



Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Date: Tuesday February 7, 2023, by zoom

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Present: Leonard Barrie (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Ray Desjardins, Frank Johnson, Bob Jones, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.), Ann McMillan, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ward Smith, John Stone

Not present: Abigail Dalton (student rep., U. Ottawa), David Grimes, Elaine Moores,

1 Adoption of the agenda

John Stone informed members of four talks on weather history organized by The History Department of Carleton University. He will send information on these to the Ottawa CMOS executive.¹

Action: John Stone

The agenda was subsequently adopted.

2 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 29 November, 2022

The minutes were adopted. (Moved Bob Jones; Seconded Denis Bourque).

3 Actions arising

- Annual Financial Reporting Review: At the CMOS Centres meeting, Len Barrie reported that the Ottawa Centre generally favoured the Executive Director(ED)'s option 2: that the ED verify Centre accounts with the respective Treasurer. He also mentioned the third option: that a second person from the Centre verify accounts with its Treasurer.
- Promotion of monthly virtual seminars: A small group (Bob Jones, Denis Bourque and Len Barrie) had considered ways to better promote seminar awareness and user access. The website was updated.
- Posting of awards to CMOS members: Awards to Ray Desjardins and David Grimes have now been posted. We also have a new item on the Web listing all Order of Canada awards to CMOS recipients.
- Provision of CMOS-CACOR agreement to CMOS National: Done by Bob Jones.

4 Annual Report of Centre to CMOS

4.1 Len Barrie is preparing this and Bob Jones will review the input. Yvon Bernier has provided the financial statement.

Action: Len Barrie will submit the report to CMOS National by the February 15 deadline.

¹ <https://carleton.ca/history/news/shannon-lectures-winter-2023/>

4.2 Update on Finances Yvon Bernier reviewed the elements of the Centre's financial activities: inputs and expenses. Current assets equal \$11,076, which is composed of the bank balance plus a Guaranteed Income Certificate.

5. Ottawa Centre Activities for 2022-2023

5 a Len Barrie reviewed the list of confirmed upcoming seminars speakers:

Dan Shan	February 23, 2023
Igor Shkvorets	March 23, 2023
Yifeng Wang	April 20, 2023
Sabah Ibrahim	September 21, 2023 (postponed from Jan 2023)
David Sills	October 2023
t.b.c.	November 2023

David Grimes is identifying other possible speakers for the Fall. Sheila Bourque suggested CMOS Congress plenary speakers be considered, if appropriate.

Action: Len Barrie will contact the CEO of the Oceanographic equipment company RBR.

5 b Brainstorming session on CMOS

Len Barrie reported that the brainstorming idea on strategies to reform/rebrand CMOS had been discussed at the Centre Chairs' meeting. He presented the background document and reviewed the list of points raised, inviting feedback. Several members commented on the points, raising the following issues:

- The need to focus recruitment efforts on youth
- The interests of specific groups, e.g., accreditation of media broadcasters
- Training plans for new weather forecasters, with courses being held in Edmonton and Montreal
- The need to demonstrate how CMOS areas are relevant to careers
- A possible name change, to rebrand CMOS.

It was noted that MSC is recruiting meteorologists via a website.² Ada Loewen informed members a Job Fair would be held at the next CMOS Congress.

Dawn Conway questioned the need for a new name for CMOS, and proposed CMOS use working groups to promote interest in specific areas. The Chair wondered how climate and environment are handled by other societies. Ann McMillan noted the interest of engineers in accrediting professionals. Sheila Bourque mentioned the need to consider the mandate boundaries of other societies.

Action: Members will send comments to Len Barrie quickly, as the session is on February 9. The Chair will brief the executive on the highlights of the CMOS brainstorming after it has taken place.

5 c Science Fair updates

Yvon Bernier recently received information on the Outaouais science fair. The element for secondary school students will be March 31 to April 2; the elementary level fair will be held May 14. Hydro-Québec remains the main sponsor. The organizers accept that

² [Meteorologist Occupational Training Program: MT-01, MT-02, and MT-03 \(cfp-psc.gc.ca\)](http://cfp-psc.gc.ca)

CMOS contribute to student prizes and do some promotion at the event. They suggest we contribute an extra \$200 for promotion, and would display the CMOS logo in the program and website. Yvon Bernier noted that promotion activities would require a presence on site, to answer questions or distribute materials; however, we do not have many promotional documents and neither he, nor Serge Nadon, is able to invest extra time at the event.

The executive was favourable to investing the extra \$200 to enhance our visibility but felt that no specific promotional efforts need be made this year, though they could be considered (with the assistance of another CMOS member) in the future.

The CMOS logo will be on the website for the Ottawa Regional Science Fair, in recognition of our contribution. CMOS judges at ORSF will remain Len Barrie (lead), Ray Desjardins and Ada Loewen. (Abigail Dalton is unavailable.) Len Barrie will report back to the Ottawa Executive after the event, which is scheduled for March 31 – April 1, 2023.

6 Other business - none

7 Date of the next virtual Executive meeting

The date is Tuesday February 28, 2023, at 3 p.m.

The next meeting of CMOS Centre Chairs is on March 7, 2023.

8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 16:30.