

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Thursday, 20 October, 2016
Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa

Present: Martin Gauthier (Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Ann McMillan (past Chair), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large) and Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Leslie Malone (Secretary), Zoé Kuntz (student representative, U. Ottawa), Greg Steeves (new student representative, U. Ottawa).

Unable to attend: Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large) and Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton).

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM. It was noted that Wayne Richardson had formally resigned due to his new role as vice president of CMOS National. The Executive warmly appreciated his years of contribution to the Ottawa Executive, and it was agreed that Wayne would be thanked publicly by Martin before today's talk.

Proceedings:

1. The agenda was approved with several additions (see **ANNEX 1** for the approved agenda).
2. The minutes of the informal meeting of 28 September were approved with no changes.

ACTION: The Secretary will provide a final version to Bob Jones for posting asap.

3. Schedule of lunch speakers

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the schedule and status of preparations for the upcoming luncheons and speaking events. Specifically:

- a. **NOVEMBER:** Roberta Hamme (U. Victoria), the CNC-SCOR eastern tour speaker for this year, is confirmed to give her talk in Ottawa on Thursday 10 November. CMOS Ottawa will pay for Dr Hamme's accommodation (at a rate equivalent to that of the Cartier Place Suites if possible), and CNC-SCOR will cover her transportation costs for airfare, taxis, rentals, etc.
ACTION: Martin Gauthier will discuss and finalize the logistical arrangements with Dr Hamme for her visit, asap.
- b. **DECEMBER:** Ann McMillan and Martha Anderson will follow up with Dr Robyn Fiori, Space Weather Research Scientist, Natural Resources Canada's Geomagnetic Laboratory to invite her to give a talk on space weather, preferable for December, but for early 2017 if necessary. Ann McMillan will follow up with Dr Gilbert Brunet to schedule his talk on weather and climate

modeling. The actions for these are as written in the August minutes, but Martin Gauthier will assist as needed.

- c. For 2017, one speaker will be either Dr Fiori or Dr Brunet, one will be the CMOS tour speaker and, through Helen Joseph, it was noted that David Scott from Polar Knowledge Canada has agreed to speak. If at all possible, one luncheon will be held at either U. Ottawa or Carleton, to be facilitated by the student representatives. Ann McMillan proposed that Mike Manore be invited to take the last spot for the 2017 roster, to speak on Canada's new monitoring strategy (he is available January or February), and that this talk could take place in Gatineau, pending locating a suitable venue close to PVM where MSC people could attend.

ACTION: Ann McMillan will contact Mike Manore to schedule his talk (asap).

ACTION: Zoé Kuntz and Greg Steeves will seek a speaker from U. Ottawa, for a 2017 luncheon (asap).

ACTION: Zoé Kuntz will contact Marc Quintaneiro about setting up an event at Carleton (for sometime in fall 2017)

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will follow up with David Scott to schedule his talk (asap).

4. Student Representatives

The CMOS Ottawa Executive is pleased to welcome Greg Steeves to join subsequent meetings as the new student representative for University of Ottawa. The Executive appreciated that Zoé Kuntz will continue to participate for several more months as well. Greg and Zoé (U. Ottawa) and Marc (Carleton) will be looking for opportunities to hold activities at their Universities, including hosting CMOS luncheon events on campus sometime in 2017. The Executive noted with appreciation that Greg will also represent the Ottawa Centre on the CMOS National Student's forum.

ACTION: Bob Jones will add Greg Steeves to the mailing list for the Centre, asap.

5. CMOS Congress 2020

Ann McMillan is in touch with Ottawa Tourism (Katie Dolan) on identifying options for a venue for the 2020 Congress. They will report results at the November meeting.

Potential LAC Chairs were discussed. Bruce Ramsay (who has been an excellent past LAC Chair) has recently confirmed that he will take on the chair of the Broadcast Meteorology Committee for CMOS National, a position that has been vacant for several years. It was suggested that Denis Hains, who has attended several CMOS Congresses) might help identify candidates from DFO. It is possible to hire a professional conference organizer, and have the Executive appoint a CMOS

representative to oversee the work. In any case, it is now urgent to identify our LAC Chair and begin preparations.

ACTION: Ann and others **urgent**.

6. CMOS 50th Anniversary

Martha Anderson is working with the Weather Network to develop broadcast materials on the CMOS 50th Anniversary including interviews with Marty Taillefer and Martin Gauthier. The Weather network would like to capture some footage at the December luncheon. The Executive agreed, provided the December speaker would agree to it, and provided the Mess would allow filming on its property.

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will ask the Mess for permission to film during the December luncheon (asap)

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will ask the December speaker for permission to allow filming during his/her talk (asap).

7. Other business

- a) Resignation of Julian Racette, MSC PVM contact point for Lunch Meetings
Bob Jones noted that Julian Racette could not be the contact point because he has left MSC on assignment, and that a replacement from MSC Gatineau (PVM) should be found. Paul Pestieau will be asked for a suggestion and if necessary, David Grimes will be asked to nominate someone. Sheila suggested Laura Mills or Kirsten Weisz would be good choices. To rekindle the interest in CMOS amongst PVM staff, it was suggested to have the CMOS luncheon near PVM, for Mike Manore's talk.

ACTION: Bob Jones will work on getting a replacement for the PVM representative, as soon as possible.

- b) Quebec Science Fair contribution
The organizers of the Quebec science fair have requested the Centre send the 300 dollars that will be used for the prizes. All agreed that Yvon should send the contribution.

ACTION: Yvon Bernier will send a cheque for \$300 to the Quebec Science Fair organizers, asap.

- c) GIC options
One GIC investment has an anniversary date in November. Given the current bank account, the upcoming contribution from CMOS National and the fact that another GIC could be opened in February 2017, the Executive agreed there was no need to cash in the GIC on its November anniversary date.

- d) Science museum reopening Nov 2017
 Bob Jones reported that the Museum is unable to do anything with CMOS
 Ottawa in 2017, being too busy getting the Museum ready to reopen.

No other business was raised.

8. Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Table 1: Luncheon speakers, September-December 2016

| Date | Speaker | Proposed by | Status |
|--------------|---|--|----------------|
| 28 September | Len Barrie | L. Malone | completed |
| 20 October | Marty Taillefer | himself | completed |
| 10 November | Roberta Hamme | CNC-SCOR | In preparation |
| 14 December | Either Robyn Fiori or Gilbert Brunet | Martha Anderson or John Stone respectively | In preparation |

Table 2: Luncheon speakers, January-May 2017

| Date | Speaker | Proposed by | Status |
|-------------|---|--|----------------|
| 25 January | Either Robyn Fiori or Gilbert Brunet | Martha Anderson or John Stone respectively | In preparation |
| 22 February | Mike Manore, tent. | | TBD |
| 22 March | David Scott, tent. | | TBD |
| 26 April | CMOS Tour speaker, tent. | | TBD |
| 24 May | University, tent. | | TBD |

NB: All the above-noted dates 2016-2017 are booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa. The order of proposed talks in 2017 is suggestion only.

For CMOS archive of past speakers: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>

CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Meeting

October 20th 2016

11 to noon

Approved Agenda

1. Changes to agenda (all)
2. Minutes of September meeting (all)
3. Schedule of lunch speakers (all)
 - a) November: The proposed change is Thursday November 10 to accommodate the CNC-SCOR eastern tour speaker (Roberta Hamme from U of Victoria). Accommodations to be discussed.
 - b) December: proposed date is December 14, not the 21. Proposed speaker to be discussed.
 - c) Year 2017 speakers: review the list of potential candidates
4. Student representatives of Ottawa U and Carleton
5. 2020 CMOS Congress
6. CMOS 50th Anniversary
7. Other business - Round Table (all)
 - a) Resignation of Julian Racette, MSC PVM
 - b) Quebec Science Fair contribution
 - c) GIC options
8. Adjourn