

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive Wednesday, 28 October, 2015, 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Ann McMillan (Chair, Ottawa Centre), Martin Gauthier (Vice Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Wayne Richardson (Member-at-Large), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large) and Leslie Malone (Secretary).

Unable to attend: Marty Taillefer (past Chair, CMOS Ottawa Centre), Wesley van Wychen (student representative), John Stone (Member-at-Large).

Proceedings:

1. Ann McMillan chaired the meeting of the Executive held on 28 October 2015. The minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2015, prepared by Martin Gauthier, were approved as written. The final version is posted at: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/Executive/minutes.html>.
2. The approved agenda for this current session is attached as **ANNEX 1**. Discussions on each item are summarized in items 3-6 below, along with any decisions and actions agreed upon.

3. Schedule of lunch speakers

The following decisions and related actions were agreed and are summarized in **Table 1** below:

- a) Phil Chadwick, giving the talk at this present session, will be introduced by Bob Jones. To aid the speakers, Bob purchased a wireless device for advancing presentation slides. Leslie moved that Bob be reimbursed for this purchase. Wayne seconded the motion. All were in favour.
- b) John Stone is confirmed for 25 November 25 to speak on Canada's preparations for COP 21, Paris, in December.
- c) Denis confirmed that Zoe Perkins will give a talk on 16 December on her experiences in the Arctic Net 2015 Schools on Board programme.
- d) The 2015 Eastern annual CNC-SCOR tour speaker is Christopher Harley. Chris is a Professor in the UBC Dept. of Zoology and the Biodiversity Research Centre. He will be speaking on "Global warming, ocean acidification, and the importance of shifting species interactions in coastal marine ecosystems". Chris would like to speak in St. John's, Halifax (BIO and Dalhousie), Laval, Rimouski and Ottawa. The time he has available for the tour is the week of Dec 7 -11. All expenses in the speaker's home town are covered by CNC-SCOR. For the tour, the local hosts (or local CMOS centres), cover one night hotel, local meals and travel. Dave Greenberg, CNC-SCOR Secretary, asked the Ottawa chapter whether these

arrangements would suit. In discussion, the Executive noted that the mess would not be available for Dec. 11th, that the December 16 speaker had already been invited and that the proposed date was between and in close proximity to our other scheduled dates in this time, which would possibly affect attendance. That said, it was noted that the topic was very interesting and would likely be of interest to students and faculty at U. Ottawa as well. It was agreed that this tour should be coordinated with DFO Ottawa, and that the Chapter could consider partial cost sharing for the speaker's Ottawa visit if it could be arranged for another time in the New Year. **ACTION**, Ann: speak with DFO on coordination with DFO of this tour. **ACTION**, Ann: reply to Dave Greenberg to relay our regrets for the proposed December dates, and to ask whether a spring date was possible.

- e) Speakers for spring 2016 tentatively include Christopher Harley (see item 3(d) above), Laura Thompson (Doctoral student at u. Ottawa), and the traditional CMOS tour speaker, leaving two speaking slots not yet identified. One could be a DG from MSC, but given the recent change in government, their time may be at a premium during the transition. It was decided to pursue contact with U. Ottawa to look at options for speakers, coordination of dates, possibly holding a CMOS luncheon on campus. **ACTION**, Ann and Leslie: arrange to meet with Toni Lewkowicz and Luc Copeland as soon as possible to finalize arrangements for a joint event.

4. Partnerships

- a. Universities – the actions previously assigned to develop and enhance partnerships with U. Ottawa and Carleton are still pending. The Executive reiterated that establishing a speaker exchange and promoting one of our speakers to be part of their lecture series would be priorities.
- b. CMOS Ottawa and CACOR are collaborating on a number of initiatives. At a recent CACOR event, charitable status was discussed. **ACTION**, Ann: ask Madeleine Aubrey for a copy of CACOR's presentation on requirements for charitable status.
- c. The Canadian Climate Forum (CCF) is hosting a one and a half day Symposium: Food Security in a Changing Climate in Ottawa on November 12 and 13, 2015. It will raise awareness, share knowledge, and drive action to address food security in the face of a changing climate. There will be a free event being held on the first day of the symposium, November 12th, sponsored by the Hill Times newspaper, which has assembled a provocative panel to discuss the politics of Canada's policy on climate change. It was decided that CMOS should sponsor a table at the Symposium, and that CMOS should promote its climate change statement and offer copies of the Bulletin and Atmosphere-Ocean. CMOS also has banners that could be used. Denis moved that the Chapter approach CMOS national to share the cost of the table (\$250 each). Paul seconded the motion. All were in favour.

5. Science Fairs

Yvon has already received the letter requesting support for the Quebec Science fair in 2016. Last year, the CMOS chapter donated \$300 as a prize to the Quebec fair, \$300 as a prize to the

Ontario fair, and \$300 to the organizers of the Ontario fair. CMOS national gives us half of the total (i.e. \$450) to subsidize this expenditure by the Chapter. The amounts given are in line with the donations of other sponsors. Wayne moved to keep the 2016 funding at the same level as 2015. Sheila seconded the motion. All were in favour.

6. Other business

- a) It was noted that Bruce Ramsay was doing an excellent job as interim Executive Director for CMOS national. An announcement will be made at the luncheon that the post is still not filled on a longer term basis.
- b) The Arctic SIG is developing a special edition of the CMOS Bulletin. Two articles are in hand and several more are being prepared. The deadline is 6 November for submission. Ann asked for ideas on additional contributions for the special bulletin. **ACTION**, Leslie: prepare a brief overview of the upcoming WMO meeting on development of a Polar Regional Climate Centre for the Arctic, by the deadline, and send it to Ann for review.

- 7. **Closure.** The meeting was closed around 11:45. Participants were thanked for their contributions to the discussions.

Table 1: Summary of luncheon speakers, September-December 2015

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
2 September	Dr Adam Sobel, MEOPAR tour speaker	MEOPAR	Completed
23 September	Mark Richardson	Wayne Richardson	Completed
28 October	Phil Chadwick	Bob Jones	Completed
25 November	John Stone	John Stone	Confirmed
16 December	Zoe Perkins	Denis Bourque	Confirmed

Possible candidates for 2016:

- CNC-SCOR tour speaker, Christopher Harley (proposed by CNC-SCOR)
- Laura Thompson, doctoral student, U. Ottawa and one or more other graduate students from U. Ottawa and Carleton U. (to be discussed with Toni Lewkowicz, Luc Copeland and John Stone)
- CMOS Tour speaker, traditionally scheduled at the May luncheon
- DG from MSC (proposed by Ann McMillan)
- Dr David Burgess (NRCan) (proposed by Wesley Van Wychen)
- Steve McCauley (proposed by Wayne Richardson)

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

Approved AGENDA

- 1.** Changes to agenda (all)
- 2.** Minutes of September meeting (all) (Thanks to Martin)
- 3.** Schedule of lunch speakers (all)
 - a.** October - Phil Chadwick
 - b.** November - John Stone
 - c.** December –Zoe Perkins
 - d.** Tour speaker (possible) – December 11.
 - e.** 2016....
- 4.** Partnerships (all)
 - a.** Universities
 - b.** CACOR
 - c.** CCF
- 5.** Science Fairs (all)
- 6.** Other business, Round Table (all)
- 7.** Adjourn.