

Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc.

Industrial Minerals Division Executive Committee Meeting
Capital2, Hyatt Regency
Denver, CO

Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2009
9 AM – 12 Noon

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Industrial Minerals Division Executive Committee was called to order at 9 AM on February 22, 2009 in Denver, CO by Bill Langer.

Present:

Rick Ackermann, Sarkis Ampian, Dennis Bryan, Jessica Elzea-Kogel, Mike Garska, Fred Heivilin, Chris Herne, Marc Herpfer, Bill Langer, Jim Norman, Bob Pruett, Ravi Ravishankar, Abani Samal, Gary Tomaino, Srinivas Veeramasuneni.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid-year meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

- 2009 Program Committee – Fred Heivilin informed the committee that the Division stood second in number of manuscripts submitted at this annual meeting. The committee conveyed their appreciation to Fred Heivilin for his leadership in organizing the program. **ACTION ITEMS – Internet submission appears to have a few issues that need to be addressed to improve the process.**
- 2010 Program committee – Ravi Ravishankar told the committee that there will be a meeting at 1 PM to discuss session themes and chairs for 2010 meeting in Phoenix. He requested participation and contribution from every one present.
- Technical Committee/Annual Review Editor - Jim Norman indicated that the periodic conference calls organized by Ravi Ravishankar really helped to improve the process and forty three articles were published in the last year June Mining Engineering Journal. **ACTION ITEMS – 2009/2010 Technical Committee Chair, Abani Samal will continue the process for better coordination and improved publication.**

- Dreyer Professional Development Committee – Marc Herpfer presented information about 2010 Dreyer Conference on “Specialty Clays – Geology, Production, & Markets” which is scheduled to be held in the downtown Chicago area from October 10-12, 2010. The Organizing and Steering Committee will meet on Monday, February 23, 2009 to discuss overview of Dreyer Conference’s goal, scope, scale, finance, logistics, and timing. They will also discuss program topics and speakers. **ACTION ITEMS – Marc Herpfer and Fred Heivilin will continue coordination as Co-chairs for the conference.**
- Ad Hoc Committee – Industrial Minerals Division 75th Anniversary – Dennis Bryan reported on the efforts of the Ad Hoc Steering Committee. It was agreed that the Industrial Minerals Division would have a year long celebration with a special speaker at the 2010 luncheon, symposium during 2010 Annual Meetings, 3rd Dreyer Conference during October 2010, Gala Banquet and symposium at 2011 Annual Meeting. **ACTION ITEMS –Dennis will continue coordination as Steering Committee Chair and organize regular conference calls. Bob Pruett will coordinate the symposium arrangements at the 2010 Annual Meeting.**
- Membership Outreach Committee – Bob Pruett told the committee that the membership as of December 31, 2008 is 662 of which 40 are student members. This reflects an increase in membership from the total of 646 members in 2007. The retention rate for the Industrial Minerals Division is 91.06% for 2008, an increase of 1.36% from 2007. Identifying local sections having members with Industrial Minerals affiliation and encouraging them to join SME Industrial Minerals Division is one way to improve the Division membership. **ACTION ITEMS –Mentor students and encourage them to join the Division and every committee member should bring one new member to the Division in 2009/2010.**
- In the Aggregate – Five articles prepared by Roger Austin were published in Mining Engineering column *In the Aggregate* during 2008. The committee appreciated the efforts of Roger Austin for his contributions in 2008. **ACTION ITEMS –Engage CMAC members in this activity.**
- Scholarship Committee – As of September 30, 2008 the balance in the Scholarship Fund was \$58,168 up \$1,537 from 2007. Once scholarship of \$2,500 was awarded in 2008. Seven scholarship applications were received in the fall of 2008. The scholarship will be awarded to Michael Cheshire at the 2009 SME Annual Meeting. Bob Pruett proposed a motion to add additional responsibility to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee as the Chairperson for Silent Auction. Second for the motion was Marc Herpfer and every one in the room supported the motion.
- Distinguished Service Award Committee – Veeramasuneni reported that Gretchen K. Hoffman will be awarded A. Frank Alsobrook Distinguished Service Award at the Division luncheon during the 2009 SME meeting.

- The committee congratulated the following award winners:
 - * Robert W. Piekarz Award – Fred G. Heivilin
 - * Young Scientist Award – Paula R. Alves
 - * Hal Williams Hardinge Award – Ian R. Wilson

D. New Business

- CMAC / Industrial Minerals Division merger - Bill Langer presented the report prepared by Bill Warfield, Chair, Construction Materials & Aggregates Committee (CMAC) and Bill Langer, Chair, Industrial Minerals Division (IMD) to the committee for their review and comments. The goals of the merger include creation of one unified Division that can effectively utilize the leadership skills of personnel from both groups, maintain a strong annual meeting technical program for both groups, allow CMAC members to have the advantage of Division status, maintain the identity of the Construction Materials & Aggregates Committee, and shorten the process to become the Division Chair. The report recommends restructure of the Industrial Minerals Division to accommodate the merger of the two groups. A motion to endorse and approve the proposal was moved by Jessica E Kogel and seconded by Marc Herpfer. The motion was passed successfully with every one present at the meeting approving the proposal.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

- Technical Committee Articles - Samal Abani
- 2010 Program Committee - Ravi Ravishankar
- 2010 Murray Symposium - Bob Pruett
- Ad Hoc Committee for 75th anniversary Celebrations - Dennis Bryan
- CMAC and Industrial Minerals Division Merger - Bill Langer

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12 PM by Bill Langer. The next general meeting will be at the mid-year meeting to be held in Nashville, Tennessee during September 2009.

Minutes submitted by: Srinivas Veeramasuneni

Approved by: Bill Langer