

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday, 20 September 2017
Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa

Present: Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), Ann McMillan (past Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa), Leslie Malone (Secretary) and, Ex Officio, Bruce Angle (Chair, LAC 2020 Congress). Also present, pending election as Members-at-Large, were Helen Joseph and Michael Steeves. Deirdre Laframboise (CCF and CWRA) sat in for the discussion on CMOS 2020.

Unable to attend: Martin Gauthier (Chair), John Stone (Member-at-Large).

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. Dawn Conway chaired the session.

Proceedings:

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted with minor changes under 'Other Business'.

2. Minutes of the August meeting

The minutes from the August session were approved with minor changes.

ACTION: Leslie Malone will finalize the August minutes as agreed and provide the file to Bob Jones for posting.

3. Election of members of the Ottawa Centre Executive

The Executive welcomed Helen Joseph and Michael Steeves to the meeting. Ann McMillan explained the role of Members-at-Large as being quite flexible, including attending meetings and providing input *inter alia*. The Executive is elected by the Membership, and therefore the actual election of this Executive, including the two new proposed Members-at-large would take place at the luncheon.

Subsequent to the meeting, Ann McMillan introduced the proposed Executive to the Centre Members who voted in the full roster with no dissensions or further nominations. The CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive for 2017-18 is identified in **Annex 1**.

4. Lunch speakers

The September speaker is Ian Black¹, CBC Ottawa Broadcast meteorologist, who will discuss 'Weather Information in the new digital age'.

Geoff Strong has agreed to speak at the 24 October session on Global Warming Impacts - Present and Future Scenarios. This topic is included in his new book and he will have copies available². There may be a small cost to facilitating his time in Ottawa.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CBC_News and <https://twitter.com/blacksweather?lang=en>

² <https://www.amazon.com/Convenient-Mistruths-Intrigue-Danger-Warming/dp/0995288305>

Cedar Swan³, CEO of Adventure Canada, will speak at the 16 November luncheon. The topic is still under discussion. Possible themes include how weather conditions and climate affect decisions of Adventure Canada; their education programme, how Adventure Canada interacts with local communities in the Arctic, benefits to the community of Adventure Canada activities. All are encouraged to provide suggestions to Dawn Conway for liaison with Cedar Swan.

So far there has been no speaker confirmed for the December luncheon.

For the January-May talks, one will be the CMOS tour speaker, and one may be a CNC-SCOR speaker. It might be possible to have a joint session with CWRA. Greg Steeves knows Jackie Dawson and is willing to talk to her about speaking in the New Year, possibly on a topic relevant to her work on The Polar Prediction Project (PPP) Societal and Economic Research and Applications (SERA) subcommittee⁴ or on services to specific sectors such as marine transportation.

ACTION: Greg Steeves will contact Jackie Dawson to invite her to speak at an upcoming CMOS luncheon, and as well to invite her to attend the 16 November luncheon at which Cedar Swan will speak.

For details on the 2017-2018 schedule, please see **Table 1** below.

The meeting noted that Bob Jones always includes past speakers on our mailing lists (subject to their approval) for upcoming luncheons, and agreed that future speakers (and relevant colleagues from their professional associations) might also be interested to attend various talks. It was further suggested that some form of registration process (i.e. a process to sign up for, or register interest in receiving notices of upcoming luncheons) could be added to the Centre's web page. This might help broaden interest in the activities of the Centre and could lead to increased membership and participation.

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will add this topic (adding new persons to the mailing lists/outreach) to the agenda for the October meeting.

5. Congress 2020 – update

Bruce Angle informed the Executive that CMOS National had just agreed to the choice of the Delta Hotel in Ottawa for the 2020 Congress, so the venue is settled. The Centre's target for participation is about 700, which is the upper limit of what the Delta conference facilities can handle.

As a placeholder, Bruce suggested a working theme of community resilience. There might be a possibility to have some sessions in common with CCF and CWRA. Deirdre Laframboise noted that the CWRA session for 2018⁵ is in Victoria, and the 2019 session

³ <https://adventurecanada.com/>

⁴ <http://www.polarprediction.net/yopp-activities/yopp-task-teams/ppp-sera/>

⁵ National 2018 Conference - Our Common Water Future: Building Resilience through Innovation, May 29 - 31, 2018, Victoria, BC

will be somewhere in Ontario. In 2013, CWRA held their session jointly with CMOS in Saskatoon. A small session focused on CWRA matters might be possible for 2020.

6. Financial matters

a) Gratuity for meals

It is not required that the Centre pay a gratuity for meals served during the luncheons with one exception. It is obligatory to pay a gratuity for the luncheon in December. There was general agreement that the Centre not pay a gratuity except at the December event but one dissenting opinion was tabled.

ACTION: the matter of paying a gratuity for each luncheon will be discussed again at the October meeting.

b) Cash on hand and maturing GIC

Discussion was deferred to the October meeting.

7. Student representative from Carleton University

Discussion was deferred to the October meeting.

8. Summary of the last CMOS Centre Chair's meeting

Discussion was deferred to the October meeting.

9. Other Business

a. Background flyer on CMOS Ottawa

Greg Steeves has developed a flyer that can be used to inform students on CMOS and on the Ottawa Centre, with contact information. The Executive warmly appreciated the initiative, found it informative and attractive and requested that the web address for the National and Ottawa Centres be included.

b. Science Fairs

Discussion (on getting the trophy up to date and on identifying future judges) was deferred to the October meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Table 1: Luncheon speakers, September 2017 - May 2018

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
20 September Wednesday	Ian Black 'Weather Information in the new digital age'	Bob Jones	Confirmed.
24 October Tuesday	Geoff Strong 'Global Warming <u>Impacts</u> - Present and Future Scenarios'	Bob Jones	Confirmed.
16 November Thursday	Cedar Swan, CEO Adventure Canada	Dawn Conway	Confirmed. Awaiting bio. Theme under discussion.
12 December Tuesday	TBD		
24 January Wednesday	TBD		
28 February Wednesday	TBD		
28 March Wednesday	TBD		
* 25 April Wednesday	TBD Possible joint meeting with CACOR		
23 May Wednesday	TBD		

* subsequent to these minutes, CACOR invited CMOS for a joint April meeting at their venue.

NB: All the above-noted dates for the 2017-18 season are booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa.

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

Annex 1

2017-2018 CMOS OTTAWA CENTRE EXECUTIVE

Martin Gauthier – Chair

Dawn Conway - Vice Chair

Ann McMillan – Past Chair

Yvon Bernier – Treasurer

Leslie Malone – Secretary

Bob Jones – Member-at-Large – Centre webmaster and National archivist

Sheila Bourque – Educational Liaison

Paul Pestieau - Member-at-Large – liaison with Mess

Denis Bourque – Member-at-Large

John Stone – Member-at-Large

Mike Steeves – Member-at-Large

Helen Joseph – Member-at-Large

Greg Steeves – Student Member (Ottawa U.)

Bruce Angle – Ex officio – LAC Chair for the 2020 Congress