

Annual General Meeting of the CIM Rock Engineering Society
3rd October 2022
1:00 – 2:30 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
Martin Grenon Laval University
Dave Landry Vale

Regrets: John Unrau Member at large

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 1:05 EST and was chaired by Mike Yao.

2.0 Safety Share

Serious injury occurred at potash site where large piece of ground unexpectedly came down during hand scaling and contacted the worker. Hand scaling is a routine task underground, but it must be done correctly in order to stay safe while doing so.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the 3rd of October 2022 meeting was presented and approved without modification.

4.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the 1st May 2022 meeting

The Minutes of the RES AGM held 1st May 2022 were reviewed and adopted. Meeting minutes posted to CIM website under the RES society resources.

5.0 Executive Reports

4.1 Chair's Report

Mike shared that the CIM AGM in Vancouver was a success, will try and repeat this success in Montreal next year. There will be four sessions in Montreal on Rock Mechanics/Engineering. There are five sub-topics for these sessions listed on the website. Communicate the call for abstracts so all sessions can be filled. Abstracts due by November 30th, 2022. Conference will be April 30th to May 3rd, 2023.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Dave presented a brief update. There is currently ~\$65,281 in the account. A loss of \$3,457 was recorded up to the end of August 2022. Revenues included the surplus sharing from the CIM AGM and expenses over this time period were reviewed in detail – these included payments for the two student awards, and support for rock mechanics conference in Kingston. There was general discussion to continue with the student awards at the AGM in the future.

4.3 CARMA

Doug shared a brief update. The conference in Kingston was a success and there is appetite to continue these going forward. CARMA has started an annual award for the best PhD thesis. There was discussion about a proposal for an award for the best Master's thesis involving field work but this was not moved forward on. There was a request from Martin to have more clarity on the North America VP for ISRM position, Doug to follow-up on this topic.

6.0 Rock Mechanics Awards 2023

A nomination has been received. Dr. Erik Eberhardt from University of British Columbia was nominated by Dr. Yin from University of Waterloo. The materials submitted by Dr. Yin were reviewed by the group. Doug made a motion to accept the application and select Dr. Eberhardt for the 2023 award, all present were in favour.

7.0 Update on Face Support Guidelines Development for underground mines (in collaboration with Health and Safety Society) (Mike, Dave and Darren)

The group reviewed the test survey that has been developed. It will be sent out shortly and will have a two-week deadline for responses. The next meeting for this sub-committee is scheduled for October 4, 2022.

8.0 Update on the development of Mining Game (Science North and CIM) (Dave)

<https://www.miningmagazine.com/underground-mining/news/1430772/cim-science-north-to-launch-mining-game>

Dave reviewed the material in the above link for a computer game to promote mining industry content for young people. The game is in development and Dave has not had a recent update, but the launch of the game is planned for the same time as the 2023 CIM AGM.

9.0 CIM

9.1 CIM Council Update

Mike provided an update by reviewing the agenda of the last council meeting with the meeting group. A general comment was the AGM in Vancouver helped put the CIM back into more stable financial ground. No action items for the RES to take away from the review of the meeting material. Mike did bring up having a common platform for society awards at the AGM but no conclusions were reached. Doug suggested one of the Rock Engineering sessions at the AGM be titled CIM Rock Mechanics Award so that it advertises it more widely. This can be considered as an option closer to the AGM.

9.2 CIM Journal Update

Discussion regarding the Journal took place while reviewing the previous meeting minutes. Martin continues to highlight the lack of visibility of the Journal but this is tied to the Journal not being indexed which is due to past decisions made. Unless the Journal becomes indexed

10 Up-coming Conferences/Events

10.1 CIM Montreal April 30th to May 3rd, 2022 – Call for abstracts now (Deadline November 30, 2022)

<https://convention.cim.org/call-for-abstracts/>

11.0 Open round table discussion and scheduling of next meeting.

Action Items:

- Sudbury Memo had lower turnout – and low amount of tech papers. Doug would like if they could get a brief note or report on this to help them organize the next Memo in Saskatoon to encourage more technical content. – Mike Yao
- Kamran and Martin spoke to on-going issues with visibility of the CIM Journal – has to do with the Journal not being indexed so it is not appealing to submit papers too. No further
- Follow-up on potential rock mechanics paper to be submitted to CIM Journal – Mike Yao.
- Follow-up for online repository of historic papers for RES/CARMA site – Doug Milne
- Approach CIM National regarding the RES mailing list to improve communications – Mike Yao.
- Clarity surrounding the North America VP for ISRM position for Martin – Doug Milne

Meeting Adjourned – 2:30pm EST

Mike Yao
Chair - Rock Engineering Society

Kamran Esmaeili
Chair Elect – Rock Engineering Society