Section Chair Report

September is the start of our member program year, beginning with our annual golf tournament on September 9, 2016 at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, Colorado. As a reminder, this event is what supports the scholarships that the Colorado Section provides to students receiving degrees in Mining Engineering, Metallurgy, and Mining Geology. Our supporters’ generosity allowed us to provide five undergraduate and five graduate scholarships last year; numbers we hope to match or exceed this year. If you are not already participating in the event, I urge you to come out and enjoy the day with us. The students will be grateful.

As Colorado Section Chair, I frequently find myself asking our membership for money to support the various ways that the Section promotes responsible mining and educates the public. However, I am a strong believer in membership being a two-way street. If you have thoughts on how the SME Colorado Section can better serve you, please let me, or one of the other Section officers know. Some areas that we would encourage you to provide feedback on include:

- What types of presentations you would like to see at monthly meetings;
- Ideas for meeting locations;
- Ideas for how to improve our website;
- Whether you would like to participate in Colorado Section field trips, and if so, to where;
- Whether you would be interested in Colorado Section supported short courses, and if so, on what topics; and
- Whether you would be interested in Colorado Section supported social outings, such as a ski trip, sporting event, or other event and if so, what.

This is your Colorado Section, and we want to make sure that we are meeting your needs.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 2016-2017 meetings starting with the September Golf Tournament, 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. Thank you for entrusting me with the position of SME Colorado Section Chair.

David Bieber
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 16th 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.

Upcoming Meetings

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

October 20, 2016 – Dinner in Golden
November 17, 2016 – Lunch in Denver
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, or Richard Schwering, rschwering@hardrock-consulting.com, with any questions regarding the meetings.
Mineral Resources of the Front Range Mural at the New Discovery Center at Dinosaur Ridge

Friends of Dinosaur Ridge have opened a new Discovery Center on the west side of Dinosaur Ridge Park in Lakewood. The Discovery Center shows natural science aspects of the area and has educational material for children of all ages. The Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation helped sponsor this venue with displays on economic geology of the Front Range.

Dinosaur Ridge hosts more than 80,000 visitors each year. The Exhibit Foundation will add a “Women in Science” display this fall.

MMSA and CMA September Meeting

The Mining & Metallurgical Society of America and the Colorado Mining Association have a Luncheon and Presentation scheduled for 11:30 am on Friday, September 16 at the University Club. The speaker, Phil Baker from Hecla, will talk about the Lucky Friday 9000 ft shaft. Please see the CMA website for registration information:

https://www.coloradomining.org/registrations/cmammsa-joint-membership-luncheon-october-9th-3/#.V8nEdvkrKUk

Boy Scout Mining in Society Merit Badge Workshop

Tell Boy Scouts you know (sons, grandsons, nephews, and others) about this great opportunity to earn the new mining merit badge and learn about our vital industry.

Who: Presented by SME CSM Student Chapter and MEC

Where: Colorado School of Mines, Brown Hall

When: Saturday, October 22 (inside session), Saturday, October 29 (field session)

Cost: $25

Register at:

Contact Dick Beach, dickbeach@alumni.mines.edu, for additional information.
Visit the SME Colorado Section web site: http://community.smenet.org/colorado/home

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