



## November Meeting

Thursday November 19, 2015

McCormick's Catering at the Oxford Hotel  
1659 Wazee Street  
Denver, CO 80202

Networking at 11:30 am  
Lunch at 12:00 pm  
Speaker at 12:30 pm

Speaker: Randy Pitts, Manager of Industrial Minerals for Norwest Corporation, will present an "Overview of the Global Soda Ash Industry with an Emphasis on Processed Trona Mined in Wyoming".

Randy is currently the Manager of Industrial Minerals for Norwest Corporation, an internationally recognized leader in providing consulting expertise to the energy, mining and natural resources industries. Mr. Pitts graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1978 with a degree in Mining Engineering. He spent the next 10 years in engineering operations and management positions at underground coal mines including, Mid-Continent Resources, Jim Walter Resources and Deserado Coal Company. In 1989 Mr. Pitts accepted a position with General Chemicals as the Mine Production Superintendent in their Green River, WY trona mine. He was with General Chemical and the successor company, Tata Chemicals for 24 years and held several management positions, including Mine Manager and Plant Manager. After retiring from Tata Chemicals, Mr. Pitts joined Norwest Corporation in 2013.

Cost is \$35 per person with online registration (credit card payments online will be assessed a small processing fee of \$1.10 in addition to the cost).

Students are welcome at a cost of \$15 per person with online registration (credit card payments online will be assessed a small processing fee of \$0.65 in addition to the cost).

If you prefer to pay by check or cash, you must still register online and select the option to generate an invoice. This will reserve your place at the meeting, with payment due upon arrival.

Walk-ins without a reservation will not be permitted. RSVP must be made by close of business Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Meetings

Section meetings are typically planned for the third Thursday of the month. Tentative dates and locations for 2015-2016 meetings are:

November 19, 2015 – Lunch near downtown Denver

January 21, 2016 – Lunch or Dinner near south Denver

February 11, 2016 – Dinner in Golden

March 17, 2016 – Lunch or Dinner near downtown Denver

April 21, 2016 – Lunch near south Denver

May 19, 2016 – Annual Awards Banquet Dinner, Denver

## SME Colorado Section Dues

Local Section Dues for 2015-2016 are \$25. A Dues Card was sent out with the summer newsletter in August for payment by check. Credit card payments are accepted online through our Section website. You also have the opportunity to make a Supporting Contribution to help fund the Section's outreach programs for minerals education, scholarships for Colorado students pursuing degrees in the minerals industry, local engineering programs such as the State Science & Engineering Fair, and sponsorships for K-12 teachers participating in the *All About Mining – A Total Concept of the Mining Industry* course.

Credit card payments can be made online by visiting our website and selecting the 2015-2016 SME Colorado Section Dues link under the Our Events heading.

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

## 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/>

Click on the event you would like to attend from the Colorado Section Events page and then click "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, small 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.

**Questions:** please contact Brett Larsen, Section Program Chair, should you have any questions regarding the monthly meetings:  
[blarsen@simplexgrinnell.com](mailto:blarsen@simplexgrinnell.com)

## Monthly Meeting Speaker

If you are interested in being a speaker and giving a presentation at one of our Section's monthly meetings, please contact our Section Program Chair, Brett Larsen: [blarsen@simplexgrinnell.com](mailto:blarsen@simplexgrinnell.com)

## Section Newsletter

If you have comments or would like to see additional information included with our newsletter, please contact our Section's Newsletter Editor, Heather Lammers: [hammers@golder.com](mailto:hammers@golder.com)

## Section Chair Report

At the October meeting, we voted to change our section bylaws. The change modified the bylaws to reflect how we are actually operating, specifically the Scholarship Committee shall now at a minimum consist of the committee Chair and two or more members selected from the current board and/or any available past Chairs of the Section. The Scholarship Committee may also include additional members, if the additional members are approved by a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

I have had questions from several members as to why our sections meetings are so expensive and what our Colorado Section dues goes to. Our meals operate at a break-even (we hope); meeting charges just cover the cost for the meal. 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 helps us to provide are six scholarships for college students majoring in mining disciplines; support for the Colorado Science Fair; provide teaching materials and perform outreach to Colorado science teachers through their State association, 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.

I look forward to seeing you all at our November meeting, and if you have ideas, questions, comments or criticisms about the proposed bylaw change, how the Section is running, or regarding Section activities, please phone me at (303) 736-6422, or email me at [dbieber@frontrangeaggregates.com](mailto:dbieber@frontrangeaggregates.com). Thank you for entrusting me with the position of SME Colorado Section Chair.

Dave Bieber

## Minerals Education Coalition

### At the Museum

SME Colorado Section Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) volunteers staffed a booth at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science on September 27. Museum visitors had an opportunity to learn about the essential role that mineral resources and mining play in our lives. Posters and handouts from MEC described careers in mining, safety and reclamation practices. A laptop displayed the MEC website for visitors to check out other educational resources. Display boxes from the Colorado Mining Association (CMA) illustrated many common products from mining that we use every day. Several hundred samples of important mineral resources such as coal, gypsum, limestone and marble were handed out to visitors.

MEC thanks our Colorado Section volunteers (Cathy Begej, Karen Jass and Dick Beach), CMA and national SME/MEC for providing support, displays and handout materials.

## Scholarship Committee

We are accepting online applications for Undergraduate and Graduate scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year. If you are interested, please see the links below for additional information:

### [Undergraduate](#)

### [Graduate](#)

The SME Colorado Section Vice Chair, Amanda Garcia, is looking for volunteers to serve on the Section's Scholarship Committee. Responsibilities of the committee include review of applications and interviews for qualified candidates.

If you are interesting in being a member of the Scholarship Committee, please contact our Section's Vice Chair, Amanda Garcia: [amanda.p.garcia@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.p.garcia@gmail.com)



## Colorado Mining Exhibit

### Water Quality/Watershed/Mine Land Reclamation

In cooperation with the Historical Society of Idaho Springs, the Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation has expanded the "Gold Mining to Gold Medal Fishing" exhibit in the Heritage Museum. The Heritage Museum is located at 2060 Miner Street in Idaho Springs, and receives approximately 50,000 visitors each year. The expanded exhibit contains simple graphics and interactive electronics with an emphasis on water quality restoration, and doubles the size of the original exhibit.



For more information, contact Guy Johnson: [GPJ222@aol.com](mailto:GPJ222@aol.com)

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