

Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc.

Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division
Hyatt Regency Denver, 9:00 AM MT
Denver, CO

Meeting Minutes
Feb 19, 2017

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division (MPD) was called to order at 9:00 AM on Feb. 19, 2017 in Denver, CO by Division Chair Mark Jorgensen.

Present:

Mark Jorgensen – Chair
Erik Spiller – First Regional Vice Chair
Jim Metsa – Second Regional Vice Chair
Scott Shuey – Secretary/Treasurer
Amy Jacobson – Technical Program Coordinator
Garland Davis – Membership Coordinator
Ronel Kappes – Incoming member to MPD Executive Committee
Chee Theng – SME Representative

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Las Vegas meeting were unanimously approved with minor committee member title corrections.

C. Open Issues

- **2017 Program & MPD Events**
 - Program and events are well in hand with only a couple of items to check:
 - Review of Plenary Session Script to ensure the needed Executive Committee Members will be present for their part(s).
 - Rather than having all of the Scotch-sampling and drink tickets printed at registration, the ability of turning in an “Entry Ticket” at the door in exchange for drink tickets was to have been explored for 2017 to help facilitate “at the door sales”. Due to a software/IT programming/printing issue, the printed entry ticket indicates “Bring this ticket to the door to receive your drink tickets” while still printing tasting and drink tickets. Rather than cause

confusion and potential loss of Scholarship dollars due to increased costs of drinks, 2017 will progress as prior years with pre-printed drink tickets and an explanation of “printing error” on the trade-in policy. Ticket simplification will be revisited for 2018.

- **2018 Technical Program**

- 7:30 am meeting on Feb. 22 to plan 2018 Program, following Unit Committee meeting in the afternoon of Feb. 19. Emphasis to be placed on quality over quantity and ~5 papers per session, allowing for unsolicited material.
- 2018 may include a symposium/joint session across the Divisions regarding tailings dam safety/operation/failures/etc., possibly in the form of a round table discussion. With this prospect in mind, MPD Session planning will reserve, for the time being, one session pending additional planning.

- **Financial Review**

- All accounts are operating in the black. With the addition of a third sponsor last year, the Annual Luncheon is virtually “break even” due to the large number of student tickets given out in conjunction with the Student Poster Session. An additional Luncheon Sponsor would prove beneficial.
- Mike Moats was volunteered to pursue additional Luncheon Sponsors.
- Chee indicated that the MPD has some of the highest rates of Sponsorship across the SME Divisions—a testament to our community.

- **SME Update — Tim Arnold/John Mansanti**

- SME had a good year with only a slight (~1%) operating loss. Given the downturn in the industry (2013-16), which SME always trails, cost-cutting and other belt-tightening by SME proven successful.
- Total SME membership is down ~12% to 13,002 while under 35-year-old membership is up 10%.
- Ad hoc Committee on National/Local SME interaction and support will continue.
- International Society of Mine Safety Professionals (ISMSP) was brought into the SME family in Jan.
- SME was heavily involved in providing comments on the reserve and resource industry guide 7 — some 70 pages.
- Moving forward, focus will be on:
 - Membership growth
 - Continued local section contact and cooperation with national education, including public perception
 - Safety

D. New Business

- **Awards**
 - Given the somewhat arduous, 1980s process of nominating individuals for award consideration, a new approach should be considered. This will be explored in conjunction with the rewrite of the bylaws to be performed by 2017-2018 Past Chair Mark Jorgensen by the Midyear Meeting.

- **Member Survey**
 - The Membership Coordinator will ensure the wealth of information obtained in that document (the Survey) be incorporated into future plans.

- **Roles and Responsibilities**
 - The 2017-18 slate of officers and primary responsibilities were reviewed.
 - Mike Moats – Chair: Responsible for everything
 - Mark Jorgensen – Past Chair: Nominations and Bylaw rewrite
 - Erik Spiller – Associate Chair: 2018 Technical Program
 - Jim Metsa – First Regional Vice Chair: 2019 Technical Program
 - Scott Shuey – Second Regional Vice Chair: Calendar Sponsorship
 - Amy Jacobson – Secretary/Treasurer: Minutes, Fine Grind Coordination, Scotch Nightcap
 - Garland Davis – Technical Program Coordinator: Assist Associate Chair with Tech Program and Secretary with Scotch Nightcap
 - Ronel Kappes – Membership Coordinator: Survey Information and Membership interface
 - Chee Theng – SME Representative

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM by Mark Jorgensen. The next general meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Feb. 22 in Denver, CO.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Shuey

Approved by: Mark Jorgensen