SME Industrial Minerals and Aggregates Division Committee

# Meeting Minutes February 24, 2019 9:00am - noon

**SME Annual Conference, Denver, CO**

**Committee (in attendance)** Vishal Gupta (chair, 2018-2019) Carol Kiser, SME staff liaison

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**Guests**

Laura Nelson, SME membership manager Taylor T. Ball, Young Leader Representative Himesh Patel, Young Leader Representative Jinhong Li, China

# Introductions and Safety Share

Vishal Gupta opened the meeting with introductions. Several committee members provided safety shares.

# General Business and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the teleconference meeting held on October 22, 2018 have not been completed yet. Because of this, approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting, to be held at the SME mid- year meeting in Vail, CO, in September 2019.

Mid-year meeting attendance was low for this committee, so a meeting was not conducted. The group discussed options for calling in to the mid-year meeting, but acknowledged it is better to attend in person.

**ACTION ITEM**: Research options for calling in to the mid-year meeting.

# Visit by SME Board

Barb Arnold, Hugh Miller and Dave Kanagy visited the meeting. They gave updates on the 2020 strategic plan currently in development, the 2018 THRIVE conference, which was a success, and the importance of local sections. Barb discussed the SME achievements in past year such as new journal launch, Robert Murray Innovation Award, New Mineral Processing Handbook and D.W. Fuerstenau 90th birthday symposium.

# Annual Meeting Luncheon

This year’s luncheon has four sponsors and features Bob Freas as the speaker.

# Membership Statistics and Review of Division Finances

Vishal Gupta shared a report of membership overall and by division and reviewed division finances. The group discussed reasons for the decline in IMAD division membership, including forming an ad hoc membership committee. Members advised to invited scholarship recipients to division meetings. IMAD should have more University faculty and student participation, which is lacking currently. Other option to have SME booth in GSA and advertise IMA division to recruit members.

**ACTION ITEM**: Form an ad hoc membership committee for this division to help grow membership. Vishal Gupta to chair.

# Scholarships

The group discussed giving the scholarship committee some flexibility in awarding scholarships based on the number of applicants.

**MOTION**: A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the scholarship committee to increase the number or amount of scholarships awarded, depending on funding and the number of applicants each year.

# Committee Reports

**2019 Annual Conference Meeting Program**

The division will have 13 sessions at the 2019 annual conference. Committee members are encourage to attend sessions and provide feedback.

# 2018 Technical Committee

Forty-six articles were published in the 2018 Industrial Minerals Review. The government shutdown caused USGS to fall behind, so the commodity data may be delayed this year.

# 2019 Technical Committee

Thirty-two articles had been “spoken for” at this time last year; this year, no articles are spoken for, which is a concern. The 2019 technical committee will meet on February 25.

The group discussed concerns around the day and time of the technical committee meeting this year, as it overlaps with the keynote and other conference sessions. There was discussion around meeting on a different day and time next year. The group discussed posting meeting notices and other information in the SME Communities.

**ACTION ITEM**: The executive committee will discuss options for a technical committee meeting on a different day and time next year.

**ACTION ITEM**: Vishal Gupta will create a guide on how to post in the SME communities. Laura Nelson, SME membership manager found a video tutorial to post item of interest in community site.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1du_eXG_xg8>

# 2019 Division Awards

The division will present six awards to 8 recipients at this year’s luncheon.

# 2019 Scholarships

The committee received 45 scholarship applications and awarded two scholarships of $1,500 each.

# 2019 Dreyer Committee

The group discussed ideas around utilizing Dreyer funds, including criteria for these funds, partnership and field trip opportunities, and short course development.

**ACTION ITEM**: Determine criteria for the funds and the feasibility of short courses, field trips and other professional development opportunities.

# Other Business

**2019 Mid-Year Meeting**

The mid-year meeting will be held in Vail, CO, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2019, followed immediately by the THRIVE conference. The committee will meet at the mid-year conference.

# Events Committee

The group discussed reviving efforts around an IMAD newsletter and webinars, a possible webinar on concrete petrography, and the AIME oral history project.

# 2019 Nominating Committee Meeting

The nominating committee will meet on Feb. 25, 2019. The incoming chair for the division is not able to fulfill the chair role due to job changes. All interested members should attend.

**ACTION ITEM**: Plan to move next year’s nominating committee meeting to a different day and time to increase participation.

# Micro-community Site

The committee discussed potential uses of the SME Communities, such as document storage, committee meeting minutes, and highlighting division members. As noted previously, Vishal Gupta will create a guide on how to post in the SME communities.

# SME News Update and Questions

The committee discussed the leadership orientation at the annual conference and recommends that all new committee members attend the session.

# Adjournment

Vishal Gupta adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.