



Section Chair Report

Our industry has had a rough few years, but this new year looks to be better. The general price trend for mined commodities appears to be steady to slowly improving and our local economy is one of the strongest in the nation. With that, mining companies in the coal, metals, and industrial minerals sectors are stable or cautiously expanding their operations. It would be interesting to hear what lessons companies learned from the last five years and how they are responding to those lessons. The New Year is also a traditional time to reflect on our accomplishments and areas for improvement. As far as accomplishments, our Section was recognized by the Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) with the 2016 MEC Organization Recognition Award for our outreach activities; we continue to be able to host meetings, and we once again awarded three undergraduate and three graduate scholarships. The areas where we can improve is making sure that our organization serves the needs of the members; that we act as stewards for our profession through mentoring younger members and reaching out to the public; and that safety becomes so ingrained that we achieve a zero fatality rate.

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to seeing you all at a future meeting. 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.

Wishing you and yours a safe and prosperous New Year,
Dave

Landry's Seafood House

7209 S. Clinton St.
Englewood, CO 80112

Networking at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Speaker at 6:30 pm

Our Speaker for this month's Section meeting will be Anita Bertisen, Principal Advisor – Asset Management for Newmont Mining Corporation. Anita will be presenting on asset management, Newmont's Life Cycle Approach.

Please RSVP online through the Colorado Section SME Community Events page:

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

January Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

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:

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:

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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, or if you are interested in presenting.

2017-2018 Colorado Section

The Colorado Section is seeking volunteers for committee and Board positions during the 2017-2018 term. If you would like to get involved with the section, please contact Dave Bieber at David.Bieber@martinmarietta.com by January 31, 2017.

Save the Date! 2017 Annual Conference

The 2017 SME Annual Conference & Expo and CMA's 119th National Western Mining Conference & Exhibition will be held February 19–22, 2017 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO.

Additional information and registration details can be found at:

<http://www.smeannualconference.com/>



EMCD Meeting

The next meeting for the Extractive Metallurgy Chapter of Denver (EMCD) will be on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Lakewood, 7390 West Hampden.

Jordan Rutledge of Silvateam will present on “The Use of Tannins in Extractive Metallurgy.”

RSVPs are encouraged for this event and can be made by contacting Erik Stepperud at (720) 331-3222 or Solly Zitron (720) 583-2092.

Scholarship Committee

We are accepting online applications from Undergraduate and Graduate students for 2017-2018 academic year scholarships. If you are interested, please use the links below for additional information.

[Undergraduate](#)

[Graduate](#)

The deadline for application submittal is March 3, 2017.



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 interested in becoming a member of the Scholarship Committee, please contact our Amanda at amanda.p.garcia@gmail.com.

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