

**Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday, 22 March 2017
Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa**

Approved Minutes

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), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa), Leslie Malone (Secretary).

Unable to attend: Martin Gauthier (Chair), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Bruce Angle (Chair, LAC 2020 Congress), Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton).

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM.

Proceedings:

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes of February meeting

The minutes from the February session were approved with no changes.

3. Congress 2020 – update

Bruce Angle was not present for a progress report but it was noted that the Executive had been apprised that Katie Dolan was working with Bruce on the RFP and that Bruce was reviewing cost aspects. As well, Bruce has approached David Grimes to identify staff to help on the Local Arrangements Committee. The Executive agreed that it is urgent to select the venue.

4. Lunch speakers

a. Review list for 2017

See the table for the full roster for January to June 2017. The speaker for today is Mike Manore; Richard Dewey will speak at the April 26 meeting.

b. Alternate date for May speaker

Gilbert Brunet has confirmed for May 17th (this is a change of date to accommodate his travel schedule). The mess can accommodate the new date.

c. Introduction of March speaker

Dawn Conway agreed to introduce Mike Manore today.

5. Science fairs – update

Yvon Bernier reviewed the outcomes of the science fair in Quebec. It was a successful event, with many projects, a number of which were pertinent to CMOS. The themes of the 2 winning projects were on seashell decline and on biodegradable bottles.

Martin Gauthier will judge the projects at the Ottawa science fair, with a colleague (an engineer). Greg Steeves has offered to assist with the next year's science fair.

The Executive noted that the Ottawa trophy is presently with Marty Taillefer. Normally, the trophy is stored for one year at the winning school. The engraving will be brought up to date before the trophy is provided to the 2017 winning school.

6. Other Business

a. 25-year pins

Fourteen people are eligible to receive the 25-year pins (provided by CMOS national). The pins will be given out by Martin Gauthier at the April meeting. Bob Jones will personally invite the recipients.

b. GIC

As decided at the January meeting, one of the GICs was cashed out by the Treasurer on its anniversary date, 17 February.

c. Background flyer on CMOS Ottawa

As student representative, Greg Steeves has been talking to students about CMOS, and proposed development of a flyer or handout that would contain pertinent information relevant to the Ottawa Centre and to CMOS national. It would include materials from the CMOS National web pages, and the CMOS logo. The Executive warmly appreciated the suggestion, and requested that the flyer also contain information on the CMOS scholarships (with links), and that it mention that lunches organized by CMOS Ottawa Centre are subsidized for students.

ACTION: Greg Steeves will draft a flyer for consideration by the Executive at an upcoming meeting. Bob Jones can assist with getting information from the CMOS National web site.

ACTION: Bob Jones will discuss relevant outreach materials with CMOS National and recommend on updating them if needed.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Luncheon speakers, January-June 2017

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
26 January	David Scott, Polar Knowledge Canada	Martin Gauthier.	Completed
22 February	none		
22 March	Mike Manore MSC New Plans for Monitoring	Ann McMillan	Confirmed. In progress.
26 April	CMOS Tour speaker, Dr. Richard Dewey, Ocean Networks Canada, University of Victoria, on 'Recent Pacific Anomalies: Oscillations, El Nino, and The Blob'.	Martin Gauthier	Confirmed. Bio and abstract available. NB: 25-year pins to be handed out.
17 May (new date)	Gilbert Brunet Seamless climate and weather forecasting	Ann McMillan	Confirmed. Need abstract.
Mid June	Gordon McBean A joint CACOR CMOS meeting on Transdisciplinary Science for a Sustainable Future Earth.	Ann McMillan and Madeleine Aubrey.	Spring not possible. URGENT to set date and book a venue. Need abstract.

NB: All the above-noted dates for 2017 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>