



International Mines Rescue Body (IMRB) Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday 6 September, 2015, 03:00 p.m.

Location: Dormero Conference Hotel Hannover, Germany

Chair: Wolfgang Roehl, Manager Central Mines Rescue Station, Alex Gryska, Secretary Treasurer International Mines Rescue Body

Agenda

1. Mr. Wolfgang Roehl Chairman of IMRB Germany 2015 welcomed guests to the meeting and reminded members that matters requiring acceptance would be voted on by a show of hands with each attending nation having once vote.
2. Mr. Alex Gryska Secretary Treasurer IMRB listed several new member applications who applied for membership however since none of these applicants attended the business meeting they could not be voted on as new members. Article IV item 4 of the IMRB Constitution requires that members including potential new mem be must "active" and participate and attend meetings.

No Vote was necessary

ISSA requested that a reciprocal agreement between the two organizations (ISSA and IMRB) regarding membership in their respective organizations be agreed to.

It was agreed that that they would be non- paying and non- voting members. The primary responsibility will be to support each organization in the area of safety as it applies to mines rescue. Alex Gryska and Helmut Ehnes will prepare and presents certificates to one another when opportunities arise.

3. Meeting minutes of the 6th IMRB which were held in Canada were distributed by Mr. Wolfgang Roehl and shared with attendees.

Minutes were accepted as submitted.

4. The Russian delegates confirmed their intent to host the 8th IMRB conference in Russia in 2017. Event organizers are in the process of establishing a website and preparing information which will be used to promote IMRB Russia 2017.

Although not a current member Chile had several participants attend the meeting and indicated an interest in joining the IMRB and also possibly hosting the IMRB in 2019.

Alex Gryska agreed to discuss options with the Chilean delegates.

5. Zambia's offer to host 9th IMRB conference 2019 was discussed. It was noted that Zambia was asked on numerous occasions to confirm their intent to host the conference however no response was obtained. Furthermore no members from Zambia were in attendance at IMRB Germany 2015 therefore it is assumed they have no interest in hosting the conference.

Although there was general support from IMRB members to have Zambia host a future IMRB they must confirm their interest by attending regular meetings.

6. Mr. Alex Gryska provided an update regarding the IMRB Website which has not had any major work done to it other than providing periodic updates. The website was initially launched 8 years ago and is due for redesign in order to make it more user-friendly.

The website needs to address emerging needs and at the same time retain access to historical information currently available on the site.

Alex Gryska will obtain an estimate for redesigning the website.

7. The IMRB Constitution was discussed and a new modified document was voted and accepted.

A signed copy of the constitution accompanies these minutes.

8. Membership fees were discussed and an amendment was made to the Constitution to incorporate membership fees for "Full and Associate Members" which will be in US dollars. It was agreed that current membership fees for the existing term will be as follows:

Full Member fees \$500 (USD) per term

Associate Member fees \$250 (USD) per term

Countries must pay their dues to remain in good standing and be allowed to participate in IMRB meetings.

9. Alex Gryska and Barrie Simoneau reported that following "IMRB Canada 2013" \$6000 (CAD) was collected as seed money which will be used to help fund the IMRB business.

Balance effective July 31, 2015 was \$5697.49 (CAD).

The Secretary Treasurer will be responsible to authorize payment for regular operational fees however major expenses need to be approved by the Financial Controlling Committee consisting of James Johnson, South Africa and Trevor Watts, New Zealand who were elected by the IMRB Germany 2015 members.

It was agreed that key financial responsibilities for 2015/2017 will include the following items: IMRB website maintenance and updating, marketing and promotion of the IMRB and IMRB Conference attendance.

10. International Mine Rescue Competition

The 9th International Competition was held Katowice Poland 2014. It was one of the most successful international competitions ever held. A formal presentation will be made by the Polish delegation during the conference.

It was confirmed that 10th International Competition (2016) will be held in Canada and the 11th International Competition (2018) will be held in Russia.

No nation committed to hosting the 12th International Competition which will be held in 2020.



Alex Gryska

Secretary Treasurer IMRB