

**Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday, 26 April 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), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa), Leslie Malone (Secretary).

Unable to attend: Martin Gauthier (Chair), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Bruce Angle (Chair, LAC 2020 Congress), Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton).

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. Dawn Conway chaired the session.

Proceedings:

1. Agenda

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

2. Minutes of March meeting

The minutes from the March session were approved with minor changes.

ACTION: Leslie Malone will revise the March minutes as agreed and provide the final version to Bob Jones for posting.

3. Congress 2020 – update

Bruce Angle was not present for a progress report. The Executive had been copied on correspondence on two possible venues and preliminary cost estimates. It was noted that the Hilton Lac Leamy venue was not ideal due to its being out of the downtown Ottawa area.

It is urgent to select the venue, so the Executive recommends that the Local Arrangements Committee be set up and begin deliberations as soon as possible.

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 Richard Dewey. Gilbert Brunet is on track for 17 May (Palladium Room, 3rd floor). Gordon McBean is tentatively available for June 14 or June 15, and these dates are also fine with CACOR (it would be a joint event). Ann McMillan continues to liaise with Dr McBean and Madeleine Aubrey on the finalizing the date and theme for the session.

ACTION: Paul Pestieau will look into booking the mess for the June event. If the Junior Officer's Mess is not available, Paul will look into booking the venue used by CACOR.

b. Introduction of April speaker

Marty Taillefer agreed to introduce Richard Dewey today. A bio was available.

c. 25-year pins

It was agreed that Marty Taillefer would hand out the 25-year pins. A photo of the recipients was taken and posted on the Ottawa web site. Only 6 of the recipients were available for the 26 April date. The other pins will be handed out at an upcoming meeting, to the extent possible.

5. Ottawa Region science fair – update

Martin Gauthier and a colleague, Arjun Tandalam (an engineer) judged the projects at the Ottawa science fair and provided a brief summary of the winning projects by correspondence. He noted that there were about a dozen projects that qualified for the CMOS prizes. The winners were, for the First Prize (\$200): Sathya Mathiyalagan from the Cedarview Middle School, "Ocean Acidification"; and for the Second Prize (\$100): Graydon Gould from the Greenbank Middle School, "Climate Change and Alpine Glaciers".

The Ottawa trophy is presently with Marty Taillefer. The engraving needs to be updated for the last 4 years' winners. The engraving and transfer of the trophy to the winning school will be discussed at the May meeting.

6. Other Business

a. Background flyer on CMOS Ottawa

Bob Jones is reviewing and participating in the update of the current flyer used by CMOS National. It should be available for the CMOS congress in Toronto. There is a current action (see March minutes) to Greg Steeves to develop a flyer with additional information on the Ottawa Centre.

ACTION: Bob Jones will provide 100 copies of the CMOS national flyer to Greg Steeves by autumn to support his outreach efforts with students at U. Ottawa.

b. Science Fair matching funds

Yvon Bernier advised that CMOS National had sent a cheque for \$400.00 as matching funds for the science fairs, but normally the amount is \$450.

ACTION: Yvon Bernier will ask Martin Gauthier what amount was requested for the 2017 transfer.

c. CMOS Centre Executive for 2017-2018

The current members are all likely to continue for next year, but the Executive could benefit from several more Members-at-Large.

ACTION: Ann McMillan will contact several persons to request that they join the Executive.

7. Adjournment

It was moved by Denis Bourque that the meeting adjourn at 11:51 AM. All were in agreement.

Luncheon speakers, January-June 2017

| Date | Speaker | Proposed by | Status |
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| 26 January | David Scott, Polar Knowledge Canada | Martin Gauthier. | Completed |
| 22 February | none | | |
| 22 March | Mike Manore MSC New Plans for Monitoring | Ann McMillan | Completed |
| 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 | Current session. NB: 25-year pins to be handed out to 6 persons. |
| 17 May | Gilbert Brunet Seamless climate and weather forecasting | Ann McMillan | Confirmed. Need abstract. Additional 25-year pins may be handed out. |
| 14 June | Gordon McBean A joint CACOR CMOS meeting on Transdisciplinary Science for a Sustainable Future Earth. | Ann McMillan and Madeleine Aubrey. | Planning in progress. Venue not yet confirmed. Need abstract. |

NB: All the above-noted dates for 2017 *except the June event* 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>