



Section Chair Report

The SME Annual Meeting will be held here in Colorado at the Denver Convention Center, as it has been for past odd-numbered years. Because of this, we will not be holding a regular SME Colorado Section meeting in February. The annual meeting represents a great opportunity to stay current with events and technology related to the mining industry. It is also an opportunity for members to find out in greater detail what SME is all about, as an association. Speaking from personal experience, I can also tell you that the annual meeting is a great place to find contacts and possibly employment. Consider attending the meeting; it is a great and worthwhile experience.

This is the time of the year when we start looking for volunteers to join the SME Colorado Section Board-of-Directors. Volunteering is a great way to advance your career and give back to your profession. See the call for nominations elsewhere in this edition of our newsletter for additional information.

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to seeing you all at a meeting. If you have ideas, questions, comments, or criticisms about how the Section is running or regarding Section activities, please phone me at 303-245-6423, or email 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 February,
Dave

SME Colorado Section 2017-2018 Board-of-Directors Call for Nomination

As we do every year at this time, the SME Colorado Section is seeking nominations for individuals willing to serve as Section Officers and Directors. The following are the open Section officer and director positions:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Program Chair
- Publicity Director
- Director-at-Large
- Director-at-Large

You are welcome to nominate yourself or another person. Volunteering is a great way to advance your career and give back to your profession. Officers and Directors serve for a term of one year, and can be re-elected for multiple terms. Prior experience is not necessary, as we have resources available to train Officers and Directors in the basics of their positions. If you have questions about what the responsibilities of a particular position are, feel free to contact Colorado Section Chair, David Bieber, at 303-245-6423. Nominations should be sent to the Colorado Section Chair, David Bieber, by email at David.Bieber@martinmarietta.com. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2017; Officers and Directors will be voted on at the May 2017 meeting and will start their one-year term effective June 1, 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:

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, or if you are interested in presenting.

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, February 9 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Lakewood, 7390 West Hampden.

Christian Kujawa will present on "Water Recovery in Mining". Christian has more than thirty years of experience in extraction of metals, including eight years in operations and the remaining years in technical sales/support and consulting. His experience includes from crushing, milling, gold metallurgy, flotation and tailings management, including backfill preparation, thickening and tailings deposition.

RSVPs are encouraged for this event by Tuesday, February 7, and can be made by contacting Erik Stepperud at (720) 331-3222) or Solly Zitron (720) 583-2092.

Colorado MPD Convention

The Colorado MPD Convention is scheduled this year at the Broadmoor, May 4 – May 6. The title of the convention is "From surviving to thriving – it's in our hands"...and by the way – do YOU know Len Harris?

We have a great slate of 23 speakers. Several of them will discuss Len Harris' contributions to our mining industry. Thursday night will be a "roast" for the honored guest. Friday's luncheon speaker will be Stan Dempsey Jr., who will speak on the state of the mining industry in Colorado. This year's Daman Award winner is K. Marc LeVier whose award will be presented by Ken Brunk at our Friday night banquet at the Cheyenne Lodge.

Scholarships

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.

Boy Scout Jamboree

SME is seeking volunteers to staff the Mining in Society booth at the Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in July.

As many of you know, SME members worked long and hard with the Boy Scouts of America to establish a new mining merit badge for Scouts in 2014. From July 16 to 29, some 30,000 scouts will converge on the jamboree site in southern West Virginia. SME will have a booth where Scouts, working with SME members as counselors, may earn the mining merit badge.

If you enjoy working with young men aged 12 to 17, consider volunteering to help Scouts learn about mining and minerals. After all, among these youth may be the future leaders of our industry. Contact Ginger Hustrulid, ginger.h@att.net or 239-989-6180, the 2017 Jamboree Coordinator for SME, for more information.

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

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December 2, 2016

Dick Beach, CO SME/MEC Chairman
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Dear Dick:

The Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation thanks CO SME / MEC for the \$1,500 contribution. Our work to educate the public about the importance of mining and minerals relies on sponsors like you who *“put your money where your mouth is”* to fund first class, proactive, go-to-the-people projects.

We hope you have a chance to see the mine land reclamation exhibit “Gold Mining To Gold Medal Fishing” and the “Blacksmithing & High Quality Western Coal” displays at the Idaho Springs Historical Society’s museums (more than 50,000 visitors/year) and the updated “Teacher’s Corner” exhibits at NMHF&M, WMMI and the CSM Geology Museum. In addition, we provided new wiring and lighting (in the 110-year-old building in Leadville) for a “Mining In America” gallery to show modern mining and reclamation in most parts of our country and involving most mineral commodities. Also, we added a 12 ft x 20 ft “Economic Geology of the Front Range” mural to the new Discovery Center at Dinosaur Ridge (82,000 visitors/year).

This cost-effective (2016 budget: \$20,000) program reaches thousands of families (hopefully voters) each year. In addition, free educational materials (DVDs, posters, coal and rock samples, Web sites, etc.) are given to teachers, librarians, home schoolers, Scout leaders, etc.

Thank you again for your support of public education.

Guy A. Johnson
Exhibit Coordinator

cc: Bieber - CO SME & Chamberlain - CO SME/MEC

MINERALS: The Building Blocks for Sustainability

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January 25th, 2017

Mr. David Bieber
SME Colorado Section

Mr. Bieber,

The Colorado School of Mines (CSM) Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Student Chapter would like to thank the Colorado Section of SME for your continued financial support in the 2016 - 2017 Academic Year. The funding amounts granted to the Student Chapter over the summer are actively being used to send our members and booth to the 2017 SME Annual Conference, in addition to funding ongoing Minerals Education outreach in the greater community. Such funding is integral to providing our student members access to all the benefits the Annual Conference has to offer while also advancing our shared Minerals Education mission. Please extend this thank you to the Section Board and the greater Section.

Regards,

Liam McGrail
2016-17 CSM SME Student Chapter President