

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Wednesday, 14 June 2017
Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa

Minutes

Present: Martin Gauthier (Chair), Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), Ann McMillan (past Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Bruce Angle (LAC Chair, 2020 Congress), Katie McMillan (minute-taker).

Unable to attend: Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Leslie Malone (Secretary), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa).

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM.

Proceedings:

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

2. Minutes of May meeting

The minutes from the 16 May session were approved with no changes.

3. Update on the CMOS 2017 Congress (Bob)

The conference was well-organized and attended (approx. 557 people total including some government scientists) and had a good flow, however, the off-site residence was not filled. The rooms which were set aside did not fill-up, and this may be due to more people utilizing AirBnBs. This situation is problematic, causing financial/liability problems for the residence and hotels, and will have to be considered for the next event.

Sarah Knight was in attendance and promoting/doing communications for CMOS. The paper copy of the CMOS Bulletin is being stopped so that she can be compensated for CMOS communications moving forward. She has a list of about 50 people in the media to contact regarding CMOS public statement releases. CMOS considers it very important to provide information and messages to the public.

Because of technical issues at the 14 June meeting I was unable to give the following short report on the Centre Chairs meeting – that follows now:

Bob attended the Centre Chairs meeting for Ottawa. Paul Kushner, incoming VP, chaired. The issue of reaction to events like the flooding in eastern provinces was raised. We were told that Sarah Knight will be improving communications from CMOS for such events and

that she will be focusing on establishing lists of both key media people to contact and of CMOS or other “experts” in various fields to speak to the media in a timely way. Various Centre events mentioned in the Annual Review were discussed, Other Centres (in particular Vancouver Island) with good bank balances support students to come to Congress. Vancouver Island aided four students @ \$500.00 each. These are Centre programs, not related to the national student travel bursary program, and could be considered by Ottawa.

4. CMOS 2020 Congress: an update from our LAC Chair (Bruce Angle)

The proposal for the possible theme for the 2020 Congress of risks to infrastructure (or maybe meteorological/hydrological risks to society more broadly) is under discussion. The same theme could possibly be factored into the selection of speakers for the monthly luncheons.

Bruce Angle presented a Congress Task List for the 2020 event. The LAC is not yet organized, but a number of volunteers have come forward already. Bruce is likely to convene the LAC in autumn 2017.

Highlights from the List:

Jan. 31, 2018: Establish LAC

Sept. 18, 2019: Establish theme for congress

Sept. 20, 2019: List of potential sponsors established

April 26, 2019: Prepare promotional material

Dec. 11, 2019: Congress update report to CMOS Council

Dec. 11, 2019: Distribute and Post Call for Abstracts

Jan. 10, 2020: Congress report update posted on Feb. CMOS Bulletin

Jan. 15, 2020: Finalize plenary schedule

Feb. 17, 2020: Congress Update Report to CMOS Council

Feb. 28, 2020: CMOS Committee Meetings finalized

April 30, 2020: Finalize program and abstract books

May 1, 2020: Determine from CMOS Executive if special guests are to be honoured at banquet

May 12, 2020: Volunteer schedule finalized with detailed description of tasks

May 24-28, 2020: 54th Congress begins on May 24

Sept. 1, 2020: Produce congress report

Venue options: Bruce will visit several venues with Katie Dolan (Ottawa Tourism) on 22 June. Emphasis on getting traffic by the booths for the sponsors. Bruce Ramsay will advise on bids from various suppliers. Amongst the venues to consider are the Palais de Congres (Gatineau), Shaw Centre, Chateau Laurier, Delta Hotel, and the University of Ottawa. All have known risks (the Palais de Congress is across the river – there is public transit, but it may be considered by some to be less convenient; the Shaw Centre is very pricey, the Chateau Laurier may not have a room big enough of the plenary, and the U. Ottawa would probably not be a ‘contained’ venue, requiring people to move around different parts of the campus). The decision on venue must be in place by January 2018. The Conference Centre has been withdrawn as an option.

Action: Have a contract in place with the venue by January 11, 2018.

5. Proposed 2017-2018 CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive and election (Ann)

Ann McMillan spoke with Helen Joseph and Michael Steeves. They are pleased to come on board as new members-at-large. An election will be held in September 2017.

Action: Ann proposed removing Marc Quintaneiro (student representative, Carleton University) from the Executive and mailing lists. All were in agreement. A new representative from Carleton University will be found.

6. Lunch speakers

For today's talk, Dawn will introduce Gordon McBean, and Madeleine Aubrey from CACOR will thank him and run the question period. Martin will MC.

Discussion on identification of potential speakers for 2017-2018 is ongoing.

Martin raised the idea of having a member of CMOS meet with the Weathercaster Endorsement Committee. He brought up that Mr. Black might be a good luncheon speaker on some topic such as "Communicating the weather in 2017" (idea for title: "Sunny Ways to Communicate the Weather").

Action: Need to get dates/availability from the Mess (Paul as liaison). What is the availability for the second week in September?

Action: Potential time for summer meeting (tentative): Second Wednesday of August (August 9). Possible locations: Earl of Sussex or Blackthorn

7. Other Business

Twenty-five year pins

At the 16 May meeting, Martin presented a 25-year pin to François Lemire. This ends this round of presentations.

Awards

Two awards (Fellowships) will be presented by Wayne Richardson, the recipients are: Sheila Bourque and Ian Rutherford who could not receive their awards at the CMOS Congress.

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG, 2019)

The Congress will be held in Montreal in 2019 in partnership with the IUGG. More details regarding the organization of this Congress will come forward in the fall.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Martin Gauthier that the meeting adjourn at 11:50 AM. All were in agreement.

Luncheon speakers, January-June 2017

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
26 January	David Scott, Polar Knowledge Canada	Martin Gauthier.	Completed
22 February	none		
22 March	Mike Manore MSC New Plans for Monitoring	Ann McMillan	Completed
26 April	CMOS Tour speaker, Dr. Richard Dewey, Ocean Networks Canada, University of Victoria, on 'Recent Pacific Anomalies: Oscillations, El Nino, and The Blob'.	Martin Gauthier	Completed 25-year pins were handed out to 6 persons.
17 May	Gilbert Brunet Seamless climate and weather forecasting	Ann McMillan	Completed. One 25-year pin was handed out.
14 June	Gordon McBean A joint CACOR CMOS meeting on Transdisciplinary Science for a Sustainable Future Earth.	Ann McMillan and Madeleine Aubrey	Completed. 2 Awards were presented (Fellows of the Society) to: Sheila Bourke and Ian Rutherford

NB: All the above-noted dates for 2017 are booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa.

For CMOS archive of past speakers: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>