American Society of Mining and Reclamation Meeting  
24th Annual Meeting  
Gillette, Wyoming  
Draft

Meeting Minutes of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation  
National Executive Committee  
June 1, 2007

Bold items: Motions passed and action items

President Paul Eger called the 2007 NEC meeting to order at 8:15 am, Thursday June 7, 2007

NEC members present included the following:

Past President: Robert Darmody, University of Illinois  
Executive Secretary: Richard Barnhisel, University of Kentucky  
President: Paul Eger, MN DNR  
President Elect: Vern Pfannenstiel, Peabody Western Coal  
Delegate: Kimery Vories, OSM.  
Delegate: Dennis Neuman, Reclamation Research Group  
Delegate: Anne Wagner, Molycorp  
Delegate: Claire Dunne Wholesale Seed at Wind River

Visitors

Bob Nairn

Agenda

Nominations committee

Past president and past NEC board  
Bob, Marty, George

TD chairs usually nominate TD representatives  
TD rep should contact TD chairs for input to NEC meeting

Jack Nawrot is going off board

Elections typically in October
Ballots distributed October 1  
Ballots counted by November 15  
Results announced December 15

Bob Nairn

Presented proposal from scholarship committee (see attached)

Scholarship committee,  
Applications due March

By laws do not restrict duplicate awards, although announcement in the past excludes past winner

So this year did give an award to previous winner

It is an application process not nomination process, so is student originated

Silent auction raised ~$1500

This year meetings will generate a profit  
Could be as much as 30K

Dick suggested after profit known NEC should consider adding more to scholarship fund

Other things to consider:

Could have multiple levels if have had adequate applicants  
Travel money if attend meeting

Poster might have better effect in getting student’s attention

Kim will produce poster, committee will produce poster and Dick will work with Bob to develop a list of places to send

Dennis will send list of restoration ecology programs to Bob

Bob will have student check to see if scholarship can be found on line

Bob would like to have electronic submission of scholarships  
Could send hard copy transcripts if university can’t send electronic transcript

Travel awards for students to come to meeting, they can pay back by helping run projectors etc, or reducing student registration
Some of professors can cover student travel under grants

Billings symposium student registration $10, if work at conference give them some of comp rooms, “meeting intern”

Could we coordinate meeting with UW Platteville field trip

**Motion made seconded and passed to accept proposal to change criteria and move to electronic submission of applications**

Currently student registration covers food and bag
Could we subside student registration

**Committee**

**Claire, Ann and Bob will develop proposal to address student travel**

**Schedule a NEC conference call to discuss**

Claire will contact George Vance to help with committee

Lee Daniels

Ecology international reclamation focus
Land use planners
Tailings international

Lee will send email to TD chairs if trying to set up symposium
He needs to know so can schedule speakers

**TD**

TD chairs will submit meetings minutes to Dick
Dick will post on web site

The following are brief summaries from board members who attended TD sessions

**Ecology**

Co chairs Pete Stahl, Steve Williams will take over
Industry session at Billings 2009
For Richmond Session international reclamation, what are other countries doing, what is needed

May be some grants to help sponsor foreign speakers

Company sponsor international speaker, China? China has a reclamation society
Plenary meeting?
Maybe switch plenary session to different time slot

International Tailings

Stu and Tim will stay as co chair
(but Tim resigned)
Notes will be submitted to Dick for incorporation into minutes
Tailings book
Still alive, but how dated
Dick offered to publish on electronic format

Soils and overburden

Lee and Bob co chairs
Bob suggested glossary of terms on our web site, wikipedia style

Bob would be willing to be editor, if someone can set up
Dick will put terms from drastically disturbed lands on website, this will be start

Forestry

Jennifer Franklin new chair
Main topic planning for Richmond
Subcommittee to do all day technical session on science that supports reforestation
Jim Burger lead, invited speakers

Geotech

Suzette Burkhart, South Dakota State, chair

Land use planning

Jon Burley

He thought could develop session for Richmond

Water

**Paul will contact Bob and Jack to see if they are interested in staying on as co chairs**

Website
Dick will have new design of web page
Needs links to be sent
Need a website committee

Paul will contact people to see if anyone wants to work with Dick to provide links
Change host, improvements

Suggestion to google asmr

AGI

Info sent by Steve Testa
Dick has not had time to review

Motion made seconded and passed to have Steve Testa provide a one-page summary of why and how ASMR would benefit from joining AGI

Paul will contact Steve

Update on meeting

Dick has paid bills and is optimistic that we will do better than did at Breckenridge
Total registration ~ 335 ~ 80 one day registrants for coal bed methane symposium
CBM had their own social, students did not want to participate in contest
30-40K in black

50% to endowment
principal is tied up, can only use interest

50% to national meetings
could sponsor speaker, Dennis has done this before, usually want travel expenses

Dick will send email to TD chairs, may be some money for invited speakers or expenses
TD chairs to submit proposal to NEC, will vote by email or conference call, case by case

Motion made, seconded and passed to provide that half the profits go to student endowment and half to national meeting account

National Meeting account
The goal was to have a cushion equivalent to 2 times the cost of running at meeting and we are now at that amount (currently at ~ $130,000)

Traveling display

Our current display is available

$200 to ship ($100 each way)

idea of poster that could ship more easily

Dick will make poster if someone requests it
Paul will contact Margaret re traveling display

Dick will post minutes from NEC and TD meetings

Board will contact TD chairs to remind them to submit minutes

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM