

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Tuesday, 4 November 2021
Approved Minutes

Venue: Zoom videoconference hosted by the Ottawa Centre

Call to Order: 3:00 PM

Meeting Chair: Barry Goodison

Present: Leonard (Len) Barrie, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Barry Goodison, Bob Jones, Helen Joseph, Leslie Malone, John Stone, Abby Dalton (student representative, U. Ottawa); Ada Loewen (student representative Carleton U.).

Not present: Yvon Bernier, Ray Desjardins, Ann McMillan, Michael Steeves

Members of the Ottawa Centre Executive for 2021-22 and web links: see **ANNEX 1**

1. The Chair welcomed the Executive to the meeting. It was moved by Denis Bourque and seconded by Bob Jones to adopt the agenda (see **ANNEX 2**). All were in favour.

2. It was moved by Sheila Bourque and seconded by Dawn Conway to approve the minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2021, as per Version 2 of the draft. All were in favour.

3. Update on actions from the last meeting

All actions from the meetings of 29 June and 6 October 2021 have been completed:

- Leonard (Len) Barrie had contacted Dr Field to give a talk in spring 2022, and she agreed.
- Barry Goodison will update the meeting on his actions under item 5 below.
- Bob Jones has emptied the Centre's locker at the Junior Officer's Mess. See **ANNEX 3** for the contents. The materials will be stored in the CMOS Office at DFO. **ACTION:** The Secretary will add an item to the next agenda to discuss suitable gifts for future speakers (gift certificates, or donations to charity can be considered).

4. Financial Report

Yvon Bernier was not present, but he had informed the Executive on 14 October that he had received the annual subvention from CMOS National (\$831.00) and that he was depositing the cheque in the bank account the next day. No other issues or developments regarding the finances were raised.

5. Summary of CMOS Centre Chair's meeting of 2 November 2021:

Gordon Griffith had provided the draft minutes of the recent meeting to the Centre Chairs. It was noted that more than half of the Centre Chairs were not in attendance.

5.1 Congress 2022 and beyond

Congress 2022 will be virtual with the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU). It is not yet clear if the Eastern Snow Conference will participate in the 2022 virtual event. The Saskatoon LAC has received a 50 per cent refund for having cancelled the bookings for the venue and hotels. The remaining 50 per cent was left as a deposit for the 2025 Congress.

Newfoundland hopes to organize the 2023 Congress as an in-person event.

The BC interior and Winnipeg Centres plan to jointly host a virtual Congress in 2024.

Saskatoon has volunteered to co-host 2025 as an in-person event with CGU.

5.2 CMOS award for the Canada-wide Student Science Fair

It has been decided that CMOS will partner with The Weather Channel to provide a \$1000 prize at the high school level for the future national science fairs. The award will be offered for projects on improvement in the environment with a focus on marginalized communities. This is a work in progress - the agreement has not yet been signed. It is not clear whether this new award will be offered for the 2022 National Science Fair, or whether additional awards (Junior High and elementary) would eventually be considered.

5.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Policy

CMOS National has begun a dialogue on this matter and notes that this is not an easy topic to resolve. Approaches and practices are not uniform across organizations or the provinces.

Gordon Griffith is drafting a policy to be reviewed at the next center chair's meeting. He will be looking at what other groups, for example the engineers, water groups and governments, are doing in this regard. The draft policy will cover appropriate circumstances when an acknowledgment of indigenous lands should be made. Peter Jackson offered to take the draft policy and discuss it with his local First Nation's group in British Columbia. The issues could be broader than land acknowledgment and could, for example, include a recognition of shared stewardship goals for the Earth.

The past president noted that he had looked at this over time and that even within one institution there are variations in approach. He recommended a careful approach in implementing any policy.

ACTION: anyone in the Executive with ideas to support this initiative should send them to Gordon Griffith.

5.4 Tour speaker 2021

CMOS National will keep the Tour Speaker event(s) as virtual again this year and may consider more than one speaker (e.g., English/French, or East/West). One of the potential choices for this year's tour speaker has already agreed to speak to the Ottawa Centre in spring 2022. If this comes to pass, CMOS National would keep the time slot set by the Ottawa Centre and would take over organizing the talk.

5.5 CMOS Newsletter

CMOS National plans to create the proposed newsletter and want one coordinator for each region who will solicit stories from the Centres. It is expected to publish every two months, therefore it is not a good vehicle for time-sensitive information. The Centre Chairs expressed considerable concern over proceeding with a new product while there is so much attention needed for the CMOS website, and agreed they need a more extensive discussion on communications. This will be on the agenda for the next Centre Chairs' meeting.

In discussion, the Ottawa Centre Executive noted:

- Information that is time-sensitive (like job postings) can be most quickly and broadly shared using social media or (perhaps even better) the web site or via e-mail (e.g. list servers like cryo-list) and job boards (e.g. APECS);
- The CMOS National Student Committee might have useful and relevant input to the Centre Chairs discussion on communications – can they be invited to provide such input?;
- If CMOS follows through with plans to appoint a director of communications, that person could be directly involved in looking at issues of content and synchronization across the various communications vehicles;

- The Centre would find it helpful if there was a concrete plan for CMOS communications and management thereof – an organized and clear plan that includes the human and financial requirements for establishing and running the various platforms, developing and managing the content for all platforms, and fixing up the website as a priority. The Centre would benefit from knowing how the ‘regions’ will be defined for the proposed newsletter and what kind of content will be solicited and is unable to propose a candidate to take part in developing content for the proposed newsletter until knowing such information.

6. Speakers for the Centre’s 2021-2022 season

6.1 Review of the Betts talk, 21 October 2021

Denis Bourque provided his report on participation in the Alan Betts talk, noting that 50 screens attended the session; 27 (54%) of these were CMOS members; and 14 (28%) were Students (3 of these students are amongst the 27 CMOS Members). He added that 82 registrations were recorded (therefore, 61% attended), i.e. 32 Registrants failed to attend, of which 12 were CMOS members and 10 were students (1 of these 10 students is a CMOS member).

Denis also informed the Executive of the number of views for our 2020-21 YouTube Videos. As of 3 November 2021, there have been 44 views of the You Tube video of the Delisle and Kimbell talk (23 Sept), and 43 views of the Betts talk (21 Oct).

While not exactly straightforward, there is a way to send a reminder to registrants for a talk, on the day of that talk. He plans to send such a reminder on the morning of the upcoming talk by Stephan Gruber.

6.2 Final schedule for the 2021-22 season

The next speaker will be Stephen Gruber. Barry Goodison will introduce the speaker and Helen Joseph will manage the questions and answers.

Now that the Centre’s schedule is complete (see **Table 1** below), the Executive discussed and agreed to advertising all of the talks on our website in addition to the one coming up next. **ACTIONS:** Bob Jones will add the table of all upcoming talks onto the Ottawa Centre web page; will share information on our upcoming talks with Gordon Griffiths to put in the news and upcoming events section on the CMOS Web page; and will ask CMOS National about the feasibility of using their social media for advertising the upcoming talks. The Executive would like a tweet sent out about the upcoming Gruber talk to see if it has any effect on registrations and participation. If effective, the spring talks can be advertised by tweet in the New Year. Bob will confirm whether all these postings need to be translated and whether any need to be removed once the event is over.

Noting that the talk by Eric Oliver will be co-hosted with the Halifax Centre, Helen Joseph asked whether we should also invite the Newfoundland/Labrador Centre to co-host. The Executive agreed. **ACTION:** Helen Joseph will talk to the Newfoundland Centre about Co-hosting the Eric Oliver talk. Helen warmly thanked Ada Loewen for the suggestion to contact Eric Oliver.

The Executive is asked to forward ideas for the next season’s speaking events to the Secretary as and when possible.

7. Other business

John Stone asked about the relationship between CMOS and the Weather Network. The Executive agreed it would be good to know more about this, especially as CMOS and the Weather Network will be collaborating on the new Science Fair award. It was agreed to ask Jim Abraham to sit in on the next meeting of the Ottawa Executive, for about 10-15 minutes, on this

matter. **ACTION:** Barry Goodison will invite Jim Abraham to participate in a segment of the Centre's next Executive meeting.

The Executive welcomed the launch on 1 November 2021 of the Canadian Association of Professionals in Climate Change (CAPCC) and that it aims to be a trans-disciplinary scientific community.

Table 1: Speakers/talks, 2020-21 season, Ottawa Centre (as of 4 Nov 2021)

Date	Day	Speaker	Title	Liaison
23.09.2021	Thurs	Barbara Delisle and Peter Kimbell	Canadian Weather Radar - Public Display Update and Plans for Upgrading Franktown Site	Bob Jones
21.10.2021	Thurs	Dr. Alan Betts	Science and Society Challenges	Ray Desjardins
18.11.2021	Thurs	Dr. Stephan Gruber	Toward Permafrost Climate Services	Ada Loewen
16.12.2021			No talk will be scheduled	
20.01.2022		Trevor Andersen and Astrid Schetselaar (students of Chris Burn)	Trevor Andersen: Storm force winds in Hurricane Alley, KM 450-465, Dempster Highway, Yukon; Astrid Schetselaar: Increases in maintenance costs for highways due to climate change in Yukon.	Ada Loewen
17.02.2022		Dr. Elyn Humphreys	Peatland/tundra methane flux studies	Ada Loewen, Ray Desjardins
17.03.2022		Dr. Eric Oliver	Experiences bridging knowledge systems (ocean science and Inuit Knowledge) in coastal Nunatsiavut <i>NB: Talk to be hosted jointly by the Ottawa and Halifax Centres</i>	Helen Joseph
21.04.2022		Dr Ellen Field	Role of Education in Climate Action: Research-informed engagement	Leonard Barrie
XX.XX.2022		CMOS Tour speaker - TBC		CMOS National

8. Date of Next Meeting of the Ottawa Centre Executive

The next meeting of the CMOS Centre Chairs will be on Tuesday, 4 January 2022. The next meeting for the Ottawa Centre will take place, by Zoom, on Thursday, 6 January, 2022, at 14:30 by Zoom.

ACTION: the Secretary will include a discussion on the 2021 Annual Report on the agenda for the January meeting.

9. Adjournment

The Chair thanked all for their participation and contributions to the discussions. The meeting adjourned at 17:03.

ANNEX 1: Ottawa Centre Executive 2021-22 (<https://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawaexecs.html>)

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Links:

The Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society: <https://www.cmos.ca/>

CMOS Ottawa Centre: <https://www.cmos.ca/site/ottawa>

Archived materials: https://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/index_ottawa_archives.html

ANNEX 2

AGENDA, 4 Nov. 2021

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2021**
3. **Update on actions from the last meeting(s)**

Action items from the 6 October meeting (and the 29 June meeting) with status:

Agenda item	Assigned To	To do	Status
8.5, 29.06	Bob Jones	Clear out the locker at the Mess	Completed 13.10.2021
5, 06.10	Barry Goodison	Provide feedback on the proposed CMOS Newsletter to Serge Desjardins	Completed
6, 06.10	Barry Goodison	Provide feedback on the proposed CMOS Science Fair award to Serge Desjardins	Completed
9.1, 06.10	Len Barrie	Contact Dr Field re giving a talk	Completed
9.3, 06.10	Barry Goodison	Contact Gordon Griffith for advice on providing anti-bias statements or any related to aboriginal lands	Completed

4. **Financial Statement and Status of Investments**
5. **Summary of CMOS Centre Chair's meeting of 2 November 2021:**
 - Congress 2022 and beyond
 - CMOS award for the Canada-wide Student Science Fair
 - Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Policy
 - Tour speaker 2021
 - CMOS Newsletter
6. **Speakers 2021-2022 season for the Ottawa Centre**
 - 6.1 Review of the Betts talk on 21 October
 - 6.2 Final schedule for the 2020-21 season (see Table 1)
7. **Other business**
TBD
8. **Date of Next Meeting of the Ottawa Centre Executive**
9. **Adjournment**

ANNEX 3

Inventory of Items from Mess Locker – 14 October 2021

1. Four hardcover books intended as speaker gifts – Convenient Mistruths by Geoff Strong and three old Morley Thomas Books. All could be returned to the CMOS Office – would be very expensive to mail.
2. Our sign for Meeting Location on the 4th floor (bilingual)
3. Logitech remote slide changer and laser pointer (old batteries removed)
4. One VGA cable with gender reverser attached (for attaching to Mess VGA cable and input – allowing enough length to reach laptop in use).
5. Two VGA converters; one VGA – USB and the other VGA – Apple to accommodate speaker's laptops brought to meetings
6. One 25-year pin with presentation case. Should be returned to supply in CMOS Office – from which we can draw anytime we need.