

## SOCIETY FOR MINING, METALLURGY & EXPLORATION



### 2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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

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#### CHAIR REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for electing me as the Colorado Section Chair, it is my pleasure to serve our Chapter. I have previously served as Secretary of our Colorado Section for the last two years and it has been wonderful to meet many of you and I look forward to meeting more members over time. I would like to thank David Bieber for his two years of service as the previous Colorado Section Chair. David has worked hard to grow and maintain our chapter, and his help has been invaluable as he has guided me into my new role. I would also like to thank the other board members, liaisons, and volunteers who served for the 2016-2017 year: Amanda Garcia, Justin Anderson, Heather Lammers, Richard Schwering, Tahra Porterfield, Greg Honig, Chuck Yarbrough, Dick Beach, Mark Jorgensen, and Dan Witkowsky, I welcome our continuing and new Board members for the 2017-2018 year:

- Jessica Spriet, Chair (new appointment),
- Richard Schwering, Vice Chair, Scholarship Committee (new appointment),
- Temuulen Tumurbat, Treasurer (new appointment),
- Heather Lammers, Secretary (new appointment),
- Kelly Donahue, Publicity Director (new appointment),
- Laura Fletcher, Program Chair (new appointment),
- Bruce Yoshioka, Director-at-Large (new appointment),
- Greg Honig, Director-at-Large (continuing),
- David Bieber, Past Chair (new appointment),
- Dick Beach, Mineral Education Coalition Liaison (continuing),
- Mark Jorgensen, Minerals Processing Division Liaison (continuing),
- Dan Witkowsky, Extractive Metallurgy Liaison (continuing), and
- Amanda Garcia, CSM Student Chapter Advisor, Scholarship Committee (new appointment).

My primary goal as chair is to increase our meeting attendance. I have heard from many members that our meeting announcements are difficult to differentiate from the many SME emails you receive. I hope to send out meeting announcements independently and to demarcate it clearly in the subject line. I would also like to grow our chapter and increase attendance by incorporating some more casual events into meetings, such as happy hours or ball games. My expectation is that this will create more relationships within the chapter and improve attendance.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 2017-2018 meetings. If you have not already, please sign up to attend the September Golf Tournament and encourage others as well! It is our pleasure to host this tournament for scholarships we award to Colorado School of Mines students. I am disappointed to say that I already have a previous commitment scheduled and cannot attend. If you have ideas, questions, comments, or critiques about how the Section is running or regarding Section activities, please email me at [jspriet@gmail.com](mailto:jspriet@gmail.com). Thank you for entrusting me with the position of SME Colorado Section Chair.

Sincerely,  
Jessica I. Spriet

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#### COLORADO SECTION NEWSLETTER

This printed mailing of the 2017 Summer Newsletter is going out to all SME members with a Colorado Section association recorded by the SME National Headquarters as of August 15, 2017. Future newsletters for the 2017-2018 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 2017 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament will begin at 1pm on Friday, September 8, 2017 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 cost is \$700 per foursome and includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart per foursome, bucket of range balls for each person, a box lunch, and a barbecue buffet. Individual golfers are welcome at a cost of \$185.

We are looking for donations of items for the raffle that is traditionally held during and after dinner. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for lunch, holes, the putting green and the driving range as well as room for individual players or additional foursomes. Visit the event page online or contact David Bieber for tournament forms, sponsorship and other details:

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

David Bieber at [david.bieber@martinmarietta.com](mailto:david.bieber@martinmarietta.com) or 720-245-6423

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#### COLORADO SECTION DUES

Local section dues for 2017-2018 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, 2017.

**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 2017 through May 2018. The meeting agenda includes networking, local and national announcements, a guest speaker, and meal. Monthly meeting announcements and registration details for the 2017-2018 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, Laura Fletcher at [ldesalvo@dowl.com](mailto:ldesalvo@dowl.com). A tentative list of 2017-2018 meetings is included below:

September 21 - Joint Dinner with EMCD (location T.B.D.)

October 19 - Lunch in DTC or Denver

November 16 - Dinner in Golden

No Meeting in December, Holiday Break

January 18 - Happy Hour in DTC or Denver

February 15 - Lunch in DTC or Denver

March 15 - Lunch or Happy Hour in DTC or Denver

April 19 - Dinner in Golden, CO

May 17 - Annual Awards Dinner (location T.B.D.)

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#### 2018 SME ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO and 91<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the SME-MN SECTION

This year's SME Annual Meeting and the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the SME-MN section will be held in Minneapolis, MN from Sunday, February 25 through Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Additional conference and registration information is available online at <http://www.smeannualconference.com/>.