



**Annual General Meeting of the CIM Rock Engineering Society  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Webex Conference 1:30 – 3:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) 11:30 to 1:30 PM  
(Saskatchewan Time)  
MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Attending:</b>	Doug Milne	University of Saskatchewan
	Darren Neely	Nutrien
	Efstratios Karampinos	Laval University
	Martin Grenon	Laval University
	Kamran Esmaeili	University of Toronto
	Mike Yao	Vale
	Elaine Kinsella	CIM
	Erin Tressel	Newfields
	Tom Colbourne	North American Const. Group
	Steve Herzog	Master Builders
	Jennifer Day	Queen's University
	Damodara Chinnasane	Vale
	Dave Landry	Vale
	Ferri Hassani	McGill University
	Steven Otto	Golder Associates
	Erik Eberhardt	UBC
	John Henning	BBA Inc.
	John Unrau	Mosaic
	Yousef Abolfazlzadeh	Rio Tinto

**Regrets:** None

**1.0 Welcome & Introductions**

All attending Rock Engineering Society (RES) members were welcomed by the Chair. Introductions were completed. The meeting called to order at 1:30 EST and was chaired by Doug Milne.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the 4 May 2021 meeting was presented and approved without modification.

**3.0 Adoption of the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Webex meeting**

The Minutes of the RES Webex meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were adopted.

**4.0 Executive Reports**

**4.1 Chairs Annual Report**

A presentation was given to provide general background information regarding the RES, it's affiliations and activities. Current progress to maintain rock mechanics streams at the CIM AGM.

**4.2 Treasurer's Report**

Kamran provided a brief financial update. There is currently ~\$68,088 in the account. There has been no income or expenses for this year to date

### **4.3 CARMA Update**

General information on CARMA was given in the presentation shown during the Annual Report from the Chair. There are new members in CARMA, including Jennifer Day who was present at the meeting to provide information related to the Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium to be held in Kingston, this is provided in Section 9.1. This conference in Kingston has seed money from CARMA.

## **5.0 Rock Mechanics Award**

The rock mechanic award was not given in 2021. It is planned to give this in 2022. We need to get nominations from the general community as well as the executive as well. During discussion of this item, it was suggested to use a website platform in order to improve communication with the general community and promote getting more nominations for this award. A website could be hosted either by the CIM or by the RES alone. A suggestion was made to reach out to local CIM branches such as the one in Saskatoon who have setup websites hosted by the CIM. This will be a project for the incoming chair and executive.

## **6.0 CIM**

### **6.1 CIM Council Update**

Finances continue to be a concern. One-time donations from major companies has been a huge boost, but the CIM needs successful AGM's and trade shows.

### **6.2 2021 / 2021 CIM AGM**

Mike and Ferri both worked to complete a review of the technical papers submitted and provided feedback to the CIM regarding their acceptance for the sessions. There was no need for chairs and co-chairs given the recorded format for the sessions. Feedback from those attending the sessions on the content of the papers is welcome to help determine if there are any suitable to be recommended for Journal submissions.

### **6.3 CIM Journal Update**

The Journal migrated to Taylor and Francis in January 2020. Only four to five rock mechanics papers have been included since this transition. Rock mechanics content is still lacking, but the Taylor and Francis platform is increasing viewership. There are currently 2 rock mechanics papers in the pipeline for the Journal.

### **6.4 CIM Academy and Community Tool Kit**

The CIM Community Tool Kit allows for communication with RES membership by email. Getting an up to date list of members has been challenging, but CIM National staff have been very helpful. Effort to learn how to make use of this tool would be valuable for improving communication to society members.

## **7.0 Nomination and Voting for New Executive Members**

There is a need for a new incoming chair as well as 1-2 new directors. Nominations were made to fill these roles and as a result:

- Kamran Esmaeili was elected as incoming chair.
- Dave Landry was elected as director.
- Steve Otto was elected as director.

## **8.0 Priorities for 2021 – 2022**

The RES will continue to address the current challenges of improving membership, improving communications. Mike summarized priorities for the next year:

1. Continue to support and promote rock mechanics content at conferences and events. The next one will be the MEMO conference in Sudbury (Feb 2022).
2. Improve communications within the society and the general mining community and will seek to use platforms available with the CIM.
3. Pursue as a society to promote high quality publications within the Journal.

## **9.0 Various**

### **9.1 Kingston Conference 2022 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium**

The August 2021 virtual event has been postponed to August of 2022. The updates for the conference will be updated soon when the changes are finalized. It is currently still RockEng 2020. All of the speakers are invited speakers (36) to represent Canadian Rock Mechanics across the country from various levels of experience.

### **9.2 CIM National Staff Support**

Elaine Kinsella provided information regarding how she can support and assist with any of the CIM content and tools available to the society.

## **10.0 Scheduling of next meeting**

TBD. The date of the next meeting will be communicated at a future time but will plan to meet before September 2021.

Meeting Adjourned - 2:35pm EST

Doug Milne  
Chair - Rock Engineering Society

Mike Yao  
Chair Elect – Rock Engineering Society

NOTE: All members of the Society are encouraged to attend this open meeting