



Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Thursday 19 September 2019

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

Ottawa Centre Executive: See Annex 1

Call to Order: 10:30 AM

Chair: Dawn Conway

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

Regrets: Len Barrie, Ray Desjardins, Martin Gauthier, Ann McMillan, Brie Morrison, Paul Pestieau, Greg Steeves, John Stone.

1. The **agenda** was adopted with several additions under other business.
2. The **Minutes** from the meeting of 19 June were adopted with minor changes. **ACTIONS:** Leslie will finalize the June minutes; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site.
3. **Actions arising** from past meetings:
The status of actions from the June meeting are summarized in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Actions arising from 19.06.2019 with status

Item	Action	Status
2	Leslie will finalize the May minutes; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site	Completed.
3	Bob Jones (with input from Michael Steeves) will contact the lapsed members.	Cancelled. CMOS national will contact the lapsed members.
5	Denis will look into using PayPal; Yvon and Bob will investigate using INTERAC transfer	Completed. The new method of using Interac e-transfer for payment in advance for luncheons has been successfully implemented. Twenty five registrants for today's luncheon paid in advance.
5	Paul will speak with the Mess on their costs for meals for the upcoming season.	Status unknown. New ACTION Dawn: contact Paul for follow up on this
8.1	Dawn will pass on these suggestions (potential	Completed.

	candidates for next CMOS Tour speaker) to CMOS national	
8.2	Dawn will send the poster for the 54 th Congress (which the Ottawa Executive approved) to the CMOS national Executive	Completed.
8.4	Dawn will follow up with Dave Phillips on the possible talk in Ottawa.	In progress (see item 4 below)

4. Public talk by David Phillips, September 30, 2019

Tentatively, arrangements have been made to host a talk by David Phillips on 30 September 2019. This date was selected because David plans to be in Ottawa for 2 other talks on 30 Sept and 1 Oct. However, planning has been complicated by the fact that the Government has set a date for the federal election. AgCan, which would be happy to host the event in its 200-seat auditorium, cannot offer that venue until after the election. Similarly, in conversation with David Phillips, a planned talk at the University of Manitoba has been postponed until after the election period. David, himself, indicated understanding of the constraints for ECCC and others at this time, and agreed to follow up on this matter with senior officials in his department.

ECCC has informed that any effort to host the talk before the election would have to be low key and not attract the media or be widely advertised. The CMOS Ottawa Executive would very much like to strongly support David's talk and promote the core messages of the science and to promote CMOS itself. The Executive therefore decided it would be best to postpone the event and to work with David to identify a new date. The election is on 21 October, and CMOS and ECCC would benefit from having a month for advertising and promotion, so optimally a date near the end of November and before winter sets in would be sought.

ACTIONS: Dawn will contact David Philips with the recommendation to postpone and start a discussion on a future date for the talk; and, Dawn and Ray will contact AgCan to see if the auditorium can be booked for after the election.

5. Update on Congress 2020

Bruce informed the Executive that the LAC is on track and that **LAC-7** is scheduled for 25 September. Denis has set up a web site for the Congress and as materials become available they will be posted. CMOS National (through Paul Kushner) is planning to update and improve its web site and hopes to have the Congress web site linked from the reorganized front page of the main CMOS web site. The Ottawa Centre finds this potentially risky and prefers to see the current and new sites run in parallel. CMOS national is hoping to have a contact with web and social media expertise on the LAC.

At the request of Ray Desjardins, the 54th CMOS Congress will host the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology (CSAFM). Robert Lefebvre is setting up the requisite facilities for their meeting(s). Catherine Champagne is the CSAFM president (see <https://csafm.ca/index.php/home>).

It was noted that the owners of Campbell Scientific Canada (Brian Day and others) have sold the company to the American parent company. The prizes and awards that Campbell Scientific previously offered to events such as CMOS Congress can no longer be guaranteed. **ACTION:** Denis will inform CMOS national which will follow up with Campbell Scientific on the status of awards for the upcoming Congress.

The LAC needs to work on translation services and needs a coordinator for Congress Volunteers. It is hoped that contacts at U. Ottawa (professors like Jackie Dawson) will be able to mobilize students to serve as volunteers. It was noted that Rick Jones and Louis Lefavre helped out at the recent IUGG and that Elaine Moores was the 2010 Volunteer Coordinator.

6. Schedule of Speakers

The schedule for the 2019-20 calendar is summarized in **Table 2** below. All dates and speakers from September through February are confirmed. For March and April one of the speakers will likely be the CMOS Tour speaker (details still pending). The other event will be the annual joint event with CACOR, to be managed and hosted by CACOR. There has recently been a request to host the SCOR speaker at the end of January 2020 (on the 29th), but the January date is already booked. **ACTION:** Dawn will contact SCOR and inform them we are unable to host the talk on the dates proposed and to inform them that we would benefit from having their schedule well before September of the year.

The first address to the attendees today will be announcements of three recent losses to our community, namely François Lemire, Alex Beaton and Erica Wilson-Butcher.

Secondly, it was agreed that Barry welcome Gordon McBean (Co-chair, SPC, Congress 2020) and Shawn Marshall (newly appointed Departmental Science advisor, ECCC) and introduce them before the talk.

Today's speaker is Elisabeth Gilmore. Barry will introduce the speaker and Dawn will thank her and conduct the Q&A session. There is a book to present as a gift.

Meetings relevant to CMOS (i.e. meetings of CMOS Centre Chairs; the LAC/SPC for Congress 2020; CACOR, etc. are presented in **Table 3** below.

The archive of past speakers can be found at:

<http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>

7. Report on the September 12, 2019 teleconference of the CMOS Centre Chairs and Membership Committee

Barry represented the Centre at the telecon on 12 September. The following highlights of the discussions were provided to the Executive:

- The new Vice President, CMOS National, is Marek Stastna.
- A new postcard (based on the example developed by Greg Steeves for U. Ottawa) was developed in time for the IUGG in July (English only at present). It can be edited and used by centres across the country.
- The education committee needs a representative from Ottawa Centre. Sheila (as was the case last year) is interested but needs to see the Terms of Reference – the original mandate was very ambitious. **ACTION:** Dawn will ask CMOS national for the ToRs of the Education Committee and pass them on to Sheila.
- There is a 2-page document developed and agreed at the IUGG on student travel awards. A key feature is the local vetting of student applications – in terms of what the students have been doing with their local centre to promote CMOS. A sum of \$10,000 has been set up for this in the Congress budget, but the new VP (Stastna) would like it to be larger.
- The concept of working more closely with winners of high school science fairs was raised by the Winnipeg Centre. The idea would be to bring the winner(s) to the annual Congress, perhaps to include/present their posters. Practically, this could only be done locally. In discussion, it was suggested that at least the winners could be invited to a meeting of their local Centre, to bring and present their projects. Reaching out to the students is consistent with the CMOS mandate.
- The BC Interior/Yukon Centre has used the proceeds of the Congress they hosted in 2008 to install weather stations in 30 schools in the province.
- The CMOS web site needs to be updated – content in many areas is old or missing. The Ottawa centre pages are maintained by Bob and are up to date. Other centres need to

work on their content. Michael Steeves, Bob Jones and Ann McMillan are working with CMOS national on a new look for the web site.

- The Quebec Centre is likely to merge with the Montreal Centre.
- National wants to do more with social media (Twitter etc.) and invites ideas from the Centres.
- Ellen Gute is the National Student representative. Bob suggested that our student representatives might be contacted to assist.

8. Other business

- i) CMOS national will be forwarding the annual subvention to CMOS Ottawa soon – for the same amount as for last year (\$831).
- ii) Student travel awards – discussion on this is postponed to the October meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting: October 17, 2019

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 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 Béchard, DG, Canadian Hydrographic Service, DFO	Helen
18.03.2020	Wed.	TBD (CMOS National Tour Speaker?)	
15.04.2020	Wed.	TBD (joint with CACOR?)	

NB: All the above-noted dates for the 2019-20 season (September through April) have been booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa. 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	
07.11.2019	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
13.11.2019	CACOR luncheon: A Native's Perspective on Climate Change	http://canadiancor.com/
4.12.2019	CACOR luncheon: Emergency Planning and Adaptation	http://canadiancor.com/
10.01.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
07.03.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	
10.04.2020	Good Friday	
13.04.2020	Easter Monday	
24-28.05.2019	54th CMOS Congress	https://www_cmos.ca/
06.06.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs meeting	

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

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