



**Quarterly Meeting of the CIM Rock Engineering Society**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**  
**12:00 pm ET– MS Teams Conference**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Invited:</b>	<b>Kamran Esmaili</b>	<b>Chair (Present)</b>
	<b>Mike Yao</b>	<b>Past-Chair (Absent)</b>
	<b>Zara Anderson</b>	<b>Chair-Elect (Present)</b>
	<b>Doug Milne</b>	<b>Member (Present)</b>
	<b>Darren Neely</b>	<b>Treasurer (Present)</b>
	<b>Dave Landry</b>	<b>Secretary (Absent)</b>
	<b>Martin Grenon</b>	<b>Publication (Absent)</b>
	<b>Efstratios Karampinos</b>	<b>Outreach (Present)</b>
	<b>Jonathan Aubertain</b>	<b>Communication (Present)</b>
	<b>Sophie Larsen</b>	<b>Member (Present)</b>

1.0 Welcome & Introductions (Kamran)

2.0 Approval of Agenda

2.1. MOTION (Kamran): to approve the agenda.

*Approved by the group.*

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes

- MOTION (Kamran): to approve the minutes from the 31 of October 2023

*Approved by the group.*

4.0 Society Activities Update

- CIM AGM 2024 Technical Program (Kamran)

*-21 abstracts were received this year.*

*-20/21 abstracts were accepted after review.*

*-There was discussion on whether one or a couple of sessions could be run with a format including 15 min presentations with 30 minutes at the end for round-table discussion. No consensus from the group on which session(s) should trial this format, but there was general agreeance that not all sessions should use that format and that if we were to trial this, presenters will need to know well in advance.*

- Rock Mechanics Award 2024 (Kamran)- Should we keep this award national

*-Discussion on arranging for award plaque. Doug will provide the template to Kamran. Kamran will follow-up with Maria for arrangements to have a plaque made.*

*-It was discussed whether we should continue the award requiring membership in*

*CIM.*

-Kamran is going to check with CIM and see if the requirement to be a CIM Member for at least 5 years can be removed. They would still have to be a CIM member, but not for 5+ years. Bylaws would need to be changed to accommodate this, more to follow at next meeting.

Also, some discussed the possibility that the award criteria could emphasize academics less and industry work more.

- RES Ongoing Activities
  - 4..1 Webinars in collaboration with CGS-RMD (Efstratios)
    - Efstratios provided an update on progress with scheduled Webinars.
    - Jonathan will work on getting an email on scheduled event out to RES members.
    - Aim for the next event in June.
  - 4..2 Publication CIM-Journal special issue-Rock Mechanics/Rock Engineering (Kamran)
    - Only 2/4 papers planned for the issue came through and are in the review process. With only 2 papers, there may not be enough content for the special issue. Will evaluate papers submitted for Vancouver for potential submissions.
  - 4..3 Communication (Jonathan/Kamran)
    - Jonathan provided updates on Linked-In progress (414 followers). There will be email communications on ARMA 2024 coming soon. The webinar will also continue to be promoted.
  - 4..4 Students Award (Doug)
    - It is still open for submission for student posters. Zara, Darren and Doug will help with poster evaluations at the AGM to select the two winners.

#### 5.0 Treasurer's Update (Darren)

The balance is sitting near \$74,800 at the end of 2023. No major expenses or revenues since last meeting.

#### 6.0 CARMA Update (Doug/Kamran)

Kamran is now the Chair for CARMA. No other major updates on this topic.

#### 7.0 CIM Updates (Kamran)

- RES membership and ISRM membership
  - A small fraction of RES membership are also ISRM members. Discussed encouraging RES members to also become ISRM members. Kamran to follow up on this topic further to explore methods to improve this metric including have Jonathan advertise this on the Linked-In page.
- Questionnaire
  - Doug will provide Kamran with previous copies of the questionnaire to assist with completing this year's document.

#### 8.0 Varia

- ISRM VP-North America- (Martin)
  - No update was provided at this meeting.

## 9.0 Scheduling of the next meeting (Q2-2024)

-Next meeting will be on Sunday May 12 ahead of the AGM, Kamran will send out time after the meeting room is booked with an approved time slot. Meeting will be hybrid format.

## 10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm ET.

Kamran Esmacili  
Chair – CIM-Rock Engineering Society