

Fifth Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Date: 6th May 2025 **Time:** 12:00-13:30

Venue: Irene's Pub, 885 Bank St, Ottawa

AGENDA

Present: Frank Johnson (Chair), Len Barrie, Yvon Bernier, Michael Brklacich, Dawn Conway, Bob Jones, Ada Loewen, Mike Manore

Guest: Michael Crowe

Regrets: Sheila Bourque, Erika Brummell, Ray Desjardins, David Grimes, Peter Kimbell, Shiliang (Dan) Shan

Introduction

Michael Crowe was welcomed to the meeting.

Members raised a glass to recognize and honour their recently deceased member, John Stone.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was **accepted** by consensus

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2025

Item 7b, sentence 4 was corrected to read: "...and on 'Innovating Ocean Conservation with Artificial Intelligence'. Ward Smith picked up the CMOS trophy for engraving; On April 5, 2025 it was presented to the school principal by Len Barrie.

References to UTube were corrected to read YouTube.

The minutes were **approved** with these changes.

3. Actions arising

- a. **Ingenium Visit** – All participants found the visit to be excellent. The thanks of the group will be conveyed to Sheila Bourque. Correspondence with David Pantalony following the visit will be circulated to all.

Action: Dawn Conway and Frank Johnson

- b. **Contact with ECCC and DFO**

There has been limited action on this, for ECCC structural and other reasons. The hope was to have a liaison person to link CMOS Ottawa with active scientists.

Action: Michael Crowe will talk to David Grimes about how to advance this action. Len Barrie will assist as required.

4. Review of the previous noon-hour seminar

- a. **April 17 Peter Galbraith: "Gulf of St. Lawrence, undergoing warming conditions & extreme events"**. The content of this seminar was of high quality; about 25 on-line, and 160 CMOS members accessed the YouTube video of the talk.

- b. **Organisation of YouTube recordings**. Mike Manore provided an update on the organization of talks on YouTube. They will now be ordered by talk title and speaker, for easier searching. The effort to better rationalize their organization continues.

5. Other suggestions for speakers 2025/26

- a. CMOS Tour Speaker: a national speaker is favoured. The benefits of a virtual talk on Zoom are of most interest, given the reach of Zoom meetings. We await details of the speaker.
- b. Scot Glen on 'Sail Drones' remains a possible speaker by zoom.
- c. Igor Shkvorets on 'Sail for Science' remains a possible speaker by zoom.
- d. Mike Brklacich on *Climate Change Anxiety; Agricultural Resilience*. Mike Brklacich will talk to Stefania Maggi (Climate Change psychology researcher, Carleton U.) about a talk and is optimistic

one can be arranged. The use of Carleton U as a venue for an in-person talk was not deemed as interesting as other sites though, for logistical reasons.

Action: Mike Brklacich and Frank Johnson will coordinate this over the next few months.

- e. **Other Speakers:** Mike Manore supported Wayne Jenkinson as a possible future speaker on The challenges of water monitoring.

It was also felt talks could be promoted as being of broader reach or interest than just to CMOS members. Len Barrie noted that CMOS had worked with the CBC to promote Peter Kimbell's talk.

The Montreal Meteorological Centre might co-sponsor a talk. Dawn Conway mentioned the value of advertising talks and links to past talks, in CMOS' magazine: "The New Wave". Michael Crowe could lead in this effort.

- f. Members discussed the pros and cons of in-person meetings. The pros include networking opportunities. All agreed with the benefits of in-person meetings or seminars. They considered the logistical challenges posed by hybrid meetings, and the costs and venues for in-person meetings.

6. Science Fairs in 2026 The work on science fairs was lauded. Ward Smith is prepared to take a lead on the Ontario Fair in 2026. Yvon Bernier will do so for the Outaouais Fair.

7. Finance

- a. **Update on finances:** Yvon Bernier confirmed that the CMOS Science Fair contribution of \$775, has been received and deposited.
- b. Ada Loewen informed the group that field work will make it impossible for her to attend the 2025 CMOS congress in person, so the Ottawa Centre's funds for this will not be required. Erika Brummell is also unable to attend.

8. Committee for 2025/26

Dawn Conway reviewed retirements from the Executive, and the names of candidates invited to sit on the committee. Two excellent nominees have accepted. She mentioned other candidates who will be approached for future executive positions. Mike Manore supported the nomination of Tom Zagon, who could also be invited to give a talk on sea ice.

Action: Dawn Conway and Bob Jones will complete a list and send it out to CMOS Ottawa members.

9. Executive responsibilities

Yvon Bernier will step down as Treasurer. Michael Crowe will discuss with him the requirements of the Treasurer position. The individuals to serve as President and Vice-president will be discussed further. It was agreed that train fare be offered to Dan Shan to assist his in-person attendance when possible.

10. Any Other Business: Michael Crowe has talked to Gordon Griffith about the possibility of co hosting the 2027 CMOS Congress with CWRAⁱ, in Niagara. The Ottawa Executive will entertain a formal enquiry about co-hosting, as one of the two Ontario Centres.

11. Date and Place of Next Meeting: The next meeting of CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 26 August 2025, on Zoom at 4pm, or preferably in person at noon.

12. Adjournment

ⁱ Canadian Water Resources Association