

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday, February 22, 2017; 11 - noon
RWDI Office
Suite 209, 75 Albert Street, Ottawa

Present: Martin Gauthier (Chair) Dawn Conway (Vice-chair) Ann McMillan, *by teleconference* (Past Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member at Large), John Stone (Member at large).
Unable to attend: Denis Bourque (Member at large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Leslie Malone (recording secretary), Paul Pestieau (Member at Large), Bruce Angle (Chair, LAC 2020 Congress,) Greg Steeves (student representative – UofO), Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton U).

1. Agenda

The agenda was accepted without change.

2. Minutes of the January meeting

The minutes were approved.

3. Schedule of lunch speakers

3.1 Review of speakers for 2017.

The luncheon speaker for March, Mike Manore, needs to be confirmed. The speakers for April (CMOS tour speaker) and May (Gilbert Brunet) have been confirmed.

ACTION: McMillan will call to confirm Manore's availability and request an abstract. (*Done*)

Given difficulty getting a February speaker, the Chair raised the need for a Plan B. It was agreed that Conway pursue the availability of Professor Jackie Dawson (Geography, University of Ottawa), for a possible future talk on Arctic economic development related to ecotourism. Plan C could be to take up an offer (made to Jones) from Paul Beckwith, graduate student at the University of Ottawa.

3.2 Possible joint luncheon with CACOR

Jones reported that CACOR wishes the Ottawa CMOS to host the next joint luncheon. CACOR is interested in a talk on climate change and emergencies; it also has a meeting planned for March 15th on religion and climate change. The speaker could be Gordon McBean, on the role of natural and social sciences in climate.

ACTION: McMillan to call Gordon McBean to explore his availability for a talk in Ottawa this spring.

3.3 Scheduling for March luncheon

The luncheon will be on March 22. The Chair is not available then; the Vice chair will chair the meeting and luncheon. If she is not available she will request that the Past chair do so.

4. Items put forward by Bob Jones

4.1 25 year pin

Jones reported that at least 14 people are eligible for the pin and prepared to accept it. He read the names of the people. He noted there may be 5 additional members who are also eligible.

4.2 Purchase of an Apple adaptor for use by speakers

Jones has purchased this for the use of speakers. It is kept in the CMOS locker at the Junior Officers' Mess. Members agreed to the purchased and to reimbursement of Jones for the cost (\$35+tax).

5. Regional Science Fairs

The Ontario Fair will be at Carleton University, March 31-April 1, 2017. It was proposed that Mark and Greg (student representatives on the CMOS executive) attend as judges and present CMOS prizes. If Mark is not available, Greg's father (CMOS member) could be asked to accompany his son.

Bernier noted that we provide a prize totalling \$300 (\$200 + \$100) plus \$300 to the organizers.

Serge Nadon and Yvon Bernier represent the Ottawa CMOS Centre at the EXPO-SCIENCES OUTAOUAIS; the CMOS Ottawa Centre provides \$300 for prizes at that Fair and the cheque for this has been sent.

Ottawa CMOS normally requests matching funds of \$450 from CMOS national.

ACTION: McMillan will provide the Chair with a model letter for requesting matching funds; the Chair will submit the request to CMOS National.

ACTION: The Chair will contact the student representatives to find out if they are available for the Ontario regional Fair as judges. If Mark is not available, Greg and his father will be asked to represent the Ottawa Centre. If the father is not available, Ottawa CMOS will be represented by Greg and Martin Gauthier.

A CMOS trophy inscribed with the names of past winners is with Marty Taillefer and will be delivered to the next executive meeting by Marty.

6. CMOS 2020 Congress

Arrangements are in the hands of the LAC. Angle will be asked to report to Executive meetings. The LAC should maintain minutes of its meetings.

ACTION: This information should be conveyed to Angle when he is back in Ottawa.

7. Other business

McMillan noted that we had promised a donation to Students on Ice in return for a speaker from that organization. A speaker has not yet been made available. Discussion followed on Schools on Board vs. Students on Ice. We will look into both organizations and their tour dates. The Chair will subsequently propose which organization to support, at the next meeting.

ACTIONS: Jones will look into the two organizations; Gauthier will make a proposal at his next meeting.

Bernier will cash the Centre's maturing GIC with a view to funding a couple of students this summer, on the understanding they will provide a speaker this fall.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at noon.