



**SOCIETY FOR MINING, METALLURGY AND EXPLORATION, INC.**

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**SME - MINNESOTA SECTION MEETING**  
**Minutes –October 11, 2016, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**  
**IRRRB Conference Room**  
**4261 Highway 53, Eveleth MN**

**Meeting Purpose** – 2017 Conference Planning

**Attendees in person** – Julie Lucas, Mike Perala, Julie Marinucci, Jim Tieberg, George Hudak, Allyz Kramer, Dan Palo, John Heine

**Attendees on phone** – Dave Kanagy, Justin Courtney, Tara Davis, Mindy Watson-Ward, Bethany Kelly

**Questions from Headquarters**

- Sponsorship Information
  - No record of receiving that in email – Kaley to send in future.
- Students and Retired Registrants
  - Students' registration will be paid for by MN SME if students attend breakfast
  - Retiree registration cost to be raised to cover the cost. The retiree registration will not include membership and should reflect, at a minimum, a break-even with the costs associated with venue/lunch/etc.

**Address Conference Categories**

- Conference Fees, Member Fees and Registration
  - These items have been finalized.
- Short courses
  - The Northern Subsection is developing three (3) short courses and will provide more information as it becomes available.
- Monday Night Social
  - Julie Marinucci proposed that Headquarters obtain pricing/information for the new restaurant, Pier B, that is near the DECC.
- Student Breakfast
  - No update.
- Opening plenary
  - Ideas discussed – MNDOT for Highway 53 Bridge, Economic Geology (NRRI). Mike P. and Julie L. to meet soon to discuss.
- Trade Show – Pioneer and/or Fitzgerald
  - 77 booths already sold. Pioneer Hall is the only hall for 2017. Discussion held on potential photo contest to place winning photos along Fitzgerald walkway.

- Complementary booths
  - No update. Item closed.
- Lunches/Meals
  - No update. Item closed.
- Technical Sessions
  - Allyz K. and John H. co-chairing and pulling together session chairs.
- Breaks
  - No update. Item closed.
- Annual Business Meeting
  - Same agenda as previous years. Need a nominating committee to develop the next slate of Officers.
- 2018 Planning Meeting will again occur from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday following the Annual Business Meeting
- Vendor’s Reception
  - Will be held 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. No further updates.
- Networking Luncheon
  - Julie M. has begun discussions with Barb Filas as a potential speaker. Decided to keep it in the same room as previous years.
- Keynote plenary
  - See above notes on opening plenary.
- Advertising
  - Julie M., Julie L. and Mindy (Headquarters) to discuss further.
- Media relations
- Evaluation
  - No updates. Item closed.
- Security
  - Monday and Tuesday night. Item closed.
- Ethics Course
  - Kelsey Johnson, Iron Mining Association, to present. Discussion held about having PDH certificates available at the end of the course for people to pick up.

**2018 Conference Agreement**

A motion was made by Julie Marinucci, seconded by George Hudak and approved by all SME Board Members in attendance (six board members) to approve the amended 2018 SME Annual Meeting Agreement.

**Assign Category Responsibilities for 2017 Conference**

<b>Category</b>	<b>MN SME Manager</b>	<b>SME Headquarters</b>
Overall Conference Oversight	Julie Lucas	Kaley Biddy
Short Courses	Dan Palo	Tara Davis
Plenary Planning	Mike Perala / Julie Lucas	Tara Davis
Technical Sessions	Allyz Kramer / John Heine	Tara Davis
Trade Show / Reception	Greg Beckstrom	Justin Courtney

Conference Logistics	Julie Lucas	Kaley Bidy
Social Events / Networking	Julie Marinucci	Kaley Bidy
Ethics Course	Julie Marinucci	Tara Davis
Student Breakfast	Melissa Martinie	Kaley Bidy
Programs	Allyz Kramer	Tara Davis
Advertising, and Communications	Julie Marinucci and Julie Lucas	Mindy Watson-Ward

**Adjourn: 1:45 PM**