



## Informal notes on a meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Wednesday, 23 January 2019

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

**Present:** Dawn Conway (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Bob Jones, Ann McMillan, Ray Desjardins.

*Regrets from all other members due to poor weather conditions restricting their ability to get to the meeting, and other reasons. Since there was no quorum, these notes are an informal record of the meeting.*

1. The **agenda** was adopted following the addition of an item under 'Other Business'. The item stemmed from a request from the National CMOS Student Representative.
2. A decision on adoption of the **minutes** of the meetings of 11 December 2018 was deferred due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **Actions arising** from the past meeting:  
All actions from the December 11 meeting (Table attached) have been completed.
4. **Report on CMOS Centre Chairs meeting**  
The Chair reported on the CMOS Centre Chairs meeting of January 10, 2019.
  - The Committee of Centre Chairs has been combined with the Membership Committee to create a new 'Centre Chairs and Membership' Committee.
  - Centre Chairs were again asked to nominate members to serve on the School and Public Education Committee.
  - Planning is underway for the 2021 Congress in Victoria. David Fissel is the LAC Chair; Ken Denman is the SPC Chair.
  - CMOS has 809 active members as of January 1, 2019. There was a discussion on new members. It was felt that while membership was to be encouraged, more information was needed about applicants.
  - A slide deck on CMOS requires updating. This will be done with input from Jones and Conway of the Ottawa Centre.
  - Project Maury will continue to be co-sponsored by CNC/SCOR. Project Atmosphere needs a new co-sponsor.

The various CMOS Centres reported on their activities. Conway will contact Sarah Knight about a Bulletin article on Ray Desjardins' Order of Canada.

5. **Ottawa Centre's Annual report to CMOS**

The draft report, which was based on a template provided by CMOS was reviewed and accepted. CMOS has asked for information on Members' terms on the Ottawa Executive. Since all but 3 positions are approved annually, this will be dealt with by a note on the report.

6. **2020 Congress Update**

A report was not provided at this time. Desjardins noted the need for sessions on agriculture, as it is a vital element in resilience.

7. **Schedule of Speakers**

b. January 23, 2019 – Frank Johnson. Jones will introduce the speaker; Conway will thank him.

c. The tentative date of February 27, 2019 is not convenient for Jackie Dawson (UofO); however she could give her talk on Monday February 25. **Action:** Jones will confirm that the venue is available on February 25 and subsequently confirm the new date with Jackie Dawson.

e. March 27, 2019 - Eric Crighton (UofO), confirmed

f. April 17, 2019 – Joint with CACOR. Dierdre Laframboise (Council of Canadian Municipalities. Confirmed

g. May 22, 2019 – pending (CMOS tour speaker?) **Action:** Conway will contact Alanna MacKenzie again, to try again to confirm Laxmi Sushama for May 22.

8. **Other business**

a. **Speakers' gifts**

The reason for this item was reviewed by Bob Jones. Members noted several potential gifts for speakers: pens; short stories by Canadian authors; paperweights; books by CMOS members Jim Bruce, Geoff Strong and others; promotional items from "The Weather Network" or Environment and Climate Change Canada; a book on air Quality by one of the Centre's Executive, etc. **Action:** Bob Jones will enquire about how to get copies of books from Geoff Strong, Jim Bruce, or Ann McMillan.

b. **CMOS activities at the IUGG July 2019**

David Fissel has taken over the Arctic Special Interest Group from Helen Joseph. The SIG will have a presence at the upcoming IUGG/CMOS meeting.

c. **Request from CMOS national student representative**

The national student representative requests information on Centre student representatives with a view to having one shadow her at the IUGG/CMOS Congress and subsequently to take over as national student representative.

9. **Adjournment:** 11:30.

## Actions arising from the meeting of December 11, 2018

Item	Action	Status
2	<b>Minutes:</b> Leslie will finalize the November minutes and distribute them; Bob will post them on the Centre's web site.	Completed.
3	<b>Promotional materials:</b> Michael will identify appropriate software that could be used to create professional promotional materials (e.g. an editable postcard), that could then be shared with other CMOS chapters. CMOS Ottawa would then recommend this to CMOS Council (through the next Council meeting) as a useful resource.	Gordon Griffith has indicated that Adobe Pro is available in the National Office
3	<b>Science Fair:</b> Dawn will send Brie (copy to Greg) the dates and venue for the science fair (5-6 April, at the Ravens Nest, Carleton University; Saturday only).	Completed
5a	<b>Speaker's gifts:</b> Dawn will add the subject of future speaker's gifts to the agenda for the January meeting 2019.	Completed
5b	<b>January speaker:</b> Bob will invite Frank Johnson to speak at the January luncheon.	Completed
5c	<b>February speaker:</b> Barry will contact Jackie Dawson to request a brief bio and the title of her talk.	Completed.
7a	<b>June booking:</b> Paul will contact the Mess and cancel the booking for 26 June.	Completed.
7b	<b>2019-20 bookings:</b> Paul will contact the Mess and book CMOS luncheons for the third Wednesday of each month (Sept-May).	Completed.
7c	<b>IUGG 2019:</b> Bruce will be online with CMOS National Executive on 13 December and will seek more information on the CMOS activities at IUGG	Completed.
7f	<b>Science Fairs:</b> Dawn will contact Gordon Griffith to request matching funds for the 2019 science fairs.	Completed

**Annex 1: Ottawa Centre Executive** (see also <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawaexecs.html> )

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## FOR INFORMATION - Ottawa Centre Annual Report to CMOS

### Ottawa Centre

Chair:	Dawn Conway
Vice-Chair:	Barry Goodison
Past-Chair:	Martin Gauthier
Recording Secretary:	Leslie Malone
Treasurer:	Yvon Bernier
Education Coordinator:	Sheila Bourque
Student Representatives:	Greg Steeves Brie Morrison
Membership & Archives:	Bob Jones
LAC Chair, 2020 Congress	Bruce Angle
Members-at-large:	Len Barrie Denis Bourque Ray Desjardins Helen Joseph Ann McMillan Paul Pestieau Michael Steeves John Stone

*Note that the Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair all have 2-year terms. Hence it takes a total of 6 years to cycle through the three positions. All other members have one-year terms, renewable at the Centre's annual meeting.*

#### Activities in 2018:

- Hosted eight luncheons with guest speakers. Attendance varied from approximately 25 to 50.
- Guest speakers included: Karen Kofeld (CNC SCOR tour speaker), Andrew Stewart, Gilbert Brunet (CMOS tour speaker), David Fisher, John Gilbert and Michel Labrecque, Brian Gray, Peter Kimbell, and Michel Jean.
- One speaker (Kimbell) presented on the September 21, 2018 tornados that had touched down in the Ottawa and Outaouais area, and on ECCC's warning dissemination system.
- Co-hosted a luncheon with the Club of Rome on April 18, 2018 (David Fisher).
- Centre executive met prior to each luncheon. The Centre executive includes student representatives from the University of Ottawa and nominally, from Carleton University.
- Participated in the Ottawa Regional Science Fair held April 6-7, 2018 at Carleton University. Michael Steeves, Greg Steeves and Martin Gauthier judged the dozen projects (of a total of 200), that qualified for the CMOS prizes. Two prizes were presented.
- Participated in the Expo-Sciences 2017 Outaouais Regional Fair held in Gatineau March 23-25, 2018. Of the 77 projects on display, three qualified for CMOS prizes. Two prizes were presented.

*Dawn Conway, Chair*

**Ottawa Centre Financial Report:**

**Balance:** January 1, 2018 \$ 13,351.56

**Plus Income:**

Luncheons (8 meetings)	\$ 5,140.00
CMOS Annual Subvention	\$ 803.00
Matching Grant from CMOS for Science Fairs	\$ 450.00
Interest Earned on GICs in 2018	\$ <u>127.93</u>

**Total income** \$ **6,520.93**

**Minus Expenses**

Luncheons (8 meetings)	\$ 6,671.49
Ottawa Science Fair	\$ 600.00
Expo-sciences de l'Outaouais	\$ 300.00
Travel Expenses for SCOR Speaker (Karen Kohfeld)	\$ 275.98
Engraving on Science Fair Trophy	\$ 113.00
Engraving on Science Fair Plaque	\$ 37.29
Stamps and Envelopes	\$ 4.75
Bank Service Charge	\$ 9.49

**Total expenses** \$ **8,012.00**

**Balance as of December 31, 2018** \$ **11,860.49**

*Yvon Bernier, Treasurer*