

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Date: Thursday May 28, 2024 by zoom. Time: 15:00-16:30

Present: Leonard Barrie (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Ray Desjardins, David Grimes, Bob Jones, Peter Kimbell, Ann McMillan, Frank Johnson, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.). Erika Brummell (student rep. U. of Ottawa) from 16:00.

Regrets: John Stone, Ward Smith

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 11 April, 2024

The minutes were adopted by consensus.

3. Actions arising

These are covered under appropriate agenda items.

4. Financial Update

Yvon Bernier reported that matching funds (\$525) for Science Fair awards, had not yet been received from CMOS National.

Action: Len Barrie will remind CMOS National of this.

5. Highlights of the May 7 CMOS National Centre Chairs meeting

David Grimes reported. CMOS is discussing ways to improve its centralized activities as well as financial management at the regional Centres. With regard to Congresses, it favours having a national science committee to assist in organizing future congresses. The Impact Analysis of CMOS will be shared with the full membership at the 2024 Congress. The CMOS president, Serge Desjardins, has indicated satisfaction with the report. Gordon Griffith is reviewing the recommendations that have been made, to see how they can best be translated into action. The 2025 Congress will be in Saskatoon and will be in person.

6. Ottawa Centre Activities for 2024

6 a Review of monthly lunch-hour seminars in 2024

Len Barrie reported that the four talks in the first months of 2024 had been completed. Joanna Dean's talk of 18 April went well and she now has the recording of it. Once approved it will be put on the CMOS Facebook site.

Other potential speakers in 2024

- Peter Berry has accepted to give a talk on September 19. Dawn Conway will follow up.
- David Parsons has been asked if he would talk on October 17, on monthly to seasonal forecasting.
- Peter Kimbell will look into a speaker for a possible talk on floods, or atmospheric rivers.

Action: Dawn Conway, Len Barrie and Peter Kimbell

- Dawn Conway will continue trying to contact Craig Stewart to ask him to give a talk on November 21, possibly involving IBC's plans for flood mapping. She proposed as a back-up, or possibly as a regular speaker in 2025, Paul Kovacs, Exec. Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction. Members agreed.
- David Grimes commented that the Insurance Bureau of Canada has a flood map for Canada and a cross Canada committee on floods.
- Other potential speakers include the CMOS Tour Speaker and the SCOR¹ speaker.

Action: Len Barrie to check with Gordon Griffith on plans for tour speakers.

Action: Len Barrie will get titles of talks and firm dates for seminars. The new Chair will send speakers a formal invitation.

- Ada Loewen reported that seminars present mentoring opportunities. The March 2024 seminar had been successful and had involved speakers from industry and from Ouranos. The Student Committee hopes to organize another seminar this Fall, possibly on meteorology and agriculture. She invited suggestions for speakers, e.g. Koreen Millard (Asst. Prof., Carleton U). could speak on peatland mapping. Ray Desjardins suggested having a speaker in 2025 who could describe careers in meteorology, to encourage students to get involved in CMOS.
- Ada Loewen as Chair of the CMOS student committee indicated that they intend to organize a francophone panel similar to the one held in English in March 2024.

6 b Update on Science Fair Status in 2024

The reports on the science fairs have been submitted. Len Barrie congratulated the Ottawa CMOS members on their judging. He reported that the newly engraved trophy, and the students' certificates had now been sent to the schools. Yvon Bernier stated there was nothing new to report on the Outaouais fair, and that activity is also now complete.

Len Barrie has sent a message to Dan Shan confirming the Ottawa Executive's endorsement of support to the Kingston Science Fair. Dan has informed the Kingston Committee for Science Fairs, which responded very positively. The possibility of a CMOS award will be discussed at its meeting in two weeks. Ada Loewen commented that the students' group was pleased with this development and its potential impact.

Bob Jones noted that funds for Kingston should be put in reserve. He proposed \$500, to match that for the Ottawa Fair. (Prizes of \$200 and \$100 plus \$200 for sponsorship).

Action: Dan Shan will report back on the Kingston Science Fair at the CMOS Ottawa meeting in August.

7 Other business

7 a Update on CMOS Executive Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Membership 2024-25

Len Barrie confirmed that Frank Johnson would chair the committee for the coming year, and that David Grimes would retain the role of Vice Chair. Len Barrie would be Past Chair.

¹ Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research

Dawn Conway reported on membership work to date and confirmed the two new candidates: Mike Manore (former ECCC) and Michael Brklacich (Emeritus at Carleton U). She has solicited suggestions for oceans expertise from Savi Narayanan and Helen Joseph, but neither was able to suggest possible nominees. She will ask Mike Manore if he has suggestions from the Canadian Ice Service.

Action: Dawn Conway to continue to seek nominees in the area of oceanography.

Action: Dawn Conway and Bob Jones to prepare a note on the Executive membership to send to Ottawa CMOS members.

7 b Update on Ottawa MSC liaison for CMOS Ottawa Centre

David Grimes reported that the new ADM at Environment Canada (Cécile Siewe) might address the question of a more active engagement of ECCC in CMOS, at the CMOS Congress. In response to a question, he indicated that an ECCC liaison person has not yet been identified, but he will raise this with the ADM on May 31. He also noted that it would be good to have DFO involved actively in CMOS Ottawa Centre activities.

Action: David Grimes will follow up on the appointment of a liaison person from MSC to interact with, and to help grow the link between ECCC and the Ottawa CMOS Executive.

7 c Potential Congress Viewing Event in Ottawa

Ada Loewen commented that the planned in-person event could be during a plenary or at the public lecture. Ada Loewen and Erika Brummell will take the lead on booking a room and other arrangements for this initiative with the assistance of Len Barrie. Bob Jones is prepared to send an open invitation to members and students. All are conscious of the tight time schedule: the CMOS Congress starts June 3.

Action: Len Barrie will meet as soon as possible on Zoom with Ada Loewen and Peter Kimbell to discuss this situation and report back to the committee.

7 d Request from CMOS National for Nomination of a Councillor from the National Capital Region

Action: David Grimes will discuss this request with Ken Macdonald.

7 e Request from CMOS Executive Director for help regarding a request from Montebello for 'Ocean Day Celebration' 8 June 2024

The Chair commented that given the tight timing and the limited involvement of CMOS in the event, it was not a priority. Hence Ottawa CMOS will decline.

7 f Visit to Ingenium

Frank Johnson confirmed the continued interest of members in this site visit. Sheila Bourque could help organize the visit. The contact person at Ingenium is David Pantalony.

8 Date of the next Executive meeting

The next meeting and the first with Frank Johnson in the Chair will be by zoom on **Tuesday August 27, 2024** from **15:00 to 16:30** hours.

9 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 16:35.