Wow! We had a great time at the mid-year in Colorado Springs. Fifty-four SCMS members and their guests participated. Everything went as planned, except for a few glitches with the hotel as it changed owners in the midst of our stay. We started with a tour of the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy. The red sandstone formations of the Garden of the Gods are definitely something that we do not see on the East Coast. Our tour of the Air Force Chapels (there are 4 of them) told us how the chapels were built and provided interesting details about the architecture.

Monday morning found us on the Cog Rail to the top of Pikes Peak. We had been enjoying the view of the Peak from the ground and it was now time to view the valley from the top of the Peak. We lucked out as the weather was clear and we were able to see for miles around. We even ran into some sheep on the way up to the Peak. It was quite cold on the Peak with snow on the ground. Once pictures were taken we went into the store at the top to warm up. In the afternoon Jeff Thomson gave a talk on Driving Value and Competing to Win. We also heard about Colorado Springs – City of Champions.

Tuesday morning brought more CPE with Kris Brands starting us off talking about Sustainability and Green Accounting followed by a talk on the Issues and Regulations of Colorado’s Marijuana Industry. No samples were given. In the afternoon we went to the Olympic Training Center and had one of the athletes guide our tour. Chris Murphy is one of the para-cycling athletes and we were all impressed with him and the details he provided about his life and life at the Training Center. We will be following his progress as he tries out for the U.S. Paralympic Team for the Paralympics in Rio this coming year.

The Hospitality Suite was decorated with a mining and western theme, even with Wanted Posters of the Executive Committee and Jeff. Billie Drake captured most of the Wanted Persons (Jeff is still at large) and received her reward on Tuesday night. However, one of my favorite things of the whole week was to meet and talk with Dean Arnold, a 55 year member of IMA who lives in Colorado Springs. Dean went with us on most of the tours and attended all the CPE sessions. He had me take deep breaths on top of Pikes Peak to ensure that I was getting enough oxygen. Dean, it was a pleasure meeting and getting to know you.

Thanks to all who made the mid-year possible. Through your hard work we had a great mid-year.

Byrd Heaton
**News About Students**

**Mentors Needed**

SCMS will be teaming up with the Leadership Academy to provide mentors for students. There are numerous students who have registered for mentors that are waiting to be matched with someone. Your services are definitely needed. Please contact Byrd Heaton (byrd.heaton@wellsfargo.com) if you would like to volunteer.

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**Welcome to Our Newest Inductee!**

Sherry McCormick’s name was omitted from the list of newest inductees in the last newsletter. She was escorted by Kim Wallen. Welcome, Sherry!

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**Mid-Year Fun in Colorado Springs**

![Billie earns her prize](image1.png)
![Dana, our bartender](image2.png)
![Brenda and Dana](image3.png)

![Martha gets a smooch](image4.png)
The Chapel

Byrd gets her medallion

Freezing on Pikes Peak

Touring the Olympic Training Center

Buffalo John

Sue Bos

Olympian Chris Murphy
New SCMS Members

Do you know an IMA member who should also be an SCMS member?

To qualify for SCMS membership, an IMA member must be a current or past
Regional Council Officer
IMA Officer
IMA Committee Member
Voting Member of IMA Board of Directors

The Board of Governors recently revised the process so that SCMS membership is now effective upon approval of the application by the SCMS Executive Committee. New members will want to experience the formal induction ceremony at an SCMS event, but now won’t have to wait until then to enjoy the benefits and prestige of SCMS membership immediately.

To join SCMS, contact Member Services at ima@imanet.org or 800-638-4427 or download the SCMS application from the SCMS website.

Visit the SCMS website at http://scms.imanet.org/

Make your reservations now!
Stuart Cameron McLeod Society
Board of Governors Meeting Information
Sunday, February 21, 2016
8 am to 12 pm

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel
340 North 3rd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tel: (602) 262-2500

Rate: $189 + tax

Reservation deadline: January 20, 2016