



May 2013 Newsletter

On behalf of the Canadian Rock Mechanics Association (CARMA), it is a pleasure to provide an update on the activities of the Association. The 2013 CARMA executive is: John Hadjigeorgiou, Jim Hazzard, Chris Hawkes, Denis Thibodeau and Luc Beauchamp as Secretary/Treasurer.

CARMA Website:

We have now made the full transition to our stand alone website: www.carma-rocks.ca/. We are happy to report that members will now have access to past proceedings of CARMA events for which we hold the copyright. The technical library already includes the proceedings of RockEng 2012 and Slope Stability 2011. Within a week or two you will be receiving an email from Jim Hazzard, our webmaster, giving you an access code to the technical library. CARMA members continue to have access to the ISRM website www.isrm.net/ with privileged access to ISRM products and publications.

RockEng2012:

RockEng12, the 21st Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium was a technical success. It was also very rewarding to see so many younger rock engineers attending and presenting at the conference. We are appreciative of the hard work by Chris Hawkes and his organizing committee in making this event possible. On the financial side the conference was less successful, but our financial exposure was limited. Most of the deficit was absorbed by the Canadian Institute of Mining. Going forward, we have now set up procedures to minimize our financial exposure in organizing future events.

Governance:

A major initiative of CARMA was towards improved governance and financial transparency. As of August 2011 all CARMA financial statements are audited by an external accounting firm to ensure compliance with the standards established by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. We are grateful to our Secretary-Treasurer Luc Beauchamp who managed this transition.

New Events:

CARMA along with ARMA are co-sponsors of the International Discrete Fracture Network Engineering Conference (DFNE) 2014 in Vancouver 19-23 October, Vancouver, BC. In 2015 CARMA is sponsoring the ISRM 13th International Congress on Rock Mechanics in Montreal.

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