

Annual General Meeting of the CIM Rock Engineering Society
1st May 2022
2:00 – 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time)
MEETING MINUTES

Attending:	Doug Milne	University of Saskatchewan
	Darren Neely	Nutrien
	Mike Yao	Vale
	Kamran Esmaeili	University of Toronto
	Steven Otto	Golder Associates
	Efstratios Karampinos	Laval University
	John Unrau	Member at large
	Ghasem Shams	University of Sherbrooke
	Jennifer Day	Queen's University
	Jonathan Aubertin	University of Quebec ETS
	Nathan Morgan	RESPEC
	Cody Vining	RESPEC

Regrets:	Martin Grenon	Laval University
	Dave Landry	Vale

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

All attending Rock Engineering Society (RES) members were welcomed by the Chair. Introductions were completed. The meeting called to order at 2:00 EST and was chaired by Mike Yao.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the 1st of May 2022 meeting was presented and approved without modification.

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the 12th January 2022 meeting

The Minutes of the RES Quarterly meeting held 12th January 2022 were reviewed and adopted. Meeting minutes posted to CIM website under the RES society resources.

4.0 Executive Reports

4.1 Chair's Annual Report

Mike shared the submitted annual report. Highlights included presentation of student awards in 2021, the large technical session put together by the RES at the CIM AGM, initiation of the face support guidelines project with the HSS, and the presentation of a 2022 CIM Rock Mechanics Award. In 2022-23, pursue more members, papers for technical sessions, and HSS initiative and webinars relating to RES content.

Discussion regarding the RES holding webinars including doing so at meaningful frequency to adequately advertise and avoid dilution. It was discussed that it may be worth CIM RES, CGS and CARMA joining together on this venture.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Mike presented a brief update. There is currently ~\$68,739 in the account. \$5,000 will be paid to CIM National as previously agreed for the best practices position, but that this has not occurred to date. No activity to report since the last meeting.

4.3 CARMA

Jennifer shared update on providing the joint award with RES and an update on CARMA roles for existing RES members this year including Kamran, Doug and Jonathan. Also updated the group on a LinkedIn account for CARMA to help improve visibility and communication.

5.0 Rock Mechanics Awards 2022 and 2023

Mike displayed the criteria for the award which can be found online on the RES website. There has currently been one nomination for 2023, nominations can be submitted up until October 1st. A decision will be made by the RES executive February 2023.

Doug proposed that there will be one student poster award from the RES of \$750 "Innovation in Rock Engineering". The joint CARMA "Innovation in Rock Mechanics" award will also be presented at a value of \$750. The motion was seconded by Jennifer, none were opposed.

6.0 CIM

6.1 CIM Council Update

Mike provided an update. Societies have agreed to contribute to the best practices position which will continue the standards and best practices work since the Global Mining Guidelines is now separated from CIM. CIM National financials are in better shape with the AGM this year being well attended.

6.2 CIM Journal Update

Martin was not present to provide an update. Mike reiterated the continual challenges with attaining quality papers. Kamran also relayed that there are currently challenges with having the papers reviewed in a timely manner. Further discussion is suggested for a future meeting regarding what the RES can do to help the paper review timeline, improving advertisement and better defining/making others aware of the criteria for acceptance.

Discussion took place regarding identifying potential amongst strong papers submitted to the CIM AGM which could be submitted to the journal. Papers submitted to this years' AGM will be reviewed at a later date for consideration.

6.3 RES to provide webinars

Discussion on this topic occurred previously in this meeting following the annual report of the chair, see Section 4.1 for notes.

6.4 Publish historical RM Papers on RES

Doug proposed an idea to put a repository of historic rock mechanics related papers to the RES website on the CIM. If unable to put it on there, it would be beneficial to develop our own site where a repository could be stored. Doug also proposed putting our historic meeting

minutes on this site as well. There was general support for the idea to be explored, no opposition.

7.0 Nomination and Voting for New Executive Members

This will occur at the next meeting.

8.0 Priorities

- Improve membership and communication.
- Continue the Face Support Guidelines and Mining Game Project.
- Explore opportunity for webinars.
- Explore opportunity for publishing historic papers.

There was some discussion regarding membership gaining access to the RES emails and communications, to improve membership and visibility. Communication ideas included using personal anecdotes about why joining the RES is valuable for younger members, issue this along with regularly communications to the mailing list. Improvements needed in the RES mailing list in order to have an improved channel to do this.

9.0 Up-coming Conferences/Events

9.1 Kingston Conference 2022 – 22nd Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium, 20th – 22nd, August 2022

Jennifer Day is the chair for this event and provided a general overview of the event. The presentations will all be from invited speakers, some unique experiences are included as part of the conference as well.

- Proposed that RES contribute \$3,500 to support the conference and this is approved during the meeting.

9.2 Memo 2022 – Sudbury September 18-21, 2022

Submission deadline is in July, attendance and support of this event is encouraged.

10.0 Scheduling of next meeting

TBD. The date of the next meeting will be communicated at a future time but will plan to meet virtually in Q3.

Action Items:

- Share questionnaire proposals for HSS initiative with group – Mike Yao
- Share the initiative involving a mining game with group – Mike Yao
- Share photos of 2022 Rock Mechanics Award on website – Mike Yao
- Define criteria for paper acceptance for CIM Journal – Martin Grenon
- Evaluate ideas for improving advertisement of CIM Journal – Martin Grenon
- Explore an online repository to publish historic papers on RES site – Doug Milne
- Approach CIM National regarding the RES mailing list to improve communications – Mike Yao

Meeting Adjourned – 3:50pm EST

Mike Yao
Chair - Rock Engineering Society

Kamran Esmaeili
Chair Elect – Rock Engineering Society