Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division (MPD) of SME was called to order at 9:00 AM on Sunday, Feb 25, 2018 in Marquette 8 of the Hilton Minneapolis by Mike Moats, Committee Chair. This was followed by introductions of committee members and welcoming of guests.

Present:

Mike Moats – Chair
Mark Jorgensen – Past Chair
Erik Spiller – Technical Program Coordinator
Jim Metsa – Second Regional Vice Chair
Scott Shuey – First Regional Vice Chair
Garland Davis – Technical Program Coordinator
Ronel Kappes – Membership Coordinator
Jaeheon Lee – Technical Content Advisor
Nick Gow – MPD Outstanding Young Engineer
John Uhrie – Incoming Technical Content Advisor
Chee Theng – SME Representative

Guests:

Emily Sarver
Hamid Akdari
Lei Pan
Mohammed Rezaee
Thomas Rauch

Amy Jacobsen – Secretary/Treasurer – Absent due to cancelled flight – Minutes by G. Davis
Safety Shares

- Brief discussion of health issues related to long-distance travel, blood clots related to Deep Vein Thrombosis.
- Environmental issues and hazards from snow and ice, slippery floors.
- Fire extinguisher – useful life and pressure checks.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda prepared by M. Moats was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings, 2017 Midyear Meeting (Butte, MT) and 2017 Annual Meeting (revised) (Denver, CO), were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

  - Select speakers and sessions will be video-recorded by SME for posting on SME website and social media.

- Review of 2019 Technical Programming
  - Douglas Fuerstenau Special Symposium – 90th Birthday – 2 sessions.
  - Total sessions 14 (including DF Symposium sessions) + Plenary session.
  - Discussion was held to interface with the Young Leaders to determine potential topics for future MPD webinars.

- Financial Review
  - All MPD accounts are operating in the black per the 2017 Annual Report of the MPD Division.

- 2018 Social Functions and Fundraisers
  - Recognition of Emma Salditt (SME Staff) for attaining additional sponsors for the MPD Scotch Nightcap and MPD Luncheon, and S. Shuey for securing the sponsors for the MPD Calendar.
  - Ad hoc committee formed to discuss budget and costs specifically related to entertainment for Scotch Nightcap – G. Davis, S. Shuey, & A. Jacobsen – prior to decision for 2019 Scotch Nightcap entertainment.
Awards

- Decision to move monies from the MPD General Fund to purchase future MPD awards: Gaudin Award ($2,500) and Wadsworth Award ($3,500). Discounted costs to purchase multiples at a time, recommend 5 each. SME to provide funds to purchase Richards Award as it has taken over funding of this award. Moved and approved by Executive Committee.
- Discussion on award process – SME is in process of modifying awards nomination process.

Scholarships

- Report from Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Ronel Kappes with members including J. Kellar, E. Sarver, E. Spiller and G. Davis.
  - Issues include:
    - Not all persons on the MPD Scholarship Committee participated in the process – communication lacking – extra work load for committee members who participated.
    - High number of applicants – which is both positive and negative – good that SME got the word out for scholarship availability, bad because of extra work load for the selection committee.
    - Not all applicants expressed interest in mineral processing – not all applicants indicated MPD as their division of interest.
    - Time frame for applicants, and time frame for review and selection of award.
    - Application process is laborious for applicants and also for reviewers – applicants submitted references.
    - C. Theng explained that the SME Scholarships Coordinator, Laura Alvarez, rolled out a new scholarship process this past year. L. Alvarez resigned a few weeks ago. SME’s new Director of Operations intends to revise the process and hopes to solicit feedback and suggestions later this year.

MPD Committees

- Nomination Committee – M. Moats, E. Spiller, J. Metsa, S. Shuey and A. Jacobsen to meet in closed meeting Monday Feb 26, 2018 to review available committee nomination, and nominate accordingly.
- Unit Committees – J. Metsa as 2019 MPD Technical Programming Chair will lead MPD Unit Committee Meeting for 2019 Technical Programming at 2:00 PM, Sun, Feb 25, 2018. Focus on quality 5 to 6 presentations per

**Other Conferences**

- M. Moats represent MPD of SME for Extraction 2018, Aug 26-29, Ottawa Canada.
- Brief review of IMPC 2022/2024 Bid by SME – for greater international appeal, suggested hosting in Washington DC.
- TMS – coordination of future conferences to avoid programming overlap.

**Revision to MPD Bylaws**

- Post review and comments by the SME Structure & Governance Strategic Committee, minor revisions to the proposed new MPD Bylaws were recommended. A move was made and approved by the MPD Executive Committee to make these changes. Notable included:
  - Removal and rewording of Article III – Dues, assessments and Disbursement.
  - Striking of item 5 – Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Journal Oversight Committee from Article VI – Committees.

**D. New Business**

- Message from SME President John Mansanti, introduction of incoming SME President Barb Arnold, and SME update from David Kanagy
  - OFAT policy – limited sharing of technology with restricted countries.
  - Increase interactions with local sections and creation of Virtual Sections supporting those who reside or work outside of local section boundaries.
  - Strength of new divisions (H&S and UCA) even with declining membership in other divisions.
- H&S Division of SME taking over administration of CMSP (Certified Mine Safety Professionals) Examination.
- Value Shares – promote innovation with SME and our members.
- Robert E. Murray Award and Scholarship.
- Solicitation of MPD to provide some level of funding for SME Foundation – Ph.D. Fellowship and Academic Career Development Grants.

- Discussed proposal that will be presented to the SME Board to convert the Minerals & Metallurgical Processing journal to Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, a society-wide journal with an impact factor. Motion to support the proposal was made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

**E. Agenda for Next Meeting**

- Appointment of new Executive Committee members – Erik Spiller to Chair (Mike Moats to Past Chair).
- Detailed review of MPD Financials with A. Jacobsen.
- Continued discussion of MPD Awards and Scholarships application processes.
- Continued discussion of Budget for Scotch Nightcap.
- Submittal of revised MPD Bylaws to SME Structure & Governance Strategic Committee for final approval.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM by M. Moats. A general meeting of the MPD Executive Committee will be held at 3:00 PM Thursday, Feb 28, 2018, in Minneapolis.
- The MPD Executive Committee holds monthly teleconferences, typically on the first Thursday of each month, scheduled by the MPD Chair. Next teleconference is April 5, 2018.
- The next general meeting of the MPD Executive Committee will be at the SME Midyear Meeting, tentatively scheduled for mid-September 2018 in Pittsburg, PA. Time and date and location to be announced at later date.

Minutes submitted by: Garland Davis

Approved by: Mike Moats