

**CMOS Ottawa Centre
Minutes of Meeting – April 19, 2012**

In Attendance: Paul Pestieau, Bob Jones, Marty Taillefer, Sheila Bourque, Denis Bourque, Wayne Richardson, Richard Asselin, Yvon Bernier, Ann McMillan, Andrew Lafreniere, Ian Sharpe

1 – Approval of Agenda

The new student representative, Andrew Lafreniere, was introduced to the Executive and a few minutes were spent outlining his role.

The Agenda was approved with discussion of the Ottawa Regional Science Fair Award added to Other Business.

2 – Review of Previous Actions

Paul ran quickly through the previous actions: noting that

- The minutes are being posted on the website (remember “bytown” and “legion” for access).
- The remaining speaker event (Eyad Atallah, Research Associate and Adjunct Professor, University of McGill) will be on May 17.
- Upcoming Science Fairs are planned.

3 – Public Event Planning

With the influx of \$ from the successful Congress, an Outreach Campaign was decided on with a public event every two years. Other organizations were approached for their interest and some such as Meredith Brown (Riverkeeper), Friends of the Gatineau and the Museum of Nature have responded positively. Having suggested the idea, it is up to CMOS to take a bit of a leadership role in moving forward with a suggestion for a topic and the organization of the event. The aim is to have the event in the fall, avoiding the summer holiday season. Richard reminded the Executive that this was tried before with Phil Chadwick's presentation at the Archives. While those who attended enjoyed the event, it required a lot of planning for a rather small turn out. CMOS is not used to reaching out, and care and effort will be required to do this effectively.

Paul reviewed that Dick Stoddart was approached to lead the organization of the event, but is unable to take this on at the moment. Marty suggested that it would be an appropriate task for the Past Chair, especially since Paul has effectively been playing this role until now. Since Paul has already connected with the other interested organizations, he would be the “natural” leader for such an event.

Paul accepted this role and suggested that a topic that explored local water issues would be very interesting and could attract a good audience, although it could be somewhat politicized. Richard reminded the Executive that the CMOS Ottawa role is really related to the science and felt that the topic could be handled well if this scope was kept in mind. The Executive agreed that this

was a good choice of topic for our first effort with the partners that are stepping forward.

Sheila flagged that if the Museum would accept this event as one of their monthly attractions it would ensure a ready audience. Wayne indicated that a high profile speaker with a water topic broader than just sewage lagoons would be necessary to get a good draw.

Budget issues were discussed and it was decided that a maximum of \$1,000 could be attributed to this event. Yvon indicated that accessing this amount of fluid cash in the period would not be a problem.

Actions:

Paul will pursue this initiative with partners with the understanding that CMOS will be looking for shared leadership, partial sponsorship, and open to wider participation. The event will be positioned as about the dissemination of science-based information rather than as a platform for discussing political issues.

4 – Proposed Slate for Next Executive

Denis ran down the proposed slate for the Next Executive, which was approved.

Action: The election will take place at the May 17 meeting.

5 – Financial Report

Yvon stated that CMOS has about \$17K in GIC's at the bank which will mature in November 2012, 2013 and 2014. In November decisions will need to be made about reinvestment. There is about \$2,000 in cash and we will end the season with about \$2,000. Next season an additional \$900 subvention will be received from the National organization.

6 – Other Business – Outcome of Ottawa Regional Science Fair

Marty reported that the winners of the CMOS Special Prize awards at the Ottawa Regional Science Fair were:

- Justice Iris and Amber Carlsson (co-winners 1st prize of \$125)
- From Venta Preparatory School
- For their project **Ocean Destruction and Acidification**, which was a study of global warming and impacts on global oyster production.
- Adam Coe (2nd prize of \$75)
- From Turnbull School
- For his project **Watering our Way to Coolness**, which was a look at environmental impacts of global warming on the ecosystem.

7 – Next Meeting – Before lunch speaker on May 17, 2012.

