

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 29, 2012

Attendees

Harvey Thorleifson	Ernie Lehmann	Fred Corrigan	Jim Miller
Mike Hultgren	Cheryl Sill*	Craig Pagel*	Dennis Martin*
Julie Elkington*	George Hudak*		

*Attended by teleconference

Approval of the Minutes for October 19, 2012 and Agenda for November 29, 2012 – motion to approve by Mike Hultgren, 2nd by Fred Corrigan, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Harvey Thorleifson expressed his pleasure in the way that MCMRE committee work and MMEW conference work has been conducted over the past year. He urged everyone to work as a team, and to spread the work around, so as to avoid having anyone become overloaded.
- Harvey Thorleifson discussed the following proposed make-up of next year's MCMRE Officers and Directors. A motion to approve the proposed MCMRE Officers and Directors for 2013 was made by Jim Miller, 2nd by Ernie Lehmann, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 2013 Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education (MCMRE) Officers and Directors:

Chair – **Fred Corrigan**, Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota (ARM);
Vice Chair - Administration - **Mike Hultgren**, American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG);
Vice Chair – Finance - **Craig Pagel**, Iron Mining Association of Minnesota (IMA);
Vice Chair - Operations - **Jim Miller**, Precambrian Research Center (PRC);
Director – **Julie Elkington**, Minnesota Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc. (SME);
Director - **George Hudak**, Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI);
Director - **Ernie Lehmann**, MiningMinnesota;
Director - **Dennis Martin**, non-voting member, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR);
Director - **Cheryl Sill**, Minnesota Earth Science Teachers Association (MESTA);
Director – **Harvey Thorleifson**, Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS)

Report of Vice Chair – Administration / Report of the Vice Chair - Finance

- Fred Corrigan led a discussion related to MCMRE financials:
 - MCMRE assets as of November 29, 2012 are \$35,434.12. Fred Corrigan indicated that since the last MCMRE meeting approximately \$2,500 in contributions has been raised from donors.
 - Fred Corrigan briefly discussed the purpose of the assets. He indicated that generally conducting the MMEW meeting requires approximately \$20k per meeting. He indicated that the MCMRE should maintain at least one year's worth of asset reserves (~\$20k) on hand.
 - Jim Miller mentioned that some exchange of funds would still be needed between MCMRE and NRRI in relation to MMEW 2012, and Fred agreed.
 - Fred Corrigan made a motion to approve the provided balance sheet, 2nd by Ernie Lehmann, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Fred Corrigan made a motion to approve an MCMRE budget of \$17k for next year's MMEW meeting in Hibbing, 2nd by Mike Hultgren, all in favor, motion approved. Discussion clarified that total MMEW budget will also include registration, and any housing subsidy.
 - A discussion regarding lodging subsidies for next summer's MMEW Meeting took place. Issues regarding the potential total amount of funds required for these subsidies, establishing a precedent regarding MCMRE providing housing subsidies, how housing subsidies relate to conference attendance, whether camping subsidies will be provided, what hotel or hotels would be included for the subsidies, and the level of MCMRE support that the Board would be comfortable with took place. The possibility that funds from private industry could be raised for this purpose was also discussed.
 - Action Item:
 - ✓ Jim Miller, Fred Corrigan, and Mike Hultgren will bring proposal to Board regarding potential lodging subsidies via email prior to February 7

Report of the Vice Chair – Finance

- Ernie Lehmann discussed MCMRE fundraising efforts during Fall, 2012:
 - Letters were sent to non-ferrous metal mining and exploration companies requesting donations in early November, 2012 by Ernie Lehmann. Fred Corrigan will be sending out contribution request

letters to the industrial minerals/aggregate mining community, and Craig Pagel will be sending out contribution request letters approximately December 6, 2012.

- MCMRE has received approximately \$2500 in contributions since November 1, 2012. SME has pledged a contribution of \$5,000.

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Jim Miller discussed planning for the 2013 MMEW Workshop in Hibbing, Minnesota
 - The meeting will take place from June 18 to June 20, 2013.
 - Jim Miller and Marsha Patelke have visited Hibbing Community College to evaluate facilities
 - Three instructors from Hibbing Community College have volunteered to teach courses, including courses that include Hibbing Community College's mine equipment simulator
 - Field trips for the second day of the workshop are being evaluated, including possible trips to Essar Steel, Magnetation, HibbTac, and the NRRI Coleraine Lab
 - A Tuesday evening picnic is being planned at Hill Annex State Park
 - Possible keynote speakers are being contacted
 - A discussion regarding several aspects of the meeting took place, including allowable expenses for workshop instructors, availability of teaching materials, and possible inclusion of a field trip location on the most western part of the Mesabi range
 - Julie Elkington indicated that she could provide Mesabi Range contacts to Jim Miller

Other Business

- Harvey Thorleifson graciously handed over the Chair responsibility for the upcoming meeting to new Chair Fred Corrigan

Next meeting tentatively set for 2:00pm on March 14, 2013

Motion to adjourn at 12:53pm by Ernie Lehman, seconded by Cheryl Sill – motion carried.