

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Thursday, 19 February, 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), Richard Asselin (member at large), Wesley van Wychen (student representative), Leslie Malone (Recording Secretary).

Unable to attend: Denis Bourque (member at large), Sheila Bourque (education coordinator), Paul Pestieau (member at large), Marty Taillefer (past chair, CMOS Ottawa Centre).

Proceedings:

1. Martin Gauthier chaired the meeting of the Executive of the CMOS Ottawa Centre held on 19 February 2015.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 21 January 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 6) along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

4. Speaker for March 2015 luncheon, Ottawa centre:

The Executive was informed that Mark Richardson was unfortunately unable to speak at the March luncheon as had been anticipated, due to work-related travels. It was suggested to approach several persons urgently, to avoid having to cancel the March luncheon if at all possible.

The abstract and biography for the Charles Hannah talk (scheduled for 16 April) can be found at: <http://cmos.ca/site/speakers> (English and French).

It was noted that final confirmation and an abstract were still outstanding for the May session (Mac MacLeod).

Wesley Van Wychen informed the group that he had approached Roger De Abreu to speak in the fall schedule, but that he had not yet responded.

Wesley further noted that he had contacted David Burgess, who has tentatively agreed to speak in autumn 2015. Wesley will follow up with Dr Burgess to identify a topic for his talk. Full affiliation for Dr Burgess is as follows: David Burgess, Research Scientist, Natural Resources Canada, 601 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0E8; Telephone: (613) 995-5891; Fax: (613) 992-0190; Email: David.Burgess@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca.

Bob Jones provided information (immediately subsequent to this meeting) that 'The Club of Rome (CACOR)' would be interested in a joint session with the Ottawa Centre, possibly on 21 October 2015. Their topic on that date is 'Monitoring the Environment in the North'. See **Table 1** below for the summary of upcoming sessions including confirmed and proposed speakers for the remainder of 2015. The following actions were agreed:

Action 1 (URGENT): Approach Bill Pugsley to speak on Ottawa area environmental issues for the March luncheon (Bob Jones); if this is unsuccessful, approach Tony Lewkowicz to speak (Ann McMillan); if this is unsuccessful, either approach Peter Chen

(based in Montreal) to speak on severe weather forecasting or the Haiti Met Service rebuild (Leslie Malone), or cancel the March luncheon.

Action 2: Firm up Mac MacLeod's participation for 21 May, and get an abstract for his talk (Ann McMillan)

Action 3: Follow up with CACOR on a possible joint session in October 2015; CACOR contact for this is Madeleine Aubrey, president of CACOR at madarte@gmail.com (Bob Jones)

5. Student support request: Denis Bourque (by correspondence) informed the group that Steve Guillemette, a Geography Teacher at the Canterbury High School, had recently requested the consideration of the Ottawa Centre Executive for financial support for one high school student to participate in the program "Schools on Tundra" by ArcticNet. The student in question, Zoe Perkins, is a grade A+ student with very good social skills, and she is already active in the Climate Change field. She was in the local news, lately. (See: <http://www.ottawacommunitynews.com/news-story/5188449-inuit-leaders-researchers-connect-ottawa-high-school-students-to-arctic-issues/>). The cost of her participation is estimated at 2600 CAD, so a contribution from the Ottawa Centre to the Canterbury HS would be very helpful.

Given that a similar request had been approved in 2012 (the participation at that time fell through because of a teacher's 'work-to-rule' situation) and given the mandate of the Centre to support education, the Executive decided to support this, subject to certain conditions, and to be prepared to offer financial support of 1000 CAD. The conditions to be met are, namely:

- Confirmation of the application from and subsequent successful selection of the student from Canterbury High School by ArcticNet's "Schools on Tundra" program;
- The agreement of the selected student to write a report to the CMOS Ottawa Chapter on the student's experiences and programme activity with ArcticNet; and
- The agreement of the selected student to provide a 30-minute presentation to the CMOS Ottawa Chapter at one of its regular luncheon presentations highlighting the student's arctic exploration adventures and related experiences and including a presentation of photos.

The Centre Executive agreed to take the following actions:

Action 4: Contact Mr Guillemette, inform him of the decision of the Ottawa Centre, provide the above-noted conditions, and ask that he provide information relevant to (eventual) transfer of the funds by the Ottawa Centre Treasurer (Denis Bourque).

6. Other business:

The meeting was informed that the Annual Report had been submitted to CMOS National on 14 February, on time.

Regarding the status of finding volunteers for the National executive, Martha Anderson informed the Executive (shortly after the meeting) that the known candidates (so far) for the various positions are as follows: President: Martha Anderson; VP: Marty Taillefer; Recording Secretary: Marie-France Gauthier; Corresponding Secretary: Fiona Robertson; Treasurer: Boumy Sayavong.

Yvon Bernier noted that he has contacted Marty Taillefer regarding transfer of the 600 CAD for the Ottawa Science fair and that Ann McMillan has contacted CMOS national to provide the matching funds.

Yvon Bernier informed the group that Canada has recently been in the news on climate change. On February 13, 2015, Mr. Gordon McBean, President of the International Council for Science and Co-Chair of the Future Earth Governing Council, announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Shrivastava (formerly a professor emeritus and director of the David O'Brien Centre for Sustainable Enterprise at Concordia University's John Molson School of Business) to head the Global Secretariat of Future Earth, the global research platform providing the knowledge and support to accelerate transformations to a sustainable world. Dr. Shrivastava now oversees the Future Earth Global Secretariat, comprised of five global hubs—in Montréal (Canada), Paris (France), Tokyo (Japan), Stockholm (Sweden) and Boulder (USA). These will be supported by regional hubs in the Middle East, North Africa, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Further information on this initiative can be found at: <http://www.frq.gouv.qc.ca/en/nouvelles/mr-paul-shrivastava-appointed-executive-director-future-earth-international-organization>.

No other items were tabled for discussion.

7. 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
19 March 2015	TBD. See Action 1 above.	various	In planning
16 April 2015	Charles Hannah, CMOS Tour speaker	CMOS National, Ann McMillan	Confirmed, awaiting abstract
21 May 2015	Mac MacLeod	Ann McMillan	In planning
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):

- 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
- Mark Richardson, proposed by Wayne Richardson
- Dr Gordon Young proposed by Leslie Malone

- Prof. Antoni Lewkowicz, proposed by Ann McMillan and John Stone
- 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>