

## SOCIETY FOR MINING, METALLURGY & EXPLORATION



### 2016 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Colorado Section Website: <http://community.smenet.org/colorado/home>

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#### CHAIR REPORT

Thank you for your votes of confidence in re-electing me for a second year as Colorado Section Chair. This is my first opportunity to communicate with you all for the 2016-2017 membership year. I hope that you are having a good summer. I offer a heart-felt thank you to those members who served on and assisted the Section's Board for the 2015-2016 membership year: Justin Anderson, Dick Beach, Lori Freemire, Amanda Garcia, Mark Jorgensen, Heather Lammers, Brett Larsen, Jill Nelson, Tahra Porterfield, Jessica Spriet, Bill Wilson, Dan Witkowsky, and Chuck Yarbrough. I also welcome our continuing and new Board members for the 2016-2017 year:

- David Bieber, Chair (continuing)
- Amanda Garcia, Vice Chair (continuing)
- Justin Anderson, Treasurer (continuing)
- Jessica Spriet, Secretary (continuing)
- Heather Lammers, Publicity Director (continuing)
- Brian Schaffer, Program Chair (new appointment)
- Tahra Porterfield, Director-at-Large (continuing)
- Greg Honig, Director-at-Large (new appointment)
- Chuck Yarbrough, Past Chair (continuing)
- Dick Beach, Mineral Education Coalition Liason (continuing)
- Mark Jorgensen, Minerals Processing Division Liason (continuing)
- Dan Witkowsky, Extractive Metallurgy Liason and CSM Student Chapter Advisor (continuing)
- Bruce Yoshioka, Scholarship Committee
- Richard Schwering, Programs Committee

My primary goals as Section Chair for this year are to work closely with the Colorado Department of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) to complete the Reclamation Colorado website, and to work with SME National Headquarters to improve outreach and assistance to local SME Sections.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 2016-2017 meetings, beginning with the September Golf Tournament. 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 email 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

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#### COLORADO SECTION NEWSLETTER

This printed mailing of the 2016 Summer Newsletter is going out to all SME members with a Colorado Section association recorded by the SME National Headquarters as of July 29, 2016. Future newsletters for the 2016-2017 membership year will be distributed by email only, and will be available for viewing online. The email distribution list is automatically generated from the SME National Headquarters list of Colorado Section members.

#### COLORADO SECTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SME Colorado Section's 2016 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament will begin at 1pm on Friday, September 9, 2016 at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. This event historically helps to fund over \$10,000 per year in scholarships for students at the Colorado School of Mines and other local engineering programs. The Colorado Section thanks Newmont for their continued Gold Sponsorship of this tournament.

The cost is \$700 per foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart per foursome, bucket of range balls for each person, and a barbecue buffet. Individual golfers are welcome at a cost of \$185.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for lunch, holes, the putting green and the driving range. Visit the event page online or contact the following persons for tournament forms, sponsorship and other details:

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

Tahra Porterfield: [Tahra.Porterfield@tenova.com](mailto:Tahra.Porterfield@tenova.com), 303-714-8060

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#### COLORADO SECTION DUES

Local section dues for 2016-2017 are \$25, and will be utilized to continue support for Colorado Section programs focused on advocating for the mining profession and industry. Colorado Section dues help provide scholarships for college students majoring mining disciplines, support the Colorado State Science & Engineering Fair, provide teaching and outreach materials to Colorado science teachers, provide 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. By joining the SME Colorado Section, you are directly supporting and advocating for the mining industry.

**Mail:** Please complete and return the enclosed Dues Invoice with payment by September 30, 2016.

**Online:** Credit card payments can be made through the Colorado Section event page  
<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

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#### COLORADO SECTION MEETINGS

Section meetings are typically planned for the third Thursday of each month from September 2016 through May 2017. The meeting agenda includes networking, local and national announcements, a guest speaker, and meal. Monthly meeting announcements and registration details for the 2016-2017 membership year will be distributed by email. The email distribution list is automatically generated from the SME National Headquarters list of Colorado Section members. If you are interested in presenting at one of the Section meetings, please contact the Program Chair, Brian Schaffer at [bshaffer@usgs.gov](mailto:bshaffer@usgs.gov). A tentative list of 2016-2017 meetings is included below:

September 15, 2016 – Lunch in Denver  
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

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#### 2017 SME ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO and CMA'S 119<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL WESTERN MINING CONFERENCE

This year's SME Annual Meeting and the Colorado Mining Association's Western Mining Conference will be held in Denver from Sunday, February 19 through Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Additional conference and registration information is available online at <http://www.smeannualconference.com/>.