Letter from the President

Dear SME Members and Friends:

The most beautiful time of the year is upon us, the leaves are turning here in Northern Nevada and there is a noticeable crispness in the air. For many, this is their favorite season and therefore, by association, they may feel the most generous. Well, I’m here to tell you to keep smiling and in your enjoyment of life to remember your Foundation, the SME Foundation, for we are doing some great things to further the goals and ideals of our great industry. Without the efforts of the Foundation the accreditation programs for mining, metallurgical and geological engineering would be in jeopardy. The professional certifications around the country for mining, metallurgical and geological engineering might not exist. And SME’s commitment to support the rebuilding of the U.S. mining schools faculty pipeline is proving to be a godsend for many new faculty who are pursuing a Ph.D. or need assistance in the early development of their teaching careers.

Of course the Foundation supports other worthy causes as well but I want to emphasize the Ph.D. program as that is where most of the need lies and is paramount to continuing vibrant higher education for our domestic mining schools. So please, in this most beautiful of seasons, remember whence your education came from and help ensure its healthy and timely continuance. For additional information on how you may help these worthy causes for our industry, the mining industry, please contact the Foundation.

Enjoy this beautiful season and hope to see you all in Denver in February at the Annual SME Conference & Expo.

Best Regards,

Dennis P. Bryan

Move Mining Competition

Changing the perception of mining

Move Mining is a team competition open to students and professionals. The goal is to develop a positive message campaign to promote mining and the mining industry worldwide. This inaugural competition will be held at the February 2017 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, Colorado.

Help us share the positive message of mining and the global benefits of this crucial industry. Bring your dynamic concepts and your creative innovation. The top five teams will be selected to pitch their idea, live, at the 2017 SME Annual Conference & Expo to a panel of industry leaders and communication experts.

The winners will receive a $5,000 cash prize and support from SME and sponsoring organizations to help promote and package their winning concept and then share your 2017 campaign success and inspire others at the 2018 SME Annual Conference & Expo.

www.MoveMining.org

Interested in promoting the Mining in Society Boy Scout Merit Badge? Join us for the 2017 Boy Scouts of America Jamboree!

As you may know, the SME Foundation is very active in the community by bringing education to the industry and public. In 2014 SME successfully launched the Mining in Society merit badge for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). This merit badge introduces Scouts to mining, the processes and reclamation. Every four years BSA hosts a National Jamboree in the US and it attracts Scouts not only nationwide, but from overseas.

In 2017 over 50,000 participants are expected (40,000 scouts and their leaders). SME has the honor of having a merit badge booth at next summer’s Jamboree located at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Since many troops do not have a local Mining in Society merit badge counselor, this Jamboree is an excellent opportunity to get them started and learn about careers surrounding the mining industry.

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Upcoming Events:

Minneapolis, MN
October 27-29, 2016

Portland, OR
November 10-12, 2016

Columbus, OH
December 1-3, 2016

Casino Royale Gala

Join the SME Foundation for its

Sunday, February 19, 2017
6:00pm-7:00pm
Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction
7:00pm-11:00pm
Dinner, Entertainment & Casino Games

Centennial Ballroom
Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO

Sponsor a table of 8—$3,000, Individual tickets—$105
Ticket includes entry into door prize drawing
Register online with conference registration at smeanationalconference.com
Contact Megan Wayne at wayne@smenet.org or 303-948-4224 for more information.

The ABET program ensures that high standards are maintained and recertifies university program accreditation. With an ABET accreditation, students, employers and member societies like SME can be assured that a program meets the quality standards that produce graduates prepared to enter a global workforce.

SME’s ABET Visitor Selection Committee takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for all of the time, effort, and dedication our volunteer program evaluators invest in this essential effort. The Visitors Selection Committee is always looking for new program evaluator candidates as many of our existing pool of program evaluators are reaching the end of their availability due to conflicts of interests for visiting certain programs in the U.S.

Also, the number of foreign institutions of higher education requesting ABET accreditation is growing, which means we need additional program evaluators. The Visitor Selection Committee especially thanks the new program evaluator candidates who attended the ABET training session.

For more information contact Mona Vandervoort at vandervoort@smenet.org or 303-948-4227.
Earth Science Week

The Minerals Education Coalition, in conjunction with the American Geosciences Institute, celebrates Earth Science Week 2016. This year’s MEC resources will explore how mining has contributed to “Our Shared Geoheritage”, with examples of how exploration for natural resources has shaped our world. MEC worked to provide materials for 16,000 toolkits that were distributed to educators around the globe. The contribution made by MEC included foldable catchers which are not only a traditional game for children, but they identify aspects of mining as it relates to money today. The catchers also link to the newly launched website, where users can see a moving timeline of how mining has resulted in the building of mints through the years.

See it for yourself at http://MineralsEducationCoalition.org/outreach-awareness/esw/
Thank You!

The SME Foundation thanks our Corporate Roundtable Partners for their encouragement, support and assistance in creating a stronger industry around the world, developing tomorrow’s professionals and leaders, and strengthening relationships within our communities. To find out more or to lend your support, please visit the Foundation website at www.smefoundation.org.