

Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 12 pm EDT

Present: Wayne Richardson (WR), Fiona Robertson (FR), Marie-France Gauthier (MFG), Gordon Griffith (GG), Paul Kushner (PK), Nadja Steiner(NS), Tim Merlis (TM).

Regrets: Douw Steyn (DS), Dave Wartman (DW), Bob Sica (BSi), Sophie Cousineau (SC), Dominique Paquin (DP), Clark Richards (CR), Martin Taillefer (MT), Boumy Sayavong (BS).

ACTION ITEMS from this meeting are listed in APPENDIX 1 at the end of the document.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda. (Gauthier/Kushner). Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council meeting minutes September 21, 2017. Motion to adopt the minutes. (Kushner/Robertson). Carried.

Executive meeting minutes October 19, 2017. Motion to adopt the minutes. (Kushner/Robertson). Carried.

3. REPORTS FROM THE CONGRESSES LAC

3.1. HALIFAX 2018

See written report.

GG added that he is attending the LAC conference call on a regular basis. The LAC is in the process of finalising the list of theme sessions and the whole registration package that goes along with it.

PK pointed out that he has not seen a call for session proposals yet. MFG indicated that it should be coming soon as it normally does.

3.2. MONTREAL 2019

No written report.

GG informed Council that a contest to develop a logo for the Montreal conference has been launched.

4. CMOS STRATEGIC PLAN 2018 - 2020

GG reported that the Strategic Plan document is now available on the CMOS web site and that the annual plan for 2018 will be developed based on the strategic objectives listed in the Strategic Plan.

FR asked if she should be removing this item from future agenda as a recurring item. GG said yes.

5. CMOS BULLETIN UPDATE

GG informed Council that access to the new electronic version of the Bulletin is now available to all. All comments received so far are very positive from both the English and French viewers.

6. CMOS AND IFMS

GG provided some background information on the International Forum of Meteorological Societies (IFMS) and discussed our response to their survey on the implementation of their value proposition. He pointed out that immediately after submitting CMOS' response he got a message from Harinder Ahluwalia. In his message Harinder wrote that he represents CMOS at IFMS and he is doing most of the work for implementation of the IFMS Value Proposition.

GG asked where does CMOS stand with respect to the IFMS and how do we move forward with this organization. CMOS needs to ask Harinder Ahluwalia to separate himself from CMOS since he is no longer on the Executive nor Council and CMOS has not endorsed him to represent CMOS at the IFMS. MFG concurred with GG comments.

WR asked if we had approved in past meetings to provide a financial support to IFMS. FR suggested that WR and GG contact Martha Anderson to find out more information about financially supporting IFMS by providing them with 1% of the membership revenue. NS also remembers a conversation about the 1% financial support. MFG will review all minutes to find more info about the 1%.

New A.I. MFG to review prior minutes to shed light on CMOS providing 1% of its membership revenue to IFMS.

FR stated that we have two issues to address: find details about the 1% and to ask Harinder Ahluwalia to not represent himself as CMOS' spokesperson. PK added that we also need to decide yes or no, if CMOS will continue to be part of IFMS and if yes in what capacity.

WR and GG will discuss how to best respond to Harinder Ahluwalia to advise him that he is not representing CMOS at the IFMS as he has not been given approval to do so.

New A.I. WR and GG will discuss how to best respond to Harinder Ahluwalia to let him know that he is not speaking for nor representing CMOS at the IFMS as he has not been given approval by Council/Executive to do so.

GG informed Council that he is on the IFMS email distribution list and will remain the point of contact for CMOS.

PK recommended that we have a final decision about supporting IFMS by the next Council meeting. All agreed.

7. TOUR SPEAKER

FR reported that all is going well. The only dates that need to be firmed up are for British Columbia.

Gilbert Brunet has offered to pay the costs for all his meals and accommodations associated with the tour. CMOS will pay for travel.

8. CANADIAN CLIMATE FORUM (CCF) FUTURE WITH CMOS

GG explained that CMOS content is being added to the proposal presented by CCF including a cost benefit analysis and what an amalgamation would look like. The working group expects to provide “a CMOS response” to CCF early in the new year.

PK added that some outstanding questions were raised by Michael Crowe and that he would like to ensure that a section on governance is added. PK suggested that the group meet one more time to discuss the governance issue and GG will ensure that MT is in attendance.

New A.I. GG to arrange another Adhoc working group meeting to discuss the outstanding questions especially the one on the governance.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

9.1. PRESIDENT

See written report.

9.2. VICE-PRESIDENT

See written report.

Motion to approve the motion below. (Kushner/Steiner). Carried.

“Recognizing that the March for Science organization provides effective advocacy for science and scientific research in a manner that aligns with the CMOS mission, CMOS Council endorses the decision of the Victoria Centre to participate in the 2018 March for Science event.”

PK then added that he is attending a meeting at the Canadian Space Agency (CSA). The CSA has newly formed three advisory committees: Atmospheric Science, Earth System Science and Solar Terrestrial. He informed Council that there is a very strong interest by the CSA to develop a Space SIG and that we should expect a proposal with the 25 members' signatures in the New Year. The new Space SIG would like to hold its first meeting at the Halifax Congress.

PK added that the Earth System Science Advisory Committee has decided to send an open call for papers and proposals on future CSA missions, ideas and concepts.

9.3. TREASURER

No report.

9.4. RECORDING SECRETARY

See written report.

9.5. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

See written report.

FR reminded Council that she had developed a spreadsheet to identify the attributes of possible Councillors at large. PK suggested that we add a column for students.

9.6. PAST PRESIDENT

No report.

9.7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

See written report.

GG added that he had received an email about the Let's Talk Science organization. This organization hold a science competition for grade 6-8 students across Canada. To prepare for the competition, students must study a Handbook. The Handbook includes scientific concepts in 8 different chapters. Each chapter includes a small section featuring a career profile of someone who works in a field related to the Chapter topic. This year, the Earth Sciences chapter discusses various aspects of meteorology, including the various types of precipitation, wind patterns, temperature, etc. GG responded that CMOS would be interested to feature in the Earth Science chapter.

GG shared the email with the Executive and asked to identify a person that CMOS would like to be featured in this Handbook. He pointed out that there is another aspect pertaining to innovation and special projects.

There are two actions required. The first one is to identify someone that we wish to feature and write the ½ page that goes along with that. The second one is to feature an innovative technology associated with meteorology as well and write another ½ page on that technology. The only issue is the deadline of November 24th.

DS has volunteered to put together the text on meteorology and be featured. GG asked to identify any other people that could be interested.

We have a template and examples of what was produced in past years. PK thinks that it is a very good opportunity and has someone in mind in the field of hydrology. TM suggested someone in the field of drone technology at McGill. FR suggested the new computer model.

GG reminded Council members that November 24th is next Friday.

9.8. DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

See written report.

9.9. COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE

- BSi

- NS

Nothing specific to report.

9.10. CHAIR OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

TM explained that he and CR are becoming familiar with their role as Co-chairs of the Scientific Committee. TM enquired about the reporting requirement. MFG explained that historically she had not prepared a template for the Councilors-at-large nor the Chair of the Scientific Committee but that she would be happy to develop one if needed.

TM reported that he and CR have started to canvass their members to see if some of them believe that they have served their term and are looking to step down.

TM or CR will attend future Council meetings on a regular basis.

10. REVIEW OF OLD ACTION ITEMS

- E3.1** Send a message to the SIGs by the end of October asking them to submit their workplans and associated funding requests for 2019 by the end of November. **FR-Closed.**
- E3.2** Draft key messages explaining the new benefits for member in making the Bulletin accessible to the general public. **WR/SK-Closed.**
- E3.3** Send a copy of the communication package she has prepared so far to MFG and WR. **SK-Closed.**
- E3.4** Ask Geoff Strong and Leslie Welsh to develop an endorsement/motion proposal to be presented at the next Council. **PK-Closed.**
- E3.5** Respond to the IFMS survey based on the Executive members inputs by October 31st. **WR/GG-Closed.**

- E3.6** Organize a kick-off meeting to discuss the CCF proposal. **GG-Closed.**
- C1.2** Find more information about the Montreal Congress registration fees and if an option to attend the CMOS portion only could be offered to participants. **GG-Open.**
- C1.4** Contact Gilbert Brunet in his role as the CMOS tour speaker for 2017-2018 to discuss the content of his presentation and get a preview of his talk. **WR-Closed.**
- C1.6** Look at options for the Executive and Council members to share documents. **GG-Open.**
- C1.8** Find two councilors-at-large. **MT/PK-Open.**
- E2.3** Work with MT, GG and WR to establish an actual Finance and Investment Committee instead of having the associated duties done by the Vice-President. **PK-Open.**
 PK will work on the financial/investment side starting January 2018.
- C5.3** Propose attributes of the group to form the next Executive and Council including Councilor-at-large as part of a succession plan. **MT-Closed.**
- C5.6** Look at the possibility of financially supporting the SIGs in the next budget cycle (2019) if funds are requested by the SIGs. **MT, GG, BS-Open.**

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 2 MONTHS

FR reviewed the activities that need to be looked after for the month of November and December.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Proposed dates for upcoming meetings.

Executive Committee	Centre Chair Committee	Council
Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
July 20	----	-----
August 17	September 14	September 21
October 19	November 09	November 16
December 14	January 11	January 18
February 15	March 08	March 22
April 19	June 10 at Congress	June 10 at Congress

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. (Gauthier/Kushner). Carried.

APPENDIX 1

New Action Items from Council Meeting #2

- C2.1** Review prior minutes to shed light on CMOS providing 1% of its membership revenue to IFMS. **MFG-Open.**
- C2.2** Discuss how to best respond to Harinder Ahluwalia to let him know that he is not speaking for nor representing CMOS at the IFMS as he has not been given approval by Council/Executive to do so. **WR/GG-Open.**
- C2.3** Arrange another Adhoc working group meeting to discuss the outstanding questions especially the one on the governance. **GG-Open.**

APPENDIX 2

Old Action Items

- C1.2** Find more information about the Montreal Congress registration fees and if an option to attend the CMOS portion only could be offered to participants. **GG-Open.**
- C1.6** Look at options for the Executive and Council members to share documents. **GG-Open.**
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