

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Wednesday, 23 September, 2015, 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Ann McMillan (Chair, Ottawa Centre), Martin Gauthier (Vice Chair), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Wayne Richardson (Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Paul-André Bolduc Editor of CMOS Bulletin.

Unable to attend: Marty Taillefer (past Chair, CMOS Ottawa Centre), Wesley van Wychen (student representative), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Leslie Malone (Secretary), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large) missed the executive meeting but was able to attend Mark Richardson's presentation.

Proceedings:

1. Ann McMillan chaired the informal meeting of the Executive held on 23 September 2015. The minutes of the meeting of 7 August 2015 were approved. The final version is posted at: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/Executive/minutes.html>.
2. The approved agenda for this current session is attached as **ANNEX 1**. Discussions on each item are summarized in items 3-6 below, along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

3. Schedule of lunch speakers

The following decisions and related actions were agreed and are summarized in **Table 1** below:

- a. Zoe Perkins (the high school student sponsored by CMOS Ottawa Chapter to participate in the 2015 Arctic net 'Schools on Board' programme) will be invited to speak at the December luncheon, to be scheduled for Wednesday, 16 December 2015 (**Denis Bourque**). At that session, the Chapter will provide a brief presentation on the Chapter's role in student support (**Denis Bourque**).
- b. The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) will take place from 30 November to 11 December 2015, in Paris, France (http://unfccc.int/meetings/paris_nov_2015/meeting/8926.php; <http://www.cop21.gouv.fr/en>). John Stone (Member-at-Large) has agreed to speak at the November luncheon (Wednesday, 25 November) on Canada's role in COP,

the aims of COP 21 and on how these events work. The Canadian Climate Forum may be interested in this event (see item 4d below).

- c. Phil Chadwick has agreed to speak and present his science-themed art work for the 28 October 2015 luncheon (**Bob Jones**).
- d. Laura Thompson (Doctoral student at u. Ottawa) has offered to speak at an upcoming luncheon. She works with Luc Copeland in the field of glaciology. The meeting agreed it could be helpful to the relationships with students and the universities to hold such a luncheon at the University of Ottawa. Potential dates (Jan-Apr 2016) and venues will be discussed with Ms Thompson, Dr Copeland and Dr Toni Lewkowicz (see item 6c below) (**Leslie Malone, Wesley van Wychen, Ann McMillan**).
- e. Ann wished to have someone from Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) to come to talk about the future plans of the MSC at an upcoming luncheon. One of the DGs (Diane Campbell, etc) has been proposed as potential candidates. Denis Bourque proposed that an official letter invitation should be sent to MSC in the near future, (**Ann McMillan**).

4. Partnerships

- a. The redrafted letter regarding collaboration between CMOS Ottawa and CACOR will be sent back to the Club of Rome for their agreement (**Ann McMillan**).
- b. The MEOPAR (Marine Environmental Observation Prediction and Response) Network sponsored Dr. Adam Sobel, a professor at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, as the MEOPAR tour speaker in Ottawa at the Museum of Natural History on September 2 CMOS Ottawa members were encouraged to participate in this event and a large majority of the small audience were CMOS members who reported that they enjoyed the event.
- c. Toni Lewkowicz has volunteered to assist with establishing a speaker exchange for next year (minutes, 14 May 2015). He will be informed of the possible luncheon talk with Laura Thompson and Luc Copeland (see item 4g above) (**Ann McMillan**).
- d. The Canadian Climate Forum, the successor to CFCAS, is interested in promoting climate science in the run-up to COP in November-December 2015. CMOS nationally is interested in working with them. The Ottawa Centre (CMOS) being located in Ottawa, may have special opportunities/concerns as the election approaches. The Canadian Climate Forum will be approached to see if they want to collaborate on the November luncheon talk to be given by Dr Stone (see also item 3b above) (**Ann McMillan**)

5. Bob Jones received the CMOS Neil J Campbell Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service

The Neil J Campbell Award was presented to Bob Jones in Whistler, but pictures were required, so prior to Mark Richardson's talk, Ann congratulated Bob for his award. Check the CMOS Bulletin of September 2015 for more details.

- 6. Closure.** The meeting was closed around 11:45. Participants were thanked for their contributions to the discussions.

Table 1: Summary of luncheon speakers, September-December 2015

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
2 September	Dr Adam Sobel, MEOPAR tour speaker	MEOPAR	final
23 September	Mark Richardson	Wayne Richardson	final
28 October	Phil Chadwick	Bob Jones	final
25 November	John Stone	John Stone	final
16 December	Zoe Perkins	Denis Bourque	In discussion

Possible candidates for 2016:

- Laura Thompson, doctoral student, U. Ottawa (proposed by Leslie Malone)
- Dr David Burgess (NRCan), proposed by Wesley Van Wychen
- Steve McCauley, proposed by Wayne Richardson
- One or more other graduate students from U. Ottawa and Carleton U. (to be discussed with Toni Lewkowicz and John Stone)
- DG from MSC looking at the future of the weather enterprise in Canada

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

Approved AGENDA

1. Changes to agenda (all)
2. Minutes of August meeting (all)
3. Schedule of lunch speakers (all)
 - a. October - Phil Chadwick
 - b. November - John Stone
 - c. December - Student
 - d. 2016....
4. Partnerships (all)
 - a. MEOPAR – Dr. Sobel, who is a professor at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences spoke in Ottawa on Sept 2. His book about Hurricane Sandy, *Storm Surge*, published in October 2014, received the 2014 Atmospheric Science Librarians International Choice Award. This was an after work event, held in the Museum of Nature. Most of the audience were CMOS members, and it was a great presentation.
 - b. Universities – Toni has volunteered to assist with establishing a speaker exchange but I have not yet followed up. It would be good to suggest one of our speakers to be part of their lecture series...
5. News from the CMOS National Office – Andrew Bell has left as Executive Director, but Bruce Ramsay is standing in for the short term. Let's give him our support.
6. Other matters. New initiatives?
7. Round Table
8. Adjourn.