



Canadian Geotechnical Society
Société canadienne de géotechnique

2016 Annual Division Report

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Division Name: Rock Mechanics Division

Section 1: General

Date of report: July 26, 2016

Prepared by: Sam Proskin

Division Chair: Sam Proskin

End of Division Chair's Term: December 21, 2017

Division's CGS web page address: https://www.cgs.ca/division_rock_mechanics.php

Last time your Division's CGS web page was updated: January 2015

If your Division has a separate website please provide address: <http://www.carma-rocks.ca/>

Is there a link to the CGS website?: yes

1) What is the mission statement, or main purpose, of your Division?

To develop, maintain and promote communications and cooperation between practitioners of rock mechanics and geotechnical rock engineering. It provides its members with opportunities to present the results of professional activities by organizing events and activities to facilitate knowledge, experience and information transfer and exchange. It also provides its members with opportunities to upgrade and update their professional knowledge and skills.

2) List one, or two or three (or more) specific things that your Division will be working on, or wishes to accomplish, during the next CGS year (July 1, 2016 to June 31, 2017).

Setting a year/ location for the next Canadian Rock Mechanics Meeting

Soliciting ideas for speciality conference

Finding a Vice-Chair to succeed as Chair for RMD

Section 2: Current (as of June 30, 2016) Executive Committee Members and their Affiliations (employers or, if students, universities)

Chair:

Past Chair: Jim Hazzard, ITASCA Consulting Group

Vice Chair: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Chris Hawkes, University of Saskatchewan

Thomas Lardner, University of Western Ontario

Silvana Micic, EXP

Derek Kinakin, BGC Engineering

Marc-Andre Brideau, BGC Engineering

Jordan Severin, SRK

Ehsan Ghazvinian, Queen's University

Chrysothemis Paraskevopoulou, Queen's University

Andy Corkum, BGC Engineering

Veronique Boivin, EXP

Section 3: Number of Division Members (as of June 30, 2016)

Executive Committee Members: 2

1st Choice members: 99

2nd Choice members: 261

Comments:

- 1st choice down from 116
- 2nd choice up from 205

Section 4: Division is affiliated with which other organizations

National affiliates and names of CGS representatives:

- CARMA: Sam Proskin

North American affiliates and names of CGS representatives:

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International affiliates and names of CGS representatives:

- ISRM: Doug Stead is VP North America for ISRM

Section 5: Division Finances (CARMA as of January 31, 2016)

Account Balance: \$62,322.07

Comments (point form)

- Grant of \$5000 to ISRM Montreal 2015
- Load of \$5000 to ISRM Montreal 2015
- \$4800 Grant to support 4 qualified students attending ISRM Montreal 2015

Section 6: Division Activities in past year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)

- Holding joint technical session with the Engineering Geology Division at GeoVancouver
- Reviewed papers for GeoVancouver
- CARMA Conference call meetings January and February 2016
- Hani Mitri was announced as recipient of the John. A. Franklin Award at GeoQuebec
- At GeoQuebec held a joint technical sessions with the Engineering Geology Division
- Held annual meeting of RMD with 10-12 people attending