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Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Date: Thursday June 23, 2022, by zoom

Present: Leonard Barrie (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Dawn Conway, Ray Desjardins, David Grimes, Bob Jones, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.), Elaine Moores, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ward Smith.

Not present: Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Abigail Dalton (student rep., U. Ottawa), Frank Johnson, Ann McMillan, John Stone.

1. Introduction and welcome to new Executive members

The Chair opened the meeting at 14:00. He welcomed members of the new executive and invited all members to introduce themselves.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted (Jones, Bernier)

3. Overview of the roles of the Executive and of its members

The Chair reviewed the roles of Executive members, noting the need to identify a vice-chair; and also, to identify a recording secretary by the end of the calendar year. He highlighted agreements for sharing of information with affiliated groups. Bob Jones now provides liaison with the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome (CACOR).

4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 5 May 2022

The minutes were adopted following an amendment to item 6 to indicate that the Outaouais Science Fair had not been cancelled, but that no projects had qualified for the Centre's CMOS prize. See item 6, below. (Jones, Conway)

5. Actions arising

- a. Reports on the Ottawa Regional Science Fair and the Outaouais Science Fair are now available in the Ottawa Centre's website (archives). Action closed.
- b. Discussion of speakers for the Centre's seminar series was deferred to item 8.
- c. The Chair will contact CMOS National regarding scheduling of the next CMOS tour speaker, to avoid conflicts in dates.
- d. Renewal of Ottawa/eastern Ontario CMOS memberships: up to 94 of the 194 local members need to renew their memberships if interested and still in the region. They must contact CMOS national for this.
- e. Information on the May 11-12, 2022 Montreal Climate Security Summit has been shared. Action closed.

6. **Financial Report**

Bernier reviewed the Centre's financial status: its income, expenses and assets. A Guaranteed Income Certificate will mature in November 2022. The balance in the Centre's account was \$10,235 at the start of the year; and \$10,388 at its end. The prize money to the Outaouais Science Fair "ExpoSciences" will be held by the organizers for the 2023 Fair. Other funding is not required thanks to sponsorship support from Hydro Quebec. Changes to the Centre's financial signing authorities will be done later this year.

7. **Update on CMOS Congress, June 1-3 & 5-8, 2022; and the CMOS AGM**

The Congress was considered very good, especially the plenary speakers and the public speaker (Eric Oliver). Some key issues follow:

- Of the Congress participants, 60-70% were not CMOS members but are being encouraged to become so, with a one-year free membership.
- Two new CMOS Fellows were approved: David Fissel and Pierre Gauthier.
- The next three CMOS Congresses, held in virtual or hybrid format, will be in: St John's 2023; Winnipeg and the Yukon 2024; and Saskatoon 2025.
- For 2023, Jim Abraham remains CMOS president and Serge Desjardins the vice-President.
- Hal Ritchie chairs the Science Committee.
- The Ottawa Executive was pleased that one of its Members, Ada Loewen is the new chair of the CMOS National Student Committee. Its priority is to enhance links between students and potential employers.
- Two concerns were: (i) the lack of reports from some CMOS committees and (ii) the shortage of nominations for CMOS awards which led to a reduced number of prizes.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC); and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) have renewed their support for CMOS.
- ECCC also supported the participation of its scientists at the 2022 CMOS Congress.
- CMOS is seeking a new contractor for its website.

8. **Ottawa Centre activities for 2022-23**

8.1 The Executive reviewed seminar plans and speakers. Seminars will continue in virtual format for now, in the third week of each month.

On September 29, Peter Kimbell will speak on the May 21, 2022 windstorm (derecho) in Ottawa, its impacts and the emergency response.

In November, Parisa Ariya will speak on the atmospheric chemistry of aerosols and gases.

Dan Shan has agreed to talk on coastal/shelf dynamics early in 2023.

Ward Smith is prepared to talk this Fall on climate effects on crop production across Canada.

8.2 Elaine Moores proposed Sabah Ibrahim as a speaker. Ibrahim is Ontario organizer at the Climate Emergency Unit. She will explore Ibrahim's interest.

David Grimes raised other potential speakers: David Sills (Western U.) who has set up a new Storm Centre unit tracking storm trends and damage; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s former Chief Scientist, an oceanographer; the chair of the Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) to talk about polar Science and the

2011-2021 Decade for Polar Science. A research scientist in sea ice modelling at Environment Canada could provide further contact names.

The Chair noted that Jackie Dawson is now chair of ArcticNet and could do a follow-up talk on polar science.

9. **Other business**

Abigail Dalton, the University of Ottawa student representative will graduate this Fall and will need replacement on the Centre's Executive.

10. **Date and place of next in-person meeting**

There will be an informal meeting in late August, 2022. The first full meeting will be towards the end of September 2022, shortly after the Centre's first seminar.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 15:30