

**Minutes of the October 6, 2009 Mining Industry Committee (MIC) Meeting  
(Arboretum 3 & 4, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston, TX )**

1. Galina Mirzaeva called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.
2. The minutes of the October 7, 2008 MIC meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Galina Mirzaeva gave a brief summary of the MIC Technical Sessions. A total of 14 papers are planned for presentation at two technical sessions. The first technical session, entitled *Mining Safety, Instrumentation and Efficiency*, was conducted at the Tuesday afternoon MIC technical session and had seven presentations. The second technical session, entitled *Mining Machines, Drives and Processes*, is scheduled for Wednesday morning. Seven papers are scheduled for presentation in that technical session.
4. Paper Review Committee Report: Joe Sottile presented the paper review report for the 2009 Annual Meeting (Attachment 1). To summarize, three papers were approved without change; five papers require mandatory changes; and six papers were not approved. Joe Sottile reported that because the papers are now available once submitted through Scholar One (usually in June), the review process can begin before the Annual Meeting. This has improved the review process greatly. However, it was pointed out that final approval of a paper cannot be made until it is presented at the Annual Meeting.
5. Discussion: A discussion on the acceptance rate of MIC papers was conducted. Jorge Pontt stated that, in some cases, the reviewers do not provide detailed reasons for not accepting papers for publications in *Transactions*. Paper Review Chair, Joe Sottile, stated that, in most cases, reviewers are very clear in their comments. However, there are situations in which reviewers make statements such as 'technical content not acceptable for IAS Transactions' and this does not provide authors with sufficient feedback for improvement. He pointed out that MIC members are the primary source for reviewers, and that committee members must be diligent when reviewing papers. Subsequently, a discussion of the review process (among several meeting attendees) was held with recognition that all MIC members should be responsive to requests for review and that their reviews should be thorough. Joe Sottile concluded the discussion by stating that authors can contact him if they want additional comments from reviewers.
6. Adjournment: approximately 7:15 PM.

## Attachment 1



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

#### **Overview of Paper Review Process**

Beginning with the 2008 IAS Annual Meeting, the Industry Applications Society has been using Scholar One (fka Manuscript Central) for conducting paper reviews for publication in Transactions on Industry Applications and the IAS Magazine. There has been, and still is, a learning curve with Scholar One; however, its use has greatly enhanced the paper review process. For instance, reviews of papers can begin once they have been submitted and accepted for the conference. It is important to note that the IAS still maintains its presentation policy; consequently, papers that have been approved for publication must still be presented at the IAS Annual Meeting to be published in Transactions on Industry Applications.

#### **Status of 2009 IAS Conference Papers**

A total of 14 papers were scheduled to be presented at 2009 IAS Annual Meeting. All of the papers have been reviewed for publication in Transactions with the following decisions:

- Three papers were approved with no changes required.
- Five papers required changes before a final decision could be made
  - The option for making the changes has expired for three papers
  - The option for making the changes is pending for two papers
  - One paper has been modified and approved by the MIC
- Six papers have not been approved by the MIC

## **Attachment 1**

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sottile