



## Section Chair Report

As I mentioned in a previous column, our Section was recognized by the Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) with the 2016 MEC Organization Recognition Award. This award recognizes the SME group which has demonstrated an active involvement in K-12 education or public outreach and awareness about minerals and mining. In writing up a description of our activities for inclusion in the January issue of "Mining Engineering" I was struck by just how much we do, and I thought it worthwhile to share that with you.

During the past year, the Colorado section participated in the Denver Gem & Mineral Show; Denver Museum of Nature & Science Earth Science Week; Adams County Career Expo; Colorado Association of Science Teachers' Science Conference; Boy Scouts of America Mining in Society merit badge workshop; Denver Gem & Mineral Show; Colorado Science & Engineering Fair; Scout Day at Dinosaur Ridge; and outreach to Colorado School of Mines students.

We gave financial support for the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation and the Colorado Mining Association Education Foundation's "All About Mining" course for teachers.

We attended school career fairs, and talked to students about rocks and minerals and their uses, mining history, and gold panning. We are working with the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab School on curriculum regarding mining and minerals.

We worked with the Colorado Department of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety to develop the Reclamation Colorado website ([www.reclamationcolorado.org](http://www.reclamationcolorado.org)), aimed at the public, educators, and others seeking information on mine reclamation.

As a reminder, we are again approaching the time of year when SME membership dues are due. Also, if you have not paid Colorado Section dues, now is a good time to do so. You can join or renew your membership two ways:

*Online:* <http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

*Mail:* \$25 check payable to *SME Colorado Section*

Mailed to *Justin Anderson – Treasurer, 1400 16<sup>th</sup> St Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202-1471*

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to seeing you all at a future meeting, and if you have ideas, questions, comments, or criticisms about how the Section is running or regarding Section activities, please phone me at (303) 736-6422, or e-mail me at [David.Bieber@martinmarietta.com](mailto:David.Bieber@martinmarietta.com). Thank you for entrusting me with the position of SME Colorado Section Chair.

Sincerely,  
Dave

## January Section Meeting

There will be no section meeting in December. Regular section meetings will resume on January 19, 2017.

## St. Barbara's Day Reception

When: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Location: The Westin, Augusta Room  
1672 Lawrence St.  
Denver, CO

The St. Barbara's Day Reception for the Colorado Mining Association, SME, and the Denver Gold Group will be held on December 15 from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm at The Westin in Denver. The RSVP deadline to attend is Friday December 9. Please see the website below to register and for additional information:

<https://www.coloradomining.org/registrations/st-barbaras-day-reception/>

## Upcoming Meetings

Section meetings are typically planned for the third Thursday of the month. Tentative dates and locations for 2016-2017 meetings are:

January 19, 2017 – Lunch in DTC

February 16, 2017 – Dinner in Denver

March 16, 2017 – Dinner in Golden

April 20, 2017 – Lunch in DTC

May 18, 2017 – Dinner in Denver

## Monthly Meeting RSVP

**Lunch Cost:** \$35 per person. Students welcome at \$15 per person with reservation.

**Dinner Cost:** \$50 per person. Students welcome at \$20 per person with reservation

RSVP and online payments can be made through the Colorado Section SME Community Events page:

<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

Select the event you would like to attend from the Colorado Section Events page and then select "Register Now". You will be asked to log in if you have not already done so, using your SME national login credentials. There is also an option to register for a new account if you are a non-member of SME.

Credit card payments can be made online for an additional processing fee. If you plan to pay by check or cash, select the option to generate an invoice. This invoice will serve as your RSVP, with check or cash payment due at the meeting.

Please contact Brian Shaffer, [bshaffer@usgs.gov](mailto:bshaffer@usgs.gov), or Richard Schwering, [rschwering@hardrock-consulting.com](mailto:rschwering@hardrock-consulting.com), with any questions regarding the meetings, or if you are interested in presenting.

## Who Speaks for Mining and Minerals?

We do! Members of the Colorado Section Minerals Education Coalition attended the Adams County Career Expo on November 15 and the Colorado Science Conference on November 18.

The annual Adams County Career Expo offers an opportunity for several thousand 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to help them plan for their future. While some of the students “don’t have a clue.” Helping to provide a clue or two were Karen Jass, Lois Brooks, Alan Cram, and Dick Beach. They discussed careers in the mining and minerals industry – both blue collar and white collar – with interested students.

At the Colorado Science Conference 3 days later, Cathy Begej, Karen Jass, Alan Cram, and Dick Beach presented educational materials and discussed mining and minerals education with Colorado science teachers. We passed out mineral kits, posters and other literature, and demonstrated the [www.mineralseducationcoalition.org](http://www.mineralseducationcoalition.org) website for teachers to show them some of the many resources available.

If you are interested in helping to spread the word about minerals and mining, please contact Dick Beach, [dickbeach@alumni.mines.edu](mailto:dickbeach@alumni.mines.edu), and consider joining our MEC.

## SME Colorado Section Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not done so already, please take this opportunity to sign-up for or renew your SME Colorado Section membership for the 2016-2017 year.

### How to join or renew:

**Online:** Credit card payments can be made online by visiting our website and selecting the 2016-2017 SME Colorado Section Dues link under the Our Events heading.

<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

**Mail:** Check payments of \$25 payable to *SME Colorado Section* mailed to Justin Anderson – SME Colorado Section Treasurer, 1400 16<sup>th</sup> St Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202-1471.

### Why you should renew:

The section dues that we collect are vital to our ability to continue our programs. Our Section’s focus is on advocating for our profession and industry here in our region. Some of the things that your Colorado Section dues help us to provide are scholarships for college students, majoring in mining disciplines; support for the Colorado State Science & Engineering Fair; provide teaching materials and perform outreach to Colorado science teachers through their State association, sponsorship for K-12 teachers participating in the *All About Mining – A Total Concept of the Mining Industry* course, and help support the Colorado Mining Museum and the National Mining Hall of Fame. So, by supporting the SME Colorado Section, you are directly supporting and advocating for your profession.

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You may also update your information with SME at: <http://www.smenet.org>