Terms of Reference for each SOMP Committee
(v2 – June, 2015)

- **Membership** – as defined by Constitution

- **Education**
  - Actively developing and supporting education across the mining engineering discipline
    1. Conduct annual survey of education programs and student/staff numbers
    2. Share and promote innovative teaching and learning strategies and resources; and exchanging examples.
    3. Opportunity to compare curricula, discipline needs, industry needs and to consider benchmarking options.
    4. Implement a broader survey process and database for all international mining engineering programs, including website links to access curricula information.
    5. Support new mining engineering education programs and capacity in developing regions through initiatives such as: staff exchange; postgrad student exchange; shared teaching resources etc.
    6. Manage the selection of Tim Shaw Teaching & Learning Innovation Award

- **Research, Development & Industry**

  - Sharing research experiences, capabilities and future challenges.

    1. Identify and maintain a SOMP-awareness of industry R&D priorities
    2. Maintaining an awareness of research interests across SOMP membership; and identifying/reporting strengths and gaps
    3. Promoting collaborative R&D opportunities and showcasing examples
    4. Develop sessions within annual meeting structure that include presentations of above, and focussed break-out groups to identify future research needs.

- **Strategic Planning**

  - Develop strategies for future development of SOMP
  - Make recommendations to Council re strategy implementation

- **Members Development**

  - Fostering professional career development and social awareness.
    1. Informal network and mentoring schemes for young academics
    2. Communication mechanisms for young academics
    3. Awareness and promotion of diversity (staff/students)

- **Capacity Building**

    1. Identify new mining education initiatives/needs in developing mining regions
    2. Develop strategies for SOMP to assist new programs and/or personnel
    3. Make recommendations to other SOMP Committees and Council

- **Honorifics**
    o   Select SOMP members for Emeritus awards

- **Günter Fettweis Award**
    o   Select SOMP member for GF Award

- **Ludwig Wilke Award**
    o   Select SOMP member for LW Award

- **IT & Communications**
    1. Manage the administration and content of SOMP website
    2. Manage the administration and content of SOMP-related social media sites