# Society of Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration, Inc.

Coal and Energy Division Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Denver, Colorado  
February 24, 2019

### Opening:

The annual meeting of the Coal and Energy Division Executive Board was called to order at 9:08 am on February 24, 2019 at the 2019 Annual Conference in Denver, CO by Rich Wagner.

Rich offered a safety share and introductions were made

### Present:

Rich Wagner – Chair Matthew Gray Vaibhav Raj

Manoj Mohanty – Chair Elect Sam Baker Berk Tulu

Heather Trexler – Secretary Rachel Boothby Vlad Kecojevic

Ryan Murray Ali Haghighat Dan Alexander

Susan Bealko Sukumar Bandopadhyay Brijes Mishra

Ryan Toler Robert Kimutis Tom Gray

Tathagata Ghosh Matt Furniss Robert Kudlawiec

Steve Schafrik Brian Shaffer Michael Trevits

George Luxbacher Charlie Beasley Madan Singh

Heather Gravning Wencai Zhang

# A. Review and Approval of Minutes

# Minutes of the annual meeting were distributed for review. Motion by Dan Alexander, seconded by Vaibhav Raj to approve. Motion carried. Minutes accepted as presented.

# B. Review of the Division Finances

# Division finances were presented by Heather G and reviewed.

Finances from the mid-year meeting were reviewed first due to no approval from outstanding questions or errors in the mid-year report.

# Balance as of July 31, 2018:

# C&E Endowment Fund (611): Balance - $751,429.79

# C&E General Fund (610): Balance - $60,374.19

The Division won the pre-print award of $2,500 and distributed $600 each to the Pittsburgh and CAS sections.

Motion by Michael Trevits, seconded by Tathagata Ghosh to approve. Motion carried. Mid-year treasurers accepted as presented.

Finances for the annual meeting were presented and reviewed.

# Balance as of September 30, 2018:

# C&E Endowment Fund (611): Balance - $768,009.81

# C&E General Fund (610): Balance - $59,997.30

Under 610, expenses included ventilation scholarship ($10,000), Foundation PhD program ($2,500), and $600 each to Pittsburgh and Central App Sections.

SME is working to make the summary and detailed reports easier to follow.

Motion by Michael Trevits, seconded by Tom Gray to approve. Motion carried. Annual treasurers accepted as presented.

# C. Report of the Scholarship Committee

Nikky LaBranche sent report via email. There were 50 total applicants, of those 26 were ineligible due to being graduates or plagiarism.

22 were awarded a total of $42,500 – 13 C&E for $35,000 and 9 Sydney Marshall for $7,500.

2 applicants were still eligible but their scoring didn’t qualify for an award.

The scholarship committee requests that the requirement of being undergraduate only be more prominent in the application so that graduates do not apply.

There was a general request that all committee reports be included in the packet so they can be reviewed in more detail.

# D. Report of the Program Chair

Ryan Murray reported that there are 20 C&E sessions and the division again has the highest pre-prints.

Ryan is working on a short course presented by MBS for mine ventilation at an upcoming annual meeting.

Robert E Murray Innovation Lecture as part of keynote

Suggested to add a session on ethics in the next program.

# E. C&E Luncheon

The luncheon speaker will be Assistant Secretary of Labor Zatezalo.

# F. Discussion Open Positions

Rich reminded all to review the bylaws for position duties. Heather G will post to Community so that material can be shared.

**G. Photo Contest**

The photo contest is continuing. Michael Trevits made a motion to provide $500 as support, seconded by Ryan Murray. The motion carried.

**H. Visit from SME Leadership**

Dave Kanagy, Barb Arnold, and Hugh Miller arrived to give an overview of critical issues, priorities and programs in the SME.

SME has been focusing on innovation, professional excellence and membership first. The fist-held Thrive conference in Pittsburgh was a success. There is a SME committee that plans the Thrive conference. It was suggested to include the local section in the planning for the Thrive conference.

The mid-year meeting for 2019 will be held in Vail, CO.

The new CMSP exam was offered twice last year and SME hopes to offer it 4 times in 2019. Plans are in progress for Pittsburgh to host an exam in fall.

SME launched new Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (MME) journal

SME is beginning to discuss a new strategic plan to implement in 2020. Rich and Manoj will represent C&E at this meeting.

**I. New Business**

* Rich reported that membership in the Division is down 6%. It was requested for Heather G to check if it can be determined where those who left the session are going.
* There will be a Diversity Survey during the C&E lunch. It is not associated with SME.
* Rich brought up request to continue to contribute $600 each to Pittsburgh and Central App Section. Steve recommended a ‘continual’ sponsorship. As discussed at the mid-year meeting, the reciprocal sponsorship would result in each section being recognized during the C&E lunch as a sponsor. Steve and Michael requested letters from C&E to formalize the sponsorships. No vote.
* Ryan Murray’s son put together a short video about Move Mining which one the k-5 and overall competition. The video is on the SME website.

### Adjournment:

Rich Wagner adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Trexler

Approved by: Richard Wagner