

**Minutes of the October 7, 2008 Mining Industry Committee (MIC) Meeting  
(Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Canada)**

1. Jorge Pontt called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.
2. Attendance was taken. (Attachment 1)
3. Jorge Pontt reviewed the Meeting Agenda (Attachment 2).
4. The minutes of the September 25, 2007 MIC meeting were reviewed and approved (motion by John Sammarco, second by Galina Mirzaena).
5. Jorge Pontt gave a brief summary of the Technical Sessions to be conducted on October 8, 2008.
6. Paper Review Committee Report: Joe Sottile was absent so John Sammarco gave the report as submitted by Joe Sottile (Attachment 3). In general, people believe that Manuscript Central will streamline our paper review process.
7. Jorge Pontt reviewed the Call for Papers – IEEE IAS'09, Oct., 4-8, Houston Tx, USA [http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call_for_Papers.html)
8. Nominations: John Sammarco explained that nominations were needed given the two-year term limit that ends December 31, 2008 for Officers. John Sammarco nominated Thomas Novak for Vice Chair. He explained that Joe Sottile will solicit other nomination via e-mail and he will e-mail ballots.
9. Jorge Pontt distributed the call for papers for the IEEE IAS 2009 Annual Meeting at Houston, TX. It is anticipated that two technical sessions will be in place for mining. Galina will chair one session and the Vice –Chair will chair the other technical session. Dave Durocher explained that the format will change given that the ECCS will have a separate meeting. It is anticipated that the IEEE IAS 2009 meeting format is to have about 50% tutorials and 50% technical papers. Dave encouraged the submission of tutorials for next year. Tutorials targeting fundamentals were encouraged to be submitted. Pricing for IAS 2009 will be for tutorials only, technical sessions only, or for full session.
10. Discussion: Jorge Pontt had invited the Metal Industry Committee to the meeting to discuss a possible merger with MIC. It seems there are some common areas of interest such as electrical safety, arc flash, power distribution, drives, reliability, etc. Both committees will explore a joint technical session for IAS 2009 as a first step to explore a possible merger. Another joint effort could be a roundtable panel discussion on a given topic. Galina will serve as the point of contact for mining and Doug Cromey will serve as the contact for metals for any joint efforts. Various topics for tutorials at IEEE IAS 2009 were discussed. Some of the suggestions included diagnostics, electrical safety, arc flash calculations, standards, energy efficiency, and emerging technologies. Members are encouraged to submit tutorial suggestions even if they do not intend to present the tutorial. Various people within IEEE IAS will be sought to present some of the suggested tutorials.
11. New Business: J Sammarco asked that members check the Mining Industry Committee webpage for the current list of members and send any contact information corrections (phone, e-mail) to J. Sottile.
12. Old Business
13. Adjournment: 7:30 PM

**Attachment 1**

Attendance at the October 7, 2008 Mining Industry Committee (MIC) Meeting  
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Name	Affiliation	e-mail
John Sammarco	NIOSH	
Jorge Pontt	Technical University Federico Santa Maria	
Galina Mirzaeva	University of Newcastle	
Sergin Panetta		
Joy Mazumdar	Seimens	
David Durocher	Eaton	
Douglas Cromey		
Tom Dionise	IEEE IAS Metals Industry Committee	
Rakan El-Mahayni	Eaton	
Julian Fisher	Santec	
Gary Skibinski	Rockwell	
Hans Jurgen Pfisteres		

## Attachment 2

### Agenda

#### IAS MINING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA, October 7th, 2008

Room: Consulate Room of the Westin, Edmonton –

Begin: 6.00 pm, Adjourn: 8.00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – (Pontt)
2. Welcome to new IAS-MIC Mebers (Pontt)
3. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA – (Pontt)  
*This Agenda is being sent to the MIC members by e-mail. Suggestions are welcome.*
4. APPROVAL OF MIC MEETING MINUTES- (Pontt)  
*(September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, meeting minutes attachment sent by J.Sottile).*
5. SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL SESSIONS 1: Session 45 – Advanced technologies in mining I, (J.Pontt), 6 *papers scheduled.*
6. SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL SESSION 2: Session 55 - Advanced technologies in mining I, 6 *papers scheduled.* (Galina Mirzaeva). 6 *papers scheduled.*
7. PAPER REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE – (Sottile)
8. CALL FOR PAPERS – IAS'09, Oct., 4-8, Houston Tx, USA  
[http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call_for_Papers.html)
9. Election ballot. Nominations (Sammarco).
10. DISCUSSION :
11. NEW BUSINESS. New chair and new vice-chair.
12. OLD BUSINESS
13. ADJOURNMENT

#### References:

<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias> Industry Applications Society  
<http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/cms/content/view/168/>, MIC - SCOPE, POLICIES, AND BYLAWS  
<http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/cms/content/view/167/>, MEMBERS Mining Committee  
<http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/cms/content/view/46/27/>, Mining Industry Committee  
[http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/ias/2009/Call_for_Papers.html), Call for papers IAS09.  
<http://www.ewh.ieee.org/conf/ecce/>, The inaugural IEEE Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition will be held in San Jose, California, USA, September 20-24, 2009.

## Attachment 3



### INDUSTRY APPLICATIONS SOCIETY

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TO: Mining Industry Committee  
SUBJECT: IEEE IAS Paper Review Chair Report

#### **Status of 2007 IAS Conference Papers**

A total of 19 papers were presented at 2007 IAS Meeting. Of the 19 papers, eight were accepted as submitted or accepted with minor revisions, two were not accepted but may be resubmitted with major revisions, seven were not accepted, one was not submitted for review, and one is still in review.

#### **Changes to the Paper Review Process**

In general, the review process has been very slow, primarily because of the relatively small size of the Mining Industry Committee and the poor response rate of many reviewers. This, coupled with the comparatively large number of papers (e.g., 19 papers in 2007) has led to a long review period for MIC papers.

In 2008, the IAS has moved from its current paper review process to the implementation of Manuscript Central to assist in managing the process. The shift to Manuscript Central should speed up the process considerably for two reasons: first, the use of Manuscript Central will streamline the review process, and, second, for situations in which MIC members are not completing the reviews in a timely manner, Manuscript Central will provide access to a database of additional IAS members with their areas of specialization identified so that reviewers with appropriate specialization can be used to provide reviews. It should be noted that all efforts will be made to utilize MIC members in the

review process, because they generally are the IAS members with the most appropriate background to provide reviews. Therefore, it is extremely important for all MIC members to complete the reviews in a timely manner, or, if not able to provide a review, suggest others who could review the paper.

For authors, the process is relatively straightforward. In a few weeks after the Annual Meeting, each author will receive an invitation (along with instructions) to submit his/her paper for review for publication in IAS Transactions. The author will have up to four weeks (after receiving the notification) to submit his/her paper for review.

For reviewers, the process is also straightforward. Reviewers will receive an invitation to review selected papers along with the deadline for completing the review. The reviewers will have the option of reviewing the paper or declining the offer to review the paper. In some circumstances, the reviewer may be asked to suggest reviewers.

Additional details of the process will be provided to authors and reviews as the process is implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sottile