

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive 2024/2025

Date: Tuesday 27 August, 2024

Time: 15:00-16:30

Venue: Zoom

Present: Frank Johnson (Chair), Len Barrie, Yvon Bernier, Sheila Bourque, Michael Brklacich, Dawn Conway, Ray Desjardins, Bob Jones, Peter Kimbell, Mike Manore, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.)

Regrets: David Grimes

Frank Johnson welcomed members to the first meeting of the new Executive.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 28 May, 2024

The minutes were adopted by consensus.

3. Actions arising

3.1 Nomination of a councillor from NCC.

This item was deferred, to allow David Grimes to participate in discussion.

3.2 Ingenium Visit

Ingenium has held a book launch and has also held a conference on their equipment/instruments. They would welcome CMOS input on their meteorological instruments.

Sheila Bourque proposed that discussion of a visit to Ingenium be deferred to the next meeting.

4. Financial Update

Yvon Bernier reported that CMOS Ottawa has bank assets of \$5,443, and a Guaranteed Income Certificate (GIC) worth \$5,000, due in November. The accrued interest on the GIC is \$485. At some point, CMOS Ottawa will also receive its annual subvention from CMOS. Yvon Bernier advised that we renew the GIC. This was **approved by consensus**.

Action: Yvon Bernier

5. Review of the summer virtual seminar

Geoff Strong's talk was well received, but suffered a few technical difficulties at the beginning.

6. Fall Program

6.1 Peter Berry will give a seminar on September 19. Frank Johnson will rehearse Peter Berry's talk with him September 9, to ensure technical issues are resolved beforehand. He will also introduce the speaker.

6.2 Len Barrie confirmed that **David Parsons** will speak on October 17. Len has requested an abstract and biodata from the speaker, and will introduce him at the talk itself.

6.3 Dawn Conway confirmed that **Paul Kovacs** will speak on Tuesday 19 November.

6.4 Dawn Conway confirmed that **Craig Stewart** has said he is willing to give a talk. The date and other details are not yet resolved. The proposed date is January 16, 2025.

Actions: Frank Johnson, Len Barrie and Dawn Conway.

6.5 Len Barrie has inquired about the CMOS Tour Speaker's schedule, to Gordon Griffith.

6.6 Frank Johnson asked about potential seminar speakers from the CMOS Congress. Bob Jones reported there were some very good speakers and videos of talks are on line. He will review these and make suggestions as appropriate.

6.7 Peter Kimbell has identified Ruping Mo, Senior R&D Meteorologist at Environment Canada, to speak on 'atmospheric rivers'. Mo could give a seminar in February or March, 2025. Kimbell will follow up with him.

6.8 Ada Loewen proposed Professor Koreen Millard, for a session for students. She will follow up with Professor Millard later this year.

Actions: Bob Jones, Peter Kimbell, Ada Loewen

7. Updates on Science Fairs in 2025

The Chairman reviewed dates and committee leads for the Science Fairs.

The lead for the April Ottawa Regional Science Fair was Ward Smith, assisted by Len Barrie, who handled connections with the organizers. Yvon Bernier led at the mid March Outaouais Fair, assisted by Serge Nadon. Nadon may help again.

Dan Shan reported on his e-mail exchange with the organizers of the Kingston Science Fair in June. They greatly appreciate the offer of CMOS support to the students. We will be contacted by the organizers later this year to set things up. The fair will be in the third week of March 2025.

8. Bank Signing Authorities

It was proposed the signing authorities be updated by removing Len Barrie and adding Frank Johnson. This was **approved by consensus**. Yvon Bernier will prepare a letter recording the resolution on changing signing authorities, and set up a meeting at the bank. He proposed the meeting be in late November when the GIC matures, so both items of business can be done at the same time.

Action: Yvon Bernier

9. Other Business

9.1 The Chair summarized the **tasks of Executive members:**

- Dawn Conway will continue to do minutes of meetings.
- Bob Jones handles the website, membership, and liaison with the Club of Rome. The latter includes communications with Art Hunter on speakers of interest to both communities, and dates of meetings to avoid conflicts.
- Zoom arrangements/hosting will be handled by Mike Manore from mid October.

The protocol for Zoom meetings was discussed. Denis Bourque has posted information on managing zoom sessions and editing talks, on YouTube. Mike Manore might also take the editing on. Frank Johnson will send the link to Mike Manore. Frank Johnson will look into renewal of the annual zoom line subscription.

Action: Frank Johnson

9.2 CMOS Regional Chairs meeting

This will be held in the first week of September. Frank Johnson will attend.

10. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Executive will be at **1 p.m. on Tuesday September 24** and will be by Zoom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 15:40