



**Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive**  
Wednesday 19 February 2020  
Approved Minutes

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

**Call to Order:** 11:00 AM

**Chair:** Dawn Conway

**Members of the Ottawa Centre Executive:** see Annex 1.

**Present:** Bruce Angle, Len Barrie, Yvon Bernier, Dawn Conway, Helen Joseph, Bob Jones, Ann McMillan, Paul Pestieau, Michael Steeves, John Stone and student representatives Maryam Yousefi and François Lapointe.

**Regrets:** Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Ray Desjardins, Martin Gauthier, Barry Goodison, Leslie Malone.

1. The **agenda** was adopted with one addition under other business.

2. The **Minutes** from the meeting of 15 January 2020 (V.3) were adopted. **ACTION:** Bob to post the final minutes on the Centre's web site.

3. **Actions arising** from past meetings:

The status of actions from the January meeting and earlier meetings is summarized in **Table 1** below:

**Table 1: Actions arising from with status**

Item	Action	Status
From LAC meeting	David Phillips to be contacted about a public talk in Ottawa during CONGRESS 2020.	<b>Phillips accepted invitation from Bruce A. to give a talk on May 26.</b>
From January	CMOS Ottawa Centre's suggestions for future western tour speaker, to go to CMOS	<b>Suggestions sent to Gordon Griffith. Item complete.</b>
From January	Letter requesting clarification of CMOS or its ED's lobbying role	<b>Draft prepared. To be sent to Barry, Denis &amp; Len for edits</b>
From Nov	Dawn will write to CMOS National (in January) to request the matching funds for the 2020 Science Fairs	<b>Letter sent. Item complete.</b>
From January	Follow up on liaison with The Arctic Circle group	<b>The Chair has communicated with the Secretary of the Arctic</b>

		<b>Circle group. Letter to the Group in preparation.</b>
From January	Information to student representatives on CMOS scholarships	<b>Paper copies provided to students at the meeting.</b>
From January	Preparations for March Executive elections	<b>Slate of members in preparation by past Chair</b>
From January	CMOS poster files to student representatives	<b>Done by Bob J. Item complete.</b>
From Dec	Potential for an installation in Ottawa of modern instrumentation on meteorology	<b>Discussions in progress.</b>

#### 4. Update on Congress 2020

Angle reported that the LAC met on February 17, 2020. Most Congress preparations are on track; however more work is needed on sponsorships. To date, 260 abstracts have been received, and the deadline has been extended by one week, to February 22. The banquet menu has been finalized and the website is active, though greater standardization is needed. The Social Media committee met by teleconference on 18 February. A student trivia night has been organized for the evening of May 26; and there will be a visit to the Museum of Science and Technology on Monday evening May 25. The issue of liability insurance for the two music groups remains unresolved, however discussions have taken place with the CMOS insurance broker who will advise.

On line registration will be open shortly.

Procedures for student travel awards were reviewed. Applications will be reviewed by the SPC then referred to local Centres, as the students are expected to be active locally. The awards will be announced by CMOS national.

#### 5. Schedule of Speakers (see Table 1)

**Today's speaker** is Dr. Geneviève Béchard, Director-general, Hydrographer General of Canada. She will speak on the topic: Canadian Hydrographic Service: Moving to Digital Operations. Dr. Béchard will be introduced by Len Barrie. Helen Joseph will thank her, and coordinate the question period.

**CMOS Tour Speaker March 25:** Dr. Lawrence Mudryk will replace Chris Derksen as the CMOS Tour Speaker. He has already provided biodata and an abstract of his talk.

**CMOS /CACOR joint session, April 15:** The April talk is being organized by CACOR, and will be delivered by Arna Einarsdóttir, Managing Director of the National Arts Centre (NAC) Orchestra. The talk will address the Arts and climate change.

#### 6. Financial Issues

Nothing to report.

#### 7. Other business

- **Science Fairs:** These are still on, despite teacher strikes. Simon McMillan is writing formally to request CMOS Ottawa's financial participation (e.g. prizes) and judges. Bob Jones will recover the CMOS Ottawa trophy from the 2019 winner's school.

CMOS Ottawa was reminded to provide its judges with details of the dates and venue of the regional Science Fair, and information on the judges' roles. Len Barrie, Maryam Yousefi and François Lapointe will be judges at the Ontario Science Fair. Yvon Bernier and Serge Nadon will be judges at the Outaouais Science Fair. **Action:** Dawn to provide information to CMOS judges.

- **Student involvement at CMOS Congress 2020**

François Lapointe will skype with the CMOS national student representative to discuss students' roles at the Congress.

- **New Student members**

Bob Jones reported on two new student CMOS members: Ada Loewen (Carleton U), and Kenny Bal (UOttawa).

- **Installation in Ottawa on modern instrumentation on meteorology**

John Stone reported that the current display at the Museum of S&T is inadequate; however, he is concerned that the updating with modern instrumentation may be a challenge for Ottawa in this Congress year.

Ann McMillan informed members that the National Arts Centre orchestra anticipates an environmental thrust in 2021 and would like it to incorporate a weather/environment installation. Arna Einarsdóttir is ready to work with us on this, and is seeking external funding for the initiative.

- **Change to attendee registration/Doodle poll information**

In response to a request to keep food preferences confidential, it was agreed that the poll note that members can, if they wish, provide their dietary restrictions in confidence to Paul Pestieau or Bob Jones. **Action:** Update information on Doodle poll.

- **Listing of CMOS Ottawa luncheon dates**

Members agreed with Paul Pestieau that we must list our luncheon dates on the web site as soon as available, as is done by CACOR and The Arctic Circle.

10. **Date of Next Meeting: March 25, 2020**

11. **Adjournment: 11:50.**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>
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.	Geneviève Béchard, DG, Canadian Hydrographic Service, DFO	Helen
25.03.2020	Wed.	Lawrence Mudryk (CMOS National Tour Speaker)	CMOS
15.04.2020	Wed.	Arna Einarsdóttir, Executive Director, NAC orchestra	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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Info</b>
8-18.07.2019	27th IUGG General Assembly, incl. the 53rd CMOS Congress	<a href="http://iugg2019montreal.com/">http://iugg2019montreal.com/</a>
12.09.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
18.09.2019	CACOR luncheon: Promoting Ecological Issues	18.09.2019
25.09.2019	<b>LAC-7, CMOS 2020</b>	
16.10.2019	CACOR luncheon: Home Energy Technologies	<a href="http://canadiancor.com/">http://canadiancor.com/</a>
21.10.2019	Canadian Federal Election	
24.10.2019	<b>LAC-8, CMOS 2020</b>	
07.11.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
13.11.2019	CACOR luncheon: A Native's Perspective on Climate Change	<a href="http://canadiancor.com/">http://canadiancor.com/</a>
27.11.2019	<b>LAC-9, CMOS 2020</b>	
4.12.2019	CACOR luncheon: Emergency Planning and Adaptation	<a href="http://canadiancor.com/">http://canadiancor.com/</a>
5.12.2019	CMOS Science Committee	
10.12.2019	<b>LAC-10, CMOS 2020</b>	
19.12.2019	<b>LAC-11, CMOS 2020</b>	
09.01.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
23.01.2020	<b>LAC-12, CMOS 2020</b>	
05.03.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
10.04.2020	<i>Good Friday</i>	
13.04.2020	<i>Easter Monday</i>	
15.04.2020	Joint CACOR/CMOS luncheon	
24-28.05.2020	<b>54<sup>th</sup> CMOS Congress</b>	<a href="https://www.cmos.ca/">https://www.cmos.ca/</a>
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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