



**Quarterly Meeting of the CIM Rock Engineering Society**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**12:00 pm PT– MS Teams Conference**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Invited:</b>	<b>Kamran Esmaeili</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 (Absent)</b>
	<b>Jonathan Aubertain</b>	<b>Communication (Absent)</b>
	<b>Navid Bahrani</b>	<b>Member (Present)</b>
	<b>Veronique Falmagne</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 23 of February 2024

*Approved by the group.*

4.0 Society Activities Update

• CIM AGM 2024 Technical Program (Kamran)

- *21 papers accepted for CIM Connect. 2 of them had to cancel prior to conference.*

- *CIM is tracking last minute cancellations.*

- *19 papers will be presented.*

- *Will invite some of them to submit full paper for the CIM Journal.*

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

- *Veronique is the recipient of the award this year, presented tomorrow at the afternoon session.*

- *Nominations for 2025 will open soon, call to submit. The call for submissions will be posted online when it opens.*

• RES Ongoing Activities

4..1 Webinars in collaboration with CGS-RMD (Kamran)

- 2 collaborative events held to date. There will be a third event in June and a fourth event will take place in September. Reach out to Kamran/Committee if there are potential topics. Events to date have had 60-100 attendees, ARMA has been included in the invite list and the events are posted on the YouTube channel.

#### 4.2 Publication CIM-Journal special issue-Rock Mechanics/Rock Engineering (Kamran)

- Last year – target was to have a special issue on rock mechanics/rock engineering. Selected some of the papers from the Montreal Conference to be submitted for the Journal. We have received 5 for submissions, 3 have been accepted. There will be a Q1 2025 rock mechanics special issue. There's a possibility to have one more paper, since there are usually 5-6 papers in each issue. Will continue to have this be a typical practice.

#### 4.3 Communication (Kamran)

- Linked-In page up and running for RES. Webinar events are advertised by sending out emails to RES members.

#### 4.4 Students Award (Doug)

- There are two awards, one is partially sponsored by CARMA, one is just from RES. Judging of the posters will take place on Monday at the CIM AGM. Winners are named by the end of day tomorrow and awards are presented by Tuesday at the CIM AGM.
- From the CIM, there is a plan to create an award for a student chapter, the award would provide funding for 3-4 students from this chapter to come to the CIM AGM. Societies would be asked to contribute funding to the award. The students may give a presentation or participate in various ways – there is a committee working on this initiative that will develop the details and the firm details are planned to be announced in September.

### 5.0 Treasurer's Update (Darren)

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

Some discussion regarding the amount in our account and what other initiatives we could do to disperse more of the funding we have currently. Ideas discussed included geotechnical data collection best practices. This is a topic that can be discussed in more detail at the next RES meeting.

### 6.0 CARMA Update (Doug/Kamran)

– Plan to create a student competition in rock mechanics. Tentative plan includes a single competition – similar to mining games, students would have some case study data and then they would be judged on their design. Teams would include 3-4 students, primarily undergrads. The award would be ~\$1k. More details will follow.

- Also a MSc., and PhD., award now given. There were two committees formed and awards were delivered based on their thesis, it will be presented at the CGS conference in Montreal. The award covers their cost to attend the CGS event.
- RES members don't pay the ISRM membership, there was discussion on how to improve this. It isn't intuitive when you are renewing CIM membership to add on ISRM membership. Will discuss with the CIM to see if the website can improve this flow and make adding on ISRM more obvious. There was also discussion that the RES could supply the funding for all RES members to be ISRM members. There are ~300 members, so the cost to pay for all RES members to be ISRM members would be ~\$4000. No decision made today, there was concern that if membership grew, the cost of this would significantly grow as well. Kamran will follow up with Ryan Bergen on how best to get RES members to sign up for ISRM as well.

- CARMA website has old rock engineering conference proceedings. Doug has material that can be placed on the RES website. There was also discussion on potential to contribute articles to OnePetro to gain access to this database, there's a complication that most of the material we have is tied to the CIM so not all of it may be able to be shared to OnePetro.

#### 7.0 CIM Updates (Kamran)

- CIM Rebrand – each society is getting a new logo as part of this rebrand. This is in progress for our society, by Q2 2025 there will be a new logo for RES. Consultation will take place this year.
- Generally, the re-brand is aimed at messaging to change the impression most have of mining.
- Updates to bylaws are on-going. Societies may also be asked to assess and update their own bylaws.

#### 8.0 Varia

- No items discussed.

#### 9.0 Scheduling of the next meeting (Q3-2024)

- Aim for next meeting in September. More discussion to follow then on initiatives for the funding we have.

#### 10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm PT.

Kamran Esmacili  
Chair – CIM-Rock Engineering Society