

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Wednesday, 25 November, 2015, 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Martin Gauthier (Vice Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Wayne Richardson (Member-at-Large), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Zoé Kuntz (student representative), and Leslie Malone (Secretary).

Unable to attend: Ann McMillan (Chair, Ottawa Centre), Marty Taillefer (past Chair, CMOS Ottawa Centre), Sheila Bourque (education liaison).

Proceedings:

1. Martin Gauthier chaired the meeting of the Executive held on 25 November 2015. The minutes of the meeting of 28 October 2015 were approved without further change. 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 3-7 below, along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

3. New Student representative

The executive welcomed Ms Zoé Kuntz to the meeting. It was moved by Martin Gauthier and seconded by Paul Pestieau that Ms Kuntz be the new student representative from U. Ottawa.

4. Schedule of lunch speakers

Mark Richardson was the September speaker.

ACTION: Wayne Richardson will speak with Mark and arrange to get a copy of his presentation for the CMOS archive (as soon as possible).

Dr John Stone is the November speaker, on the topic of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the current COP 21 in Paris. He will make available the text of his talk.

The December speaker (scheduled for 16 December) will be Zoe Perkins, the high school student the Ottawa Chapter sponsored to participate in the Arctic Net 2015 Schools on Board Programme. Ms Perkins will be accompanied by her teacher, Steve Guillemette. It was moved by Denis Bourque and seconded by Wayne Richardson that the Chapter pay for the luncheon for the teacher. After checking with the staff of the Jr. Ranks Mess, it was noted that a festive meal will be served at the December luncheon, at no additional cost to the Chapter for the meals.

ACTION: Denis Bourque is to get a short bio for Ms Perkins, to use for her introduction (before 16 December).

ACTION: Zoé Kuntz will encourage students at U. Ottawa to attend the December luncheon by circulating the session announcement (as soon as the notice is available).

With respect to Christopher Harley, the 2015 Eastern Annual CNC-SCOR tour speaker, it was noted that Ann McMillan had approached CNC-SCOR to discuss arrangements for spring 2016, but it was not known if they had replied.

There were no further updates on actions to identify speakers for 2016. It is now urgent to identify a speaker for the January luncheon. It is proposed to expedite the earlier action to work with U. Ottawa to see if someone is available for January.

Decisions and status of arrangements for luncheon speakers is summarized in **Table 1** below.

5. Partnerships

- i. Universities – the actions previously assigned to develop and enhance partnerships with U. Ottawa and Carleton are still pending.
- ii. CACOR: No new developments between CMOS Ottawa and CACOR were identified.
- iii. CCF: A number of CMOS members attended the Canadian Climate Forum (CCF) Symposium: Food Security in a Changing Climate in Ottawa on November 12 and 13, 2015 and the free event sponsored by the Hill Times newspaper on November 12th, which discussed the politics of Canada's policy on climate change. CMOS sponsored a table at the Symposium, to promote its climate change statement and offer copies of the Bulletin and Atmosphere-Ocean. It was noted that the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Science (CFCAS), the precursor to CCF, had been founded by CMOS National (the funds came to CMOS and it established the mechanisms to set up CFCAS), and had reported annually to CMOS, but that CCF is not linked to CMOS and does not report to CMOS. The current chair of the CMOS Ottawa Chapter, Ann McMillan, is on the Board of CCF in her own capacity. It was noted that the new government (elected in October 2015) had not so far suggested re-establishing CFCAS. It was noted that it was not known (within the Chapter) whether CMOS National and CCF were considering developing a formal affiliation.

ACTION: Yvon Bernier will approach CMOS national to make arrangements to send them an invoice for the Chapter's half of the cost of the table at the Symposium (\$250).

6. Science Fairs

Yvon Bernier has sent a cheque to the organizers of the Quebec Science fair for the March 2016 event. Serge Nadon has agreed to accompany Yvon once again to the fair. The request for funding for the Ottawa Science fair is expected in January 2016.

7. Other business

No other business was raised.

8. **Closure.** The meeting was closed at 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	Completed
23 September	Mark Richardson	Wayne Richardson	Completed
28 October	Phil Chadwick	Bob Jones	Completed
25 November	John Stone	John Stone	Confirmed
16 December	Zoe Perkins	Denis Bourque	Confirmed

Possible candidates for 2016:

- CNC-SCOR tour speaker, Christopher Harley (proposed by CNC-SCOR)
- Laura Thompson, doctoral student, U. Ottawa and one or more other graduate students from U. Ottawa and Carleton U. (to be discussed with Toni Lewkowicz, Luc Copeland and John Stone)
- CMOS Tour speaker, traditionally scheduled at the May luncheon
- DG from MSC (proposed by Ann McMillan)
- Dr David Burgess (NRCan) (proposed by Wesley Van Wychen)
- Steve McCauley (proposed by Wayne Richardson)

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

Approved AGENDA

- 1.** Changes to agenda (all)
- 2.** Minutes of October meeting (all)
- 3.** New Student Representative
- 4.** Schedule of lunch speakers (all)
 - a.** November - John Stone
 - b.** December –Zoe Perkins
Request of a 'festive' meal?
 - c.** 2016....
- 5.** Partnerships (all)
 - a.** Universities
 - b.** CACOR
 - c.** CCF – Discussion about the previous event of Nov 12-13.
- 6.** Science Fairs (all)
- 7.** Other business, Round Table (all)
- 8.** Adjourn.