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Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Date: Thursday September 29, 2022, by zoom

Time: 15:00 – 16:30

Present: Leonard Barrie (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Abigail Dalton (student rep., U. Ottawa), Ray Desjardins, Bob Jones, Ann McMillan, Elaine Moores, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ward Smith, John Stone.

Not present: David Grimes, Frank Johnson, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.)

Introduction and welcome to new Executive members

The Chair opened the meeting at 15:00. He welcomed members and noted the well attended talk earlier that day by Peter Kimbell, on the southern Ontario derecho of 21 May 2022. The good work of Denis Bourque at handling the technical details was acknowledged.

1 Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted

2 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 23 June 2022

The minutes were adopted following correction of the spelling of Peter Kimbell's name in item 8, and of the number of membership renewals in Item 5d. (Y. Bernier, D. Bourque)

Action: Amended minutes to Jones.

3 Actions arising

Membership and speaker issues will be discussed under Agenda Items 7b and 7a.

4 Summary of Informal Lunch Gathering 30 August, 2022

The chair reviewed discussion at the meeting. He noted Frank Johnson's description of an upcoming ship expedition and the ocean instrumentation developed at the RBR company now managed by his son. It was agreed to pursue potential speakers from the company.

5 Financial Report

Yvon Bernier summarized the Centre's financial status. The Centre currently has \$7,121 in the bank and a Guaranteed Income Certificate for \$3,267, maturing in November 2022. Total assets are \$10,388.

Changes to signing authorities will be made once a new vice-president is identified.

6 Update on CMOS Congress and on Centre Chairs meeting of 6 September, 2022

The Chair reported on the September 6, 2022 meeting attended by himself and Ada Loewen in her role as Chair of the CMOS students committee. He noted attendees represented only eastern Canadian Centres.

Congress issues included:

- Weak participation in the CMOS Congress public lecture (93 people). Possible reasons were mentioned (COVID effect; repeat of a previous talk; limited advertising).
- The final conference for the Year of Polar Prediction (Montreal, 29 August – 1 September 2022) had 150 participants.
- Registration numbers for the joint Congress (897).
- Dates for the next CMOS congress in St. Johns Nfld: 31 May – 4 June, 2023. ECCC has committed \$25,000 plus \$5,000 for participation of ECCC staff and support of the Congress.
- The Publications Committee has not met for 2 years. Congress speakers could be encouraged to publish in Atmosphere/Ocean. There is a need for better promotional tools to encourage CMOS membership.
- Gordon Griffiths has distributed the current presentation and pamphlet on CMOS to Chairs. The Ottawa Chair has shared this with Executive members and welcomes feedback.
- One member raised the issue of the types of memberships we want and from what fields. Centres should increase sectoral representation and CMOS promotional material should consider their needs. Another member noted that students conducting research relevant to the private sector likely know the needs.
- The Executive asked about CMOS National Committees in particular, the membership of the CMOS S&T Committee (chaired by Hal Ritchie) and about the CMOS Student Committee. Ada Loewen will be invited to tell the Ottawa Executive about her role as chair of the Students Committee at the next meeting. Ada Loewen pointed out that not all Centres have student representatives.
- The CMOS auditor has suggested to the national executive that Centre audits be more 'robust'. The Ottawa Centre countered that audits should be kept simple.
- Other Centre Chairs were informed of the Ottawa talks.

Future CMOS Chairs meetings are: November 8, 2022; and January 10, March 7 and May 9, 2023.

7 Ottawa Centre activities for 2022-23

7 a Plans for monthly (virtual) seminars

The Executive agreed to skip a December talk since both the ArcticNet Annual Science Meeting and the AGU (Advancing Earth and Space Science) Fall meetings are in December. Anticipated CMOS Ottawa talks are:

- Ward Smith, October 20, 2022 on climate effects on cropping systems
- Parisa Ariya, November 20, 2022 on the atmospheric chemistry of aerosols and gases
- Sabah Ibrahim, January 26, 2023, on climate agents
- Dan Shan, February 23, 2023 on coastal/shelf dynamics
- Speaker to be identified, March 23, 2023.
- Speaker to be identified, April 20 or 27, 2023.

Ward Smith noted potential interest in his talk by producer groups and the need to inform them about it. Ray Desjardins will chair the Smith talk if available; Abby Dalton will handle questions. Len Barrie will chair the Ariya talk.

Abby Dalton suggested a speaker (possibly a postdoctoral fellow) from Queen's University for a future talk.

Action: Elaine Moores will clarify Ibrahim's expectations and request a title, abstract, short biosketch and photo to post on our website

7 b Update on status of Communication and Membership

Bob Jones noted an increase from CMOS National in the Ottawa Centre membership (88 ->102), likely due to CMOS extending a year's free membership to Congress participants. The new members may include new students. Our member total is now about 108 which includes lapsed members from 2021 who remain on our mailing lists. They will be identified later. **Action:** Jones

7 c CMOS and SCOR tour speakers

Action: The Chair will check on the dates of talks by the CMOS Tour Speaker and the SCOR speaker.

7 d Roles of the Executive

The Chair reported that David Grimes is willing to serve as vice chair, for a limited period. Dawn Conway will continue as recording secretary until Spring 2023. Abby Dalton will continue as student representative (UOttawa) until the end of the academic year, and will begin to scout for a new representative.

7 e Involvement in Science Fairs

2022 Ontario Fair judges were Len Barrie(lead), Ray Desjardins, Ada Loewen and Abigail Dalton. They are willing to continue in 2023. Yvon Bernier judged at the Outaouais fair aided by Serge Nadon. Yvon indicated they would continue for 2023. New CMOS judges are needed for both future fairs.

8 Other business - none

9 Date of next virtual meeting

The date is provisionally fixed for 3 p.m. on Tuesday November 1, 2022.

10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 16:30.