

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive **Thursday, 19 March, 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. Ann McMillan chaired the meeting of the Executive of the CMOS Ottawa Centre held on 19 March 2015.

2. The minutes of the meeting of 19 February 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 7) along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

4. Update on the Science Fair:

Yvon Bernier and Serge Nadon attended the recent science fair (Expo-sciences de l'Outaouais), hosted by the Université de Québec, and selected six that qualified for the CMOS prizes (there were 86 projects overall to choose from). Yvon noted that the level of environmental projects was higher than in the last few years, which is encouraging. The judging was done by the Expo-sciences organization, essentially the many dozens of teachers who supervise the kids doing the projects. Each project is evaluated by 5 different teachers. Our First Prize project was on the effects of acid rain on organisms in the ocean while our Second Prize project was on the Bermuda Triangle. Yvon presented the CMOS prizes to our winners on Sunday, March 15. A formal report was tabled. It was noted that the Ottawa science fair was scheduled for the last weekend of the month.

5. Speakers and Events:

- a) All arrangements are in place for the upcoming talks for 16 April (Charles Hannah) and 14 May (Mac MacLeod).
- b) Bob Jones and Ann McMillan met with Madeline Aubrey of Ottawa Chapter of the 'The Club of Rome (CACOR)'. The Ottawa CACOR meets normally at about the same time monthly as does the Ottawa CMOS chapter, and they have an interesting speaker's list. A number of their speakers/topics would be of interest to CMOS (and vice versa). It was agreed that cooperative efforts between the Ottawa CMOS Executive and the Ottawa chapter of CACOR would be further explored, and might include welcoming each other's members, conducting joint events, posting each other's notices, etc. The Executive agreed to keep CMOS national informed of such developments.
- c) Wayne Richardson agreed to arrange a talk by Mark Richardson for the fall programme.

- d) Bob Jones agreed to represent the Ottawa Executive at the Centre chair's teleconference on 20 March.

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: Continue to develop the concept of cooperation between the Ottawa Chapters of CACOR and CMOS, including a possible joint session in autumn 2015 (Ann McMillan and Bob Jones).

Action 2: Firm up Mark Richardson's participation for autumn 2015, and get an abstract for his talk (Wayne Richardson)

6. 50th Anniversary Celebration and upcoming CMOS Congresses:

The Canadian Meteorological Society (the precursor to CMOS) was founded in 1967, therefore the 50th anniversary of CMOS could be 2017. The 50th Congress, however, will be held in Fredericton in 2016. It is unclear which date (year) to celebrate as the 50th anniversary.

It was reiterated that there is no host for the 2017 Congress yet identified (Winnipeg withdrew, and talks are underway with Edmonton and Toronto). The Executive noted lack of a venue in Ottawa in 2017 due to national celebrations, but indicated Ottawa plans to host in 2019 or 2020, to enable adequate time to plan. Martha suggested that possibly Ottawa and Montreal could jointly host in 2017, in (perhaps) the NAVCAN training centre in Cornwall.

The Centre Executive agreed to take the following actions:

Action 3: review the 1st edition of Atmosphere to identify the correct anniversary date for CMOS. (Richard Asselin, Bob Jones).

Action 4: Contact Charles Lin regarding the possibility of Montreal and Ottawa hosting the Congress in 2017 (Martha Anderson).

7. Other business:

No items were tabled for discussion.

8. 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
16 April 2015	Charles Hannah, CMOS Tour speaker	CMOS National, Ann McMillan	Confirmed
14 May 2015	Mac MacLeod	Ann McMillan	Confirmed
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):

- Mark Richardson for autumn 2015, proposed by Wayne Richardson
- 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
- Dr Gordon Young proposed by Leslie Malone
- 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>