

PRESIDENTS WELCOME

SME FOUNDATION®



Dear SME Members and SME Foundation Friends,

The SME Foundation financially supports critical professional and educational programs for SME and our industry. Last year, including the \$1 million Robert S. Shoemaker Legacy gift, the Foundation raised over \$2.2 million. When including

over \$2.3 million per year. Previous funding requirements have been approximately \$1.3 million per year. This difference is realized with the full implementation of the Ph.D. Fellowship and Career Development Grant program which is vital for preserving our university mining and metallurgical programs.

While these numbers are sobering,

Please support these efforts. Additionally, I am not only asking for your continued financial support, but I ask that you consider increasing your contributions.

All programs we support including Professional Engineering licensure (PE), university accreditation (ABET), Minerals Education Coalition (MEC), Miners Give Back and Ph.D.

Fellowship and Career Development Grant programs are very important to our industry. I thank you for your past support and ask for your continued help going forward.

Best Regards,

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positive investment returns, FY 2016 funding totaled over \$2.5 million! Impressive! Our hats are doffed to all SME benefactors, SME staff and the entire Foundation Board of Trustees for this great achievement. Despite the industry downturn the last few years, the Foundation's success is due to our great supporters who understand the important role they play in our industry.

Upon assuming the SME Foundation President's role, I realized the responsibility of not only continuing the fundraising support, but the need to increase funding to maintain the growing programs. Five-year fundraising projections show that beginning in 2018, without program changes, we must consistently raise

this also calls for positive action to meet the challenge. Much is at stake! With the reorganized Foundation now fully implemented, we are in a better position to develop new fundraising initiatives and activities which you will hear about in the coming year.

