



**Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive**  
Wednesday 20 November 2019  
Approved Minutes

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

**Call to Order:** 10:30 AM

**Chair:** Barry Goodison

**Present:** Bruce Angle, Len Barrie, Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Ray Desjardins, Barry Goodison, Bob Jones, Leslie Malone, Michael Steeves.

**Regrets:** Dawn Conway, Martin Gauthier, Helen Joseph, Ann McMillan, Paul Pestieau, John Stone

1. The **agenda** was adopted.
2. The **Minutes** from the meeting of October 17 were adopted subject to minor editing.  
**ACTIONS:** Leslie will finalize the Oct 17 minutes and Bob will post the final minutes on the Centre's web site.

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

The status of actions from the October meeting is summarized in **Table 1** below:

**Table 1: Actions arising from 17.10.2019 with status**

Item	Action	Status
2	Leslie will finalize the September minutes; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site	<b>Completed.</b>
3	Dawn will follow up with Dave Phillips on an alternate date for a public talk in Ottawa.	<b>In progress. No new information is available.</b>
3	SCOR speaker – alternative host	<b>No further information</b>
3	Changes to cost of meals for luncheons	<b>Still pending. See item 7 below. Further discussion is deferred until January 2020.</b>

#### 4. Update on Congress 2020

Bruce Angle noted that the next meeting (LAC-9) would be on 27 November 2019.

Updates on progress included:

- At LAC-8, decisions included that there would be no condensed book developed; some materials that used to be put in conference bags would be posted online instead.
- The call for sessions went out on 4 November. There was concern that the distribution was not as wide as it should have been.
- A 'Save-the-Date' was sent to government departments, the private sector and to David Fissel (LAC, Vancouver Island Centre). It is not known how widely this information is disseminated within departments and organizations.
- The web site has been launched and will start being populated with information as it becomes available. Denis Bourque, Bob Jones and Mike Manore are key contacts for the web work, and Chantal McCartin will assist with the programming. The call for sessions proposals has been loaded, and Bob has posted it on Facebook.
- A meeting of the Management Group of the WMO Technical Commission on Agricultural Meteorology (CAGM), 20-40 people, is being planned to coincide with the Congress. Bob Stefanski (WMO) is coordinating this with the LAC. The LAC is considering asking such groups meeting during the Congress to pay a flat fee towards coffee breaks, etc.
- Gordon McBean has contacted the Association for Public Service Executives (APEX).
- The registration fees for the Ottawa Congress will show slightly higher amounts in some categories than at the Halifax Congress.
- A welcome letter has been drafted and will be signed by various officials including the Prime Minister. The Algonquin nation will be asked to give a blessing. There is some interest in inviting local MPs with an interest in the environment and in resilience.
- There is a need for translated materials for the exhibitors.
- The SPC will call for abstracts soon. This will go out by e-mail and will be posted online in both official languages.
- CMOS National will discuss student travel awards on 5 December. Denis noted that the awards are a subsidy – a small amount (fixed) goes to each recipient and is not sufficient to cover registration and travel costs. The overall pot of money for this is small. It is expected to have over 200 applicants, but there is likely only enough money to make an award to about 40 students. Some kind of criteria should be used in the selection process, and regional balance should be a goal. The Ottawa Centre agreed that there needs to be guidelines to support these decisions and asked Bruce to convey this to CMOS national.

#### 5. Expo-sciences régionale de l'Outaouais and the Ottawa Science Fair 2020

Yvon Bernier reminded the Executive that CMOS Ottawa must write to CMOS National early in 2020 to request \$450 in matching funds for its contribution to the two regional science fairs. **ACTION:** Dawn will write to CMOS National in January to request the matching funds.

The executive discussed the possibility of inviting the local science fair winners to present their posters/projects at the 54<sup>th</sup> Congress. In discussion the Executive noted concerns including that the high schools would still be in session, possibly writing exams, and that participating in the Congress might be intimidating to the students. On the other hand, if the objective is to give the students an opportunity to have their projects shown to a wider audience and to have a chance to get some feedback and encouragement and advice – then perhaps a better environment could be at the Ottawa Centre level. This will be further discussed in a subsequent meeting.

## 6. Schedule of Speakers

Ray Desjardins is the speaker today (20 Nov) on the topic of *Agrometeorology, Then and Now*. Barry agreed to introduce the speaker and Bob agreed to manage the Q&A session.

There will be multiple CMOS Tour Speakers this year – the authors of the ECCCC Canada's Changing Climate Report<sup>1</sup> (see <https://changingclimate.ca/CCCR2019/>). One of the authors will be chosen to speak in Ottawa, based on availability on the date (18 March 2020). ECCCC will inform Dawn once the decision has been made.

## 7. Financial matters

The new payment method (e-transfer) is working well. More than three quarters of attendees today used this method and paid in advance.

With respect to the costs of luncheons, the Executive noted that it is possible (now that we are using e-transfer) to raise fees by a small amount (e.g. \$2.50) if it is agreed to take that step. Charging members less than non-members for luncheons could be an issue related to retaining charitable status. It was decided to defer further discussion on this matter until January 2020.

As has been the case for some years, the amounts to be given out at the 2020 science fairs will be \$900. Of this, \$300 goes to the winners of the Expo-sciences régionale de l'Outaouais (which has other financial support) and \$600 goes to the Ottawa Science Fair, with \$300 to the winners and \$300 to the organizers.

## 8. Other business

The next election for the Ottawa Executive was discussed. Given that there will be no meeting in May because of the Congress, it is most likely that the election will take place at the September 2020 luncheon meeting.

Bob informed the meeting that Greg Steeves had written to formally step down as student representative, given that he graduated in 2019 and is no longer a student. Greg's note also indicated he would be willing to continue as a Member-at-Large on the Executive. Two persons currently enrolled at U. Ottawa, Maryam Yousefi and François Lapointe, have indicated willingness to become the new student representatives for U. Ottawa and the Executive agreed that both should be asked to take on the role. **ACTION:** Bob will contact both students and invite them to become the new U. Ottawa student representatives.

At the recent meeting of the Centre Chairs, it was made clear that some centres are struggling to survive on their own and are looking to merge with larger centres. The largest membership groups in CMOS at present are academic, students and retirees – sustainability of interest in and support for the Centres is at risk. This Centre (Ottawa) would strongly recommend re-engagement of those still employed in government and in the private sector to strengthen the Centres and CMOS itself.

## 9. Date of Next Meeting: December 18, 2019

The next scheduled speaker has yet to provide the title of her talk and abstract.

**ACTION:** Barry will contact Nancy Hamzawi to finalize arrangements.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

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<sup>1</sup> Recommended Citation: Bush, E. and Lemmen, D.S., editors (2019): Canada's Changing Climate Report; Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON. 444 p.

**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.	Genevieve Béchard, DG, Canadian Hydrographic Service, DFO	Helen
18.03.2020	Wed.	TBD (CMOS National Tour Speaker?)	
15.04.2020	Wed.	TBD (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>	
09.01.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
05.03.2020	CMOS Centre Chairs & Membership meeting	
10.04.2020	Good Friday	
13.04.2020	Easter Monday	
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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