Letter from the President

Happy Spring! The SME Annual Meeting was a huge success, with 6,700 attendees in Salt Lake City.

The SME Foundation’s WinterFest 2014 Gala Dinner was a night to remember. The evening included a local beer tasting, a dueling piano act, casino night, a silent auction and fun door prizes!

Once again, I would like to thank all our sponsors who helped make this evening possible:

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- Keys on Main, the evening’s entertainment, and Wasatch Brewery for their contributions.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Regards,
Bart Hyita, Foundation President

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The spring and summer of 2014 will be busy for the SME PE Committee. We are in the process of adding three SME members to the PE Committee, which will bring our number to 45. The Committee is tackling many issues including writing a reference for the PE exam that is part of the overall decision by the 50 states to computerize the exam. The Committee is beginning a two-year process that occurs every seven years, called the Professional Activities and Knowledge Study (PAKS). The first step occurring this year is to draft a survey to be sent to all mining/mineral processing licensed engineers in the United States, asking them to comment on the specific subject areas a PE in our discipline needs to know. The results will form the test specifications for the next seven years. We will be having a face-to-face meeting of the PAKS Subcommittee September 20 in Denver. Another activity that we are launching is a survey to be sent to the U.S. mining schools to solicit ideas on how we can increase the passing performance of the EIT examination. Finally, the bank of reviewed questions that are used to populate the 80-question PE exam is over 400, and the Committee is regularly authoring and reviewing new questions. Each exam requires a minimum of 25% new questions (at least 20 per exam) per year. The mining/mineral processing exam continues to perform excellently due to the hard work of the SME PE Committee. In 2013, there were a record 84 test takers for the mining/mineral processing exam. The PE Committee had a very productive meeting at Salt Lake City on Sunday, February 23, 2014.

Minerals Education Coalition Honors Excellence

Congratulations to the MEC’s 2013 Awardees!

Each year, the Minerals Education Coalition recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that have significantly aided in its activities and programs to educate K-12 students and increase public appreciation of minerals and mining. Any SME member or organizational unit may nominate a candidate for any award. All nominations must be submitted electronically at http://www.smenet.org/awards (Minerals Education Coalition) from April 1 - June 1, 2014. Once nominations are received, the MEC Awards Subcommittee will review all submissions and recommend the 2014 award winners to the SME Foundation’s Board of Trustees for approval at their September Mid-year Meeting. If no nominations are received, or nominations are not recommended for approval by the MEC Awards Subcommittee, no awards will be made in any given year. All awards will be recognized at the SMEF 2015 Annual Gala Dinner and presented at the SME 2015 Annual Awards Dinner. In addition to being presented with either a plaque or framed certificate, each awardee also receives a cash prize to continue with their volunteer work on behalf of the MEC.

MEC 2013 Leadership Award: 
Julie Lucas (MN)

MEC 2013 Partnership Appreciation Award: 
Women in Mining

MEC 2013 Award to an SME Student Chapter: 
University of Arizona

MEC 2013 Organization Recognition Award: 
Minnesota Section

We encourage all SME members to submit nominations for the MEC’s 2014 awards, so that those who volunteer on behalf of the MEC’s education and outreach mission are appropriately honored.
Thirteen scholarships totaling $77,000 were given to SME student members at the 2014 SME Annual Meeting.

Mclntosh Scholarship winners:
Aaron Larry, University of Utah
Jake Colby Seiter, University of Utah
Not pictured, Ashlyn Hooten, University of Arizona

J.H. Fletcher & Co. Scholarship winners:
Ashley Hodgson, University of Utah
Peter Mather, University of Arizona
with Greg Hinshaw, President, J.H. Fletcher & Co.

MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship winners:
Kathryne Sewester, Missouri University of S&T
Colton Chase Parsons, University of Kentucky
Crystal K. Darger, University of Utah

Syd S. and Felicia F. Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship winners: Peng Zhang, West Virginia University; Evan Keffeler, University of Nevada Reno; Kevin Harris, University of Kentucky; Behrouz Abbasi, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale; Christopher Newman, West Virginia University, with Bart Hyita, President, SME Foundation.

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