MEETING SUMMARY
ASMR NEC CONFERENCE CALL
January 20, 2010 10 AM CST to 12:35 PM

Dennis Neuman: Presiding
Kimery Vories: Meeting Notes

Attendees in Bold
Executive Secretary: Richard Barnhisel
NEC Members:
Eddie Bearden
Scott Belden (NEW)
Wayne Erickson
David Lang
Dennis Neuman
Vernon Pfannenstiel
Brenda Schladweiler (NEW)
Robert (BT) Thomas (NEW)
Kimery Vories
Abbey Wick

Action Items:

1. **ASMR Website Makeover status** – Richard Barnhisel and Kim Vories
   Nothing to report as of this date other than Logo suggestions. Discussed possibility of putting past proceedings on Website. Biggest problem is the workload for someone to scan the pages and convert them to pdf files.
   **Action** – Dick said that the corporate service directory needs work so leave it alone for the present. Kim will notify Karrie. Dick will talk to Henry Austin about OSM WR taking on the task of converting the old proceedings to pdf files so they could be made available on the website.

2. **Update on 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh** – Richard Barnhisel
   Current status of the meeting is there is one $13,000 sponsor. We have about $18,000 total in sponsorship. 12 of the 26 exhibit spaces are taken. Seven workshops lined up which is more than we have had in the past: Erosion Estimates for Mined land 2 days; Semiarid Mine Reclamation 1 day; Mine drainage treatment 1 day; Mobile Computing for SMCRA 4 hour; Modeling Mine Drainage Treatment 1 day; Passive Treatment of Iron in Alkaline Environments 1 day; Communication Improvement for Presentations 1 day; ARRI workshop on Monday PM. ASMR
has agreed that we will provide a hotel room for Terry Toy for his workshop if there is a minimum of 10 participants. There are 90 oral presentations and 10 posters not including the ARRI or PA Watershed papers. There are two preconference tours and four post conference tours. 2-3 Keynote speakers (OSM Director, Coal & Steel Industry, Local History). There will be 3-4 concurrent sessions Monday Noon through Thursday Noon. The River Cruise social event needs 200 to break even on Tuesday evening 7-10:30 PM (PA Watershed group will have awards on boat). The ASMR awards will be Wednesday evening. **Action** – Dick will be contacting additional potential exhibitors.

3. **Young Professionals Social Event (Monday evening) for Pittsburgh status** – **Abbey Wick** Have additional funding of $1250 from contributors. Working on program with OSM Pittsburgh. Looking at two locations. **Action-** We should advertise the event in the upcoming Reclamation Matters.

4. **Request for Funding Assistance for Retired ASMR Members** – **Dennis Neuman** recommended and the NRC approved that we handle it on a case-by-case basis by the event organizers.

5. **Joint effort with NAAMLP Status** – **Dennis Neuman and Kim Vories**. Position paper has been developed on items that would need to be agreed upon for a joint meeting and we are now awaiting response from NAAMLP. The next opportunity for a joint conference will be in 2013 in Wyoming. The next conference call will be Feb 2. **Action** – Dennis and Kim will have a report for the next conference call.

6. **Status of position description for ASMR Executive Secretary** - **Vern Pfannenstiel**
   **Action** – Eddie moved, Kim seconded and the NEC passed the final position description which Dick will post on the website.

7. **Breakdown of ASMR assets and liquidity of current funds** - **Vern Pfannenstiel & Richard Barnhisel**
   **Action** – The three presidents will get together and make a recommendation for an ASMR Development Fund at the next meeting. Kim moved, Scott seconded and the NEC passed a motion to propose a development fund by the next conference call.
8. **ASMR Financial Advisory Committee – Dennis Neuman and Richard Barnhisel**

   Financial Advisory Committee. Claire Dunn has volunteered to conduct a financial review of the ASMR accounts. She felt that a full audit would be unnecessarily expensive. Discussed advisability of getting a CPA to look at books in the future. The question is if there are any CPAs among the ASMR membership. **Action** – Dick will work with Claire to conduct the review.

9. **Candidates for ASMR president-elect and NEC members-elect – Vern Pfannenstiel**

   The ASMR voting results are below:
   - **NEC Members** Brenda Schladweiler and Scott Belden
   - **President Elect** Eddie Bearden
   - **BT Thomas** will serve as technical division chair.
   
   Each of the above has been invited to participate in future NEC conference calls.

10. **Student Research Grant Program Development Status – Richard Barnhisel.**

    David Lang provided a revised program to the NEC. **Action** – The NEC will send any comments to David so it can be finalized for 2010.

11. **Membership Directory** It costs about $3500/year to print and mail each year. **Action** – NEC decided to have Dick send out all future directory updates on an Excel spread sheet.

12. **Logo**

    The NEC was divided on its feelings. Kim will pursue more options with the graphics folks but it will be on a back burner compared with the Website.

13. **Next Conference Call will be March 23, 2010 at 10 AM CST.**

14. **Dennis moved to adjourn.**