SME Health and Safety Division Executive Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2018 (9 am – 11:30 am)

Hyatt Regency, Denver, CO

**Attendance:** Susan Moore, Pratt Rogers, Mick Routledge, Ali Lashgari, Emily Haas, Jurgen Brune, Mark Savit, Sekhar Bhattacharyya, Lee Saperstein, Pedram Roghanchi, Javad Sattarvand, Amy Richins, Bruce Huber, Lori Guasta, Greg Beckstrom, Sebnem Duzgun, Adele Abrams, Veronica Cordova, Gerald Poplin, Eric Lutz, Tandeep Chadha, Zoheir Khademian, Steve Ulrich, Zach Savit,

Staff – Bill Gleason, Melanie Peynor-Perez.

Guests: Barbra Arnold, Hugh Miller, Dave Kanagy

**Safety Share** –Tips to avoid slipping on ice

**Visit from SME Leadership** – 2018 President Barbara Arnold, 2019 President Hugh Miller and executive director Dave Kanagy joined the meeting to give a short update on the leadership’s vision for the 2019. Barb Arnold would like HS Division to take over one issue of the new journal for a special issue of HS. She emphasized the of CMSP and recognized the effort by Tom Hethmon and Bruce Huber. She also gave an update on SME THRIVE conference and Robert E Murray Innovation Award. Hugh Miller discussed SME’s 2019 Strategic plan and stated that SME will continue to support the HS Division as the fastest growing Division within SME.

**State of the Division** – After all attendees introduced themselves, Susan Moore reviewed the Division’s membership status and mentioned that the Division has now more than 500 members, includes 245 members of CMPS. Since the Division has +500 members, the bylaw needs to be revised. In addition, the opportunity with ASSE was discussed. ASSE recently dissolved its mining division with around 400 members. It may create an opportunity for the Division to recruit more members. Paloma Lazaro began the process after the 2018 SME Annual Conference by creating a contact list for executives at health and safety departments in the mining industry. Susan Moore encouraged that the list is kept updated. Division’s financials were reviewed then.

**Division Needs Assessment** – Susan Moore talked about the needs assessment survey done by the Division and reviewed its results and findings. Then, some of the findings were discussed by the attendees, including onemine portal, safety shares, H&S community page, and competitive advantages of the Division that could be used toward growth of the Division. A brief review of the results is going to be presented to the SME B of Directors.

Savit mentioned that the regional conferences are where the most mining professionals attend. Therefore, the Division should promote the CMSP credentials at different regional conferences. Different means of communication with potential CMSP exam candidates were discussed by the attendees. The need to have discussion on the process of how we adopt best practices was brought up by Savit. Then, Steve Ulrich stated that it is important to have the vendors involved in the best practice discussion. He also mentioned that it is needed that industry and the providers of technology need to come together to discuss best practices. Different approached were mentioned by the members to have more international involvements. Savit suggested to form a small committee with a diverse group, including vendors, academic and government, no more than five or six people, to have a discussion on how we go about putting together a best practice library. Lee, Jurgen, Sebnam, Zohier, Zach Savit, Eric, Lori, Mick, Javad, Steven, Amy, Emily, Susan, Mark expressed interest in becoming involved in this effort.

**Opportunity Assessment Focus Groups** – The purpose of forming opportunity assessment focus groups is determine if there are any opportunities for collaboration with other HS providers, including, but not limited to NIOSH, SIMTAR, CIM. Pratt and Ali are leading the effort to meet with NIOSH. Susan and Emily will meet with Australia’s mine health and safety agencies. An effort will be made to contact similar agencies in India and China. Sebnem Duzgun will share contact info for the China H&S entity. SME staff will have a discussion with Susan Moore about SME’s position on partnership with other societies. A draft list of entities and individuals to reach out and seek info on opportunities for collaborations will be sent out to the attendees. The Division would like to investigate competitive and comparative advantages and potentials for collaborations.

**2020 Program Planning** – Ali Lashgari shared the potential session titles for the 2020 SME ACE conference. The list of topics is as follows:

* Occupational Exposure Monitoring and Assessment
* Risk Assessment and Hazard Recognition
* Health & Safety Training Development and Assessment
* Recent Advancements in Mine Health and Safety Solutions
* Certified Mine Safety Professionals: What We Have Learned from the Past (Supported by IAMSH of SME)
* National Occupational Research Agenda (Supported by NORA)

**Committee Roles and Responsibilities** –

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| **Position** | **2018 Representative** | **2019 Representative** | **2020 Representative** | **2021****Representative** | **Notes** |
| Past Division Chair | Lori Guasta | Susan Moore | Pratt Rogers | Mick Routledge | Voting member |
| Division Chair | Susan Moore | Pratt Rogers | Mick Routledge | Ali Lashgari | Voting member |
| Chair Elect | Pratt Rogers | Mick Routledge | Ali Lashgari | Emily Hass | Voting member |
| Program Chair | Mick Routledge | Ali Lashgari | Emily Haas |  | Voting member |
| Secretary | Ali Lashgari | Emily Haas |  |  | Voting member |
| Communications Chair | David R. Lauriski then Emily Haas | Paloma Lazaro |  |  | Voting member |
| International Academy for Mine Safety and Health of SME (IAMSH-SME) Board Chair | Tom Hethmon then Bruce Huber | Bruce Huber | Bruce Huber |  | Voting member |
| Members At Large | Eric LutzLee SapersteinMark Ellis | Lee Saperstein, Eric Lutz, Mark Savit | TBD |  | Voting members |
| Nominations and Planning Chair (internal to Division) | Katherine HarmanSupport from Lori Guasta and Paloma Lazaro | Amy, Pedram RoghanchiSupport from Susan Moore and Katherine Harman | TBDSupport from Pratt Rogers and 2019 Representative |  | Will always be a junior member of the Division. Effort will always have a Team of 3 that includes the Nominations and Planning Chair, the Committee Past Chair, and Division Past Chair |
| Nominations and Awards Committee (external to Division) | Lori Guasta | Susan Moore | Pratt Rogers |  | Will always be Past Division Chair |
| Technical Committees | N/A | Emily, Sebnem, Javad, Pedram, Lori, Bill, Greg | TBD |  | Bylaws require Technical Committees to be identified and staff with at least a Chair once membership exceeds 500; Program Chair works these Committees develop Program for annual meeting |
| Student Member Affairs Committee | Ergin Isleyen | Veronica Cordova | TBD |  |  |
| Development Committee | Eric Lutz | Eric Lutz | TBD |  | Two-year term |
| Government and Public Affairs Committee | Mark Ellis | Mark Ellis | Mark Ellis |  | Three-year term |
| Mining Engineering Committee | Amy Richins | Sebnem | TBD |  |  |
| Information Publishing Committee | David LauriskiPedram RoghanchiJavad Sattarvand | Pedram RoghanchiJavad SattarvandAli Lashgari | Javad SattarvandAli LashgariTBD |  | Three-year term per person, staggered |
| Membership Committee | Mark Savit | Lee | TBD |  |  |
| Program Committee (external to Division) | Mick Routledge | Ali Lashgari | Emily Haas |  | Will always be the Program Chair |
| Sustainable Development Committee | Sebnem Duzgun | TBD | TBD |  |  |
| Research Committee | Lee SapersteinJürgen BruneEric Lutz | TBD | TBD |  |  |
| CMSP Exam Committee | N/A | Adele | TBD |  | Is this relevant when H&S falls within a single Division and we have the IAMSH Board? |
| PE Exam Committee | Sekhar Bhattacharyya | Sekhar | TBD |  |  |
| Accreditation and Curricular Issues Subcommittee (part of Education Council) | Jürgen Brune | Javad | TBD |  |  |
| Young Leaders Liaison | Mellissa AndersonPedram Roghanchi | Pedram,  | TBD |  |  |
| Innovation Task Force | Ali Lashgari | Ali Lashgari | TBD |  | 2019 focus will be innovation; how can SME be more innovative in how we do our business |

**CMSP credentialing** – Bruce Huber gave an update on CMSP status and stated that a prep course can help with increasing interest among HS professionals. Two-tier credentials for CMSP were discussed. The financial and technical challenges with developing the course were discussed by attendees.

Adele Abrams mentioned that the reading list for the CMSP exam is too broad and not easy to access. Eric Lutz talked about the need to define target audience for the CMSP exam and the essential need for the prep course and Lori agreed with him. Pratt Rogers mentioned that a committee is currently working on a prep course and it is looking for persons who are interested in teaching the course.

**NORA** – Lee Saperstein gave an update on NORA

**Vision Statement** – Due to the lack of the meeting time Ali will contact people later and will solicit comments

Ali Lashgari recommended that the Division consider adding a student award of best paper award for HS. Bill Gleason will be in touch with Emily Haas about ideas for the Magazine. Emily Haas will give Tara Davis the webinar topics. Attendees were encouraged to promote publishing HS related peer-reviewed papers in the new SME journal.