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from the meeting of the IMRB Board, on 22nd September 2009 at the hotel Červený zámek in Hradec nad Moravicí.

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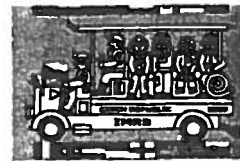
1) *Evaluation of the Conference and the conclusions reached from the discussions of the IMRB Board in Nashville. Mr. Gryska*

We received the letter regret from Mr. Allen Dupree regarding attendance at the conference. This resulted in a lack of report of the IMRB meeting held in Nashville September 2007. A motion was passed regarding establishing a Secretary Treasurer to maintain continuity. Alex Gryska was selected to act in this capacity and be a liaison with future chairs.

2) *Adoption of the new IMRB symbol and flag.* The IMRB members adopted the logo and flag designed by the Czech Republic as the permanent symbol of the organisation.

3) *Handover of the official IMRB statutes and protocols on the foundation in 2001 of the IMRB in Poland.* The statutes were reviewed and it was agreed to not alter the original agreement signed in Poland.

4) *Verification of the certification and to whom it was issued at the preceding sessions in South Africa, Australia and the U.S.A.*



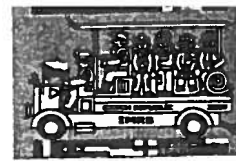
Delegates will be presented with a copy of the issued certificates. The original members of the IMRB meeting held in Poland 2001 were:

- OKD, Revirni Banska Zachranna Stanice, Czech Republic
- Houilleres du Bassin de Lorraine HBL, France
- Mine Safety and Health Administration, United States of America
- Institutul National de Cercetare, Dezvoltare Pentru Securitate Miniera si Protectie Antiexploziva INSEMEX PETROSANI, Romania
- Hornonitrianske Bane Prievidza, a.s. Hlavna Banska Zachranna Stanica, Slovakia
- Mines Rescue Service (PTY) Ltd., South Africa
- Mines Rescue Service NSW, Australia
- Mines Rescue Services Ltd., United Kingdom
- Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom
- Centralna Stacja Ratownictwa Gorniczego, Poland

IMRB members accepted in Johannesburg South Africa 2003:

- Mines and Aggregates Safety and Health Association, Canada
- State Administration of Work Safety, China
- Singarene Collieries Co. Ltd. Mines Rescue Services, India
- Zentrales Grubenrettungswesen der Berufsgenossenschaft Rohstoffe und chemische Industrie, Germany

IMRB members accepted in Sydney Australia, 2005:



- Store Norske Spitsbergen Grubekompani AS, Longyarbyen, Norway
- N.Z. Mines Rescue Service, Huntly N.Z., New Zealand

IMRB members accepted in Nashville 2007:

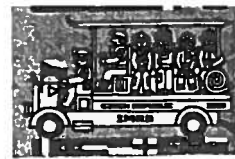
- None

IMRB members accepted in the Czech Republic in 2009:

- Association of Canada's Chief Inspectors of Mines, Winnipeg, Canada
- Queensland Mines Rescue Service, Pty Ltd., Dysart, Australia

5) *Applications of new members for acceptance.* According to Regulations (Section 4) the applications received during the past 2 years did not comply with the criteria specification. It was agreed that should a nation miss more than one meeting without just cause their membership will be withdrawn.

6) *Questions associated with the representation of the member states of the IMRB.* It will be decided, which organization represents a country when casting votes. It was agreed that one nation will have only one vote. The number of members from a single nation is not limited to one. The nation shall decide which organisation votes. It was suggested that each nation select an alternate.



- 7) *Supplementation of point 6 to the statutes, in section 4 "Membership in the IMRB".* Addressed above in point number 6.

- 8) *Comments and suggestions regarding the website www.minerescue.org.* Alex Gryska will continue to maintain and update the IMRB website with assistance from other IMRB members. A subcommittee will be established and used to make decisions regarding the website. An estimate of costs for expanding and operating website will be prepared and distributed to the IMRB members. It was agreed that this costing estimate will be completed within 2 months and shared with the IMRB members. This data will be used to establish membership fees.

- 9) *Collaboration between the ISSA and IMRB.* Alex Gryska, Helmut Ehnes and Alois Adamus will explore potential collaboration options and report these to the IMRB for decision.

- 10) *International Mine Rescue Competition connection with the IMRB.* It was agreed that the IMRB website will be used as a communication medium to promote competitions and to identify future International Mines Rescue Competition hosts.

- 11) *Status of preparations for the 5th Conference in China in 2011.* China agreed and will be the IMRB meeting and Conference hosts in 2011.



12) *Organization of the 6th Conference in 2013 in Canada and proposals for the Conference organization in 2015.* Canada agreed to continue support of being host in 2013. Germany indicated interest in hosting the conference in 2015.

13) *Other Business.*

24 September 2009

Václav Pošta, IMRB Chairman

Alex Gyska, Secretary Treasurer