

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society – Toronto Centre

Minutes - 2019 Annual General Meeting

15-Jan-2019

4905 Dufferin St, Downsview, Ontario

1. Centre Chair Amir Shabbar welcomed the attendees (about 15) at 3 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda – accepted without a formal motion.
3. Report of the Chair
  - a. Introduced the 2018 executive (list attached)
  - b. Reported on Membership
    - i. Currently 155, but 95 have not yet renewed over the past two years. This affects to subvention (\$7/member) from CMOS-National
  - c. Reported on 2018 activities
    - i. 2 Centre and 2 student seminars – increased number in effort to attract members
    - ii. Tour of the Weather Network Headquarters on 14-Aug
    - iii. 30 presentations at local schools
    - iv. Effort underway to nominate next national vice president
4. Report of Treasurer (Dominique Brunet - see attached report)
  - a. Started with \$9854 in chequing account and \$11926 in savings (2 yr GIC). The latter has been moved to a 1-yr GIC. Over 2018 reserves are down \$884. Main 2018 expenses were the cost of the bus tour, seminar refreshments, and school presentation mileage.
  - b. For 2019, expecting a smaller subvention, but budgeting only a small deficit (~\$27)
5. Education Coordinator (Joan Klaassen)
  - a. Activities
    - i. Science Fair Prizes: York Region, Toronto (Gr 7-12), \$150 prize for project in a CMOS Science. Steve Jacobs, Oscar Koren volunteered as judges
    - ii. 30 School Presentations on Climate, Climate Change, or Severe Weather. Delivered by Rob Kuhn(10), Geoff Coulson (4), Joan Klaassen (16)
  - b. Issues
    - i. Change to school curriculum in 2008 (Weather topic replace by Climate Change) limits presentation possibilities. Further, crowded curriculum means teachers may not allocate much time to the topic.
    - ii. Challenging to find presentation opportunities, perhaps due to security concerns. Personal contacts work best.
    - iii. School text books are dated
  - c. Plans
    - i. Would like to have more school presentations but need volunteers – hard to find. Interested people invited to contact Joan.
    - ii. Presentations are available, which can be adapted. Toronto Centre pays mileage for this program (1/3 of gov't rate). Joan worked with schools and texts in use to adapt presentation to current curriculum.

- d. Discussion
  - i. Suggestion – invite students to accompany a presenter, for experience and to develop possible presenters.
- 6. Elections – Fred Conway presided. Results
  - a. Chair – Amir Shabbar
  - b. Vice-Chair – Steve Jacobs
  - c. Treasurer – Dominique Brunet
  - d. Secretary – Oscar Koren
  - e. Education Coordinator – Joan Klaassen
  - f. Membership – Ron Bianchi
- 7. Remarks by CMOS President Paul Kushner
  - a. Congress 2019 – will be different this year. CMOS is supporting the quadrennial IUGG meeting; MOU between CMOS, CGU and JPDL (event organizer) signed a few years ago. CMOS members get \$100 discount in registration for the IUGG meeting. There are also deals for all registrants, such as in Air Canada flights.
  - b. There are some complications in submitting abstracts for the IUGG meeting – the deadline is 18-Feb.
  - c. There are concerns about attendance at the IUGG by Canadian government employees. Organization of relevant side-meetings at the event might help justification.
  - d. CMOS is not involved in the science program (run by IUGG) – so no CMOS science symposium this year.
  - e. The CMOS Congress will be the business meetings and banquet, held in conjunction with the IUGG. The AGM will be live but with online access – quorum is always an issue. Rooms for Business meetings are available at no cost because of CMOS support to IUGG meeting. There are important issues for the AGM – several bylaw changes.
- 8. Other Business
  - a. National Executive
    - i. CMOS National Executive is based in Toronto for three years – 2018-19 is the first. Normally the Vice-President moves to President each year. For 2019-20 a new Vice-President is needed, which should be announced at this meeting. Kim Strong (current Vice-President) is leading the search.
  - b. Discussion
    - i. Benefits of Membership
      - 1. (Paul Kushner) - need to update material (slide deck and pamphlet) to articulate the cost-benefit of CMOS membership. CAP touring speaker program mandates using such a package as part of the presentation. An issue is the people do not understand their responsibilities re CMOS.
    - ii. CMOS Chairs and Membership Committee (Kim Strong)
      - 1. Membership committee is being revitalized by merger with the Centre Chairs Committee. Relevant bylaw changes to be presented at AGM
    - iii. SPEC (Kim Strong)
      - 1. Trying to revitalize SPEC (Student and Professional Education Committee – needs new chair and members! Working with Centre chairs; suggestions for members welcome.

9. Adjournment – moved Fred Conway, seconded Peter Taylor. (Approx 4:15 pm)