populated.
- *Exhibitors package*: The deadline was 6 December, but although late, the exhibitor's package is now in good shape.
- *Correspondence*: On 15 December, the letters went out to all Departments. A similar letter is ready to go to the ADMs, but the LAC has asked Kim not to send it until after the holiday break.
- *Student travel awards*: The Ottawa centre has uncertainties regarding what is expected of the Centre in terms of decisions in this matter and has asked for information including criteria for decision-making. **ACTION**: Dawn Conway will contact CMOS national, ahead of the meeting on 5 December, to ask that student travel awards be discussed.
- *Awards*: It was noted that the CMOS National Awards Coordinator had asked, by e-mail on 8 November, for nominations for the CMOS Prizes and Awards (with a February 15th deadline for response). The eight awards and instructions on how to make a nomination are posted at: http://www_cmos.ca/site/awards . Given that CMOS membership includes many from academia, it is likely that the distribution to that segment will have been reasonable. There is no specific action for the Ottawa Centre in this regard other than, perhaps, to forward the email to specific professors to encourage their response in this regard.

5. Schedule of Speakers

Today's talk will be given by Nancy Hamzawi. Barry Goodison will introduce her, and Bruce Angle will manage the Q&A session.

The CMOS Tour speaker that will visit the Ottawa Centre in March 2020 will be Chris Derksen, one of the authors of the ECCC Canada's Changing Climate Report¹ (see <https://changingclimate.ca/CCCR2019/>). Because the date selected for the March event happened to fall within March school break, Dr Derksen requested (if possible) a change of date. The Mess verified immediately that it could reschedule the event for 25 March. The table of meetings has been updated accordingly.

The April meeting is joint with CACOR, CACOR is the host and is arranging the venue.

6. Financial matters

The new payment method (e-transfer) is working well. There are no financial issues to report this month.

7. Other business

Registering late for luncheons

It was noted that, for the December luncheon, there were a few people registered after the deadline. This can be difficult for the Mess staff and should be discouraged.

¹ Recommended Citation: Bush, E. and Lemmen, D.S., editors (2019): Canada's Changing Climate Report; Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON. 444 p.

CMOS booth at Arctic Net Conference:

Helen Joseph informed the Executive that she and David Fissel (LAC Chair, Vancouver Island Centre) represented Arctic SIG and CMOS, and manned the CMOS booth at ArcticNet (Halifax, 2-5 December 2019). It was a good outreach opportunity.

The Arctic Circle:

A possible new interest group for the Ottawa Centre was noted: the Arctic Circle. John Stone and John Reid are members. Luc Copeland is a member of the Executive, and John Gilbert is a member of the Committee. The web site for the group provides information including its meeting schedule and list of speakers (see <http://www.thearcticcircle.ca/index.htm>) and notes that 'Since 1947 the Arctic Circle has brought together friends who share a lively interest in the Canadian north for monthly presentations by members and guests. The Circle's membership includes many of Canada's most distinguished arctic researchers, as well as those with a more informal interest in the north.' Membership costs about \$30 per year.

Helen was asked if Arctic SIG has contact with the Arctic Circle group but it seems it probably does not, at present. **ACTION:** Dawn Conway will add an item to the agenda for the January 2020 meeting to further discuss a possible relationship between the CMOS Ottawa Centre and the Arctic Circle group, including the possible sharing of each other's presentation schedules or joint events as we do with CACOR.

Election of 2020-2021 Executive Committee

As discussed in November, there will be no meeting of the Ottawa Executive in May 2020 due to the timing of the 54th Congress. The April meeting is joint with CACOR, at the CACOR venue, so this date would not be appropriate for the Centre elections. Members had therefore considered the possibility of holding the elections for the new Executive at the September 2020 meeting. In discussion it was agreed, however, that it would be better to have the new roster identified before the Congress, so the Executive decided that the elections would take place at the March 2020 meeting. **ACTION:** Dawn Conway will contact Martin Gauthier (past Chair) to start the process of getting names for the new Executive, for the March election.

It was recalled that, in November, it had been noted that Greg Steeves, U. Ottawa student representative until his graduation in spring 2019, had expressed an interest in becoming a Member-at-Large. **ACTION:** Bob Jones will contact Greg Steeves to inform him of the upcoming election in March and to ask whether he would wish to be considered for election by the Centre members at that time.

CMOS as 'Lobby Group'

In finalizing the arrangements for the talk scheduled for Nancy Hamzawi, there was a delay and an issue. Ms Hamzawi's office found out from ECCC Corporate that because CMOS was identified as a lobby group, and because of the Ottawa Centre's usual practice to offer a book as a gift to the speaker and a free lunch, she would not be permitted to participate as hoped. After agreement that there be no gift and no lunch, it was agreed that Ms Hamzawi could give the talk.

Denis Bourque found out that the designation as a Lobby Group came about because CMOS receives Grants and Contributions (G&Cs) from the government, which, in new policy rules, requires the recipient to be identified as a lobby group. Gordon Griffith, as Executive Director, is a consultant and so he, personally, is identified as a lobbyist. **ACTION:** Dawn Conway will bring to the attention of CMOS national (at the meeting of Centre Chairs, 9 January 2020) that CMOS is identified as a lobby group and ask for their consideration of the impact/effect on CMOS activities. Denis Bourque has informed Kim Strong on this matter as well.

Possible projects CMOS (Ottawa Centre) can get involved in

The possibility of the Ottawa Centre getting involved in a tangible project such as the sponsoring and installation of a new weather station somewhere in the Ottawa area was raised.

- It was recalled that in northern BC, the regional centre UNBC used its surplus Congress funds to purchase and install some auto weather stations in schools.
- Setting up a display at City Hall with the electronic weather feeds from the airport site and the Ottawa CDA (Canada Department of Agriculture) RCS (Reference Climate Station) was proposed.
- It was suggested that we set up a site like the one on the grounds of U. Waterloo. The Executive was informed of what had been involved in setting up that site and running it. Campbell Scientific (which now has been sold to the American parent organization) provided the equipment; it is a full, operational site, fenced, and managed by the University; the public does not have access, but visits (e.g. schools) can be arranged for teaching purposes; the University's Engineering Department looks after the data management and is the responsible contact at U. Waterloo. With any such installation, the site needs investment; management and oversight. It was further noted that the site at the CDA facility in Ottawa is similar to the site run by U. Waterloo.
- Adding a modern installation to the display of technology at the S&T Museum was suggested. John Gilbert is looking after the current display of old meteorological instruments and there is a connection to the upcoming Congress in May. **ACTION:** Bruce Angle and Bob Jones will ask John Gilbert his thoughts on the potential of adding a modern display to the current set of old instruments. For an exterior installation (at the Museum or elsewhere), if a donor could be found for the instruments, Diane Campbell would have to be approached on the matters of appropriate siting, instrument and site management, etc.

8. Date of Next Meeting: January 15, 2020

The next scheduled speaker is Dr Vogel. **ACTION:** Bob Jones will coordinate with Len Barrie to contact Dr Vogel and finalize arrangements.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Table 2: Luncheon dates and Speakers, Sept 2019 - June 2020

Date	Day	Speaker	Proposed by
19.09.2019	Thurs.	Elisabeth Gilmore, Visiting Scholar, Economic Analysis Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch, ECCC	Barry
17.10.2019	Thurs.	Stéphane Laroche, RPN-Data Assimilation	Len
20.11.2019	Wed.	Ray Desjardins, AAFC	Ray
18.12.2019	Wed.	Nancy Hamzawi, ADM, S&T, ECCC	Barry
15.01.2020	Wed.	Felix Vogel, Research Scientist, ECCC	Len
19.02.2020	Wed.	Genevieve Béchar, DG, Canadian Hydrographic Service, DFO	Helen
25.03.2020	Wed.	Chris Derksen (CMOS National Tour Speaker)	CMOS
15.04.2020	Wed.	TBD (joint CACOR/CMOS luncheon)	

NB: The above-noted dates for September through March of the 2019-20 season have been booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa. The April meeting is being organized by CACOR. No luncheons are scheduled for May or June 2020 due to the 54th Congress in late May.

Table 3: Meetings/events relevant to CMOS, August 2019- June 2020

Date	Meeting	Info
8-18.07.2019	27th IUGG General Assembly, incl. the 53rd CMOS Congress	http://iugg2019montreal.com/
12.09.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
18.09.2019	CACOR luncheon: Promoting Ecological Issues	18.09.2019
25.09.2019	LAC-7, CMOS 2020	
16.10.2019	CACOR luncheon: Home Energy Technologies	http://canadiancor.com/
21.10.2019	Canadian Federal Election	
24.10.2019	LAC-8, CMOS 2020	
07.11.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
13.11.2019	CACOR luncheon: A Native's Perspective on Climate Change	http://canadiancor.com/
27.11.2019	LAC-9, CMOS 2020	
4.12.2019	CACOR luncheon: Emergency Planning and Adaptation	http://canadiancor.com/
5.12.2019	CMOS Science Committee	
10.12.2019	LAC-10, CMOS 2020	
19.12.2019	LAC-11, CMOS 2020	
09.01.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
05.03.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
10.04.2020	Good Friday	
13.04.2020	Easter Monday	
15.04.2020	Joint CACOR/CMOS luncheon	
24-28.05.2020	54th CMOS Congress	https://www_cmos.ca/
24.05.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	

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

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