

**Underground Committee Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2009
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Marriott New Orleans
Balcony M
New Orleans, LA**

Minutes

Attending: Dan Millette-Chair, John Zhang-Co Chair, Mike Ballou, Chris Breeds, Jean-Francois Dufour, Joe Hutter, Kristian Loevlie, Ray Schallom, Ray Smith, Pete Tatnall, Brian Smith

Staff: Chris Darnell

1. Call to Order

1.1. Underground Committee Chair Dan Millette called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

2. Review of ASA Antitrust Policy

2.1. Dan Millette read the ASA Antitrust Policy.

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Underground Minutes from March 31, 2008 Meeting in Los Angeles, CA

4.1. Motion to approve minutes by Ray Schallom and seconded by John Zhang.

5. Membership

5.1. Brian E. Smith of Kiewit Construction was introduced as the newest committee member

5.2. November 9, 2009 Roster – 24 voting members, 2 non-voting (staff)

6. Announcements

7. Underground Educator Program

7.1 The question was put forth on how to promote this program in the industry and several suggestions were made:

Contact mining schools, training institutes, material suppliers and mining companies/contractors for potential interest. Dan Millette to draft letter to send to potential candidates. Draft of letter to be reviewed at Las Vegas meeting.

Ask ITA conference and NAT Conference for advertizing/seminar time at respective May/June 2010 conferences.

Contact SME, CIMM, MSHA to see if there are opportunities with them.

8. New USB – review of presentation

The presentation for the Underground USB was reviewed one slide at a time and discussion of various issues prompted changes in many of the slides. A consensus was reached on each slide and John Zhang recorded the changes. Dan Millette will make the changes to the presentation within two weeks and send it out via "yousendit.com" to members who attended the meeting as well as to task group members for final review. Comments will be expected within 15 days and that should complete the process.

9. Next Meeting

On February 1, 2010 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM by Ray Schallom and seconded by Brian Smith.