MEETING SUMMARY
ASMR NEC CONFERENCE CALL
March 23, 2010 10 AM CDT to 12:30 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, Kim Vories, and Abbey Wick**  Kim Vories raised the concern that ultimately the NEC needs to think about the time when Dick is no long the executive secretary and his replacement may not be willing or able to be a webmaster. The NEC made suggestions for Dick to improve the appearance of the current Website including colors and menus. **Action** – Kim Vories made a motion to redesign the ASMR Website with the assistance of the OSM web team in such a manner that our current executive secretary is able to remain the webmaster rather than hire an outside service at this time. Motion seconded by Eddie Bearden. The motion passed by consensus.

2. **Young Professionals Social Event (Monday evening) for Pittsburgh status** – **Abbey Wick** The location and travel for the event has been settled. Now working on raffle items. **Action**- Abby was given permission to start a face book page to encourage interest in this event.

3. **NAAMLP Registration Request for ASMR Pittsburgh** **Action** - Kim made a motion that ASMR sponsor the registration at Pittsburgh for two NAAMLP officers (apx. $370) to increase their understanding of ASMR. The motion was
approved on consensus. Dick will pay for the sponsorship out of meeting profits and handle their registration.

4. **NEC Meeting Notes – Action** - Eddie moved to put the NEC meeting minutes on the ASMR Website. Vern seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus. Dick will make sure the minutes for each meeting are corrected and then placed on the Website.

**Discussion Items:**

5. **Update on 2010 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh** – **Richard Barnhisel.** Current status of the meeting is there is one $10,000 sponsor. We have about $26,000 total in sponsorship. Twenty-one of the 26 exhibit spaces are taken. Nine workshops are 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; Remote Sensing for SMCRA Applications 1 day. There are 87 oral presentations and 14 posters but does not include the ARRI or PA Watershed papers. There are one preconference technical and one social tour and five post conference technical and two social tours. Two or three Keynote speakers (OSM Director, Coal & Steel Industry, Local History). There will be 3-4 concurrent sessions Monday Noon through Wednesday PM. The NEC meeting will be all day Sunday and Thursday AM. The River Cruise social event needs 200 to break even on Tuesday evening 7-10:30 PM however CONSOL has contributed $10,000 and if necessary, part of this sponsorship will be used to pay for any costs that remain (PA Watershed group will have awards on boat). The ARRI awards will be made Tuesday noon. The ASMR awards will be Wednesday evening.

6. **Joint effort with NAAMLP Status** – **Dennis Neuman and Kim Vories.** Based on discussions with the NAAMLP the following items have been identified: (1) Steve Herbert will be invited to attend that portion of the NEC annual meeting in Pittsburgh devoted a discussion of joint efforts. Dennis will communicate with Steve with the exact time for that portion of the NEC agenda; (2) NAAMLP is developing a Case Study Technical Review process for providing a peer review of ASMR AML Case study papers; (3) both organizations are making posters and flyers available to advertise each others events; (4) NAAMLP members are being encouraged to submit abstracts for ASMR 2011; (5) NAAMLP is considering a joint sponsorship of ASMR Wyoming 2013.

7. **Recommendation for an ASMR Development Fund** - **Vern Pfannenstiel, Dennis Neuman & Kim Vories** Dennis has proposed a process for the establishment of
an ASMR Development Fund that has been distributed to the NEC. The NEC extensively discussed options for obtaining a liquidity of funds so that the NEC can take advantage of opportunities to improve and grow the society. NEC members are charged with investigating options for improving liquidity of funds prior to the next call. Dick and Wayne will work on a financial analysis of the history of annual expenses and income of ASMR so that the data can be easily interpreted by the NEC.

8. Meeting registration costs for retired ASMR members – Abbey Wick and Vern Pfannenstiel Abbey has proposed a form that could be evaluated based on service to the society in determining if they are eligible for a discounted rate. The NEC had extensive discussions on the pros and cons of giving retired members a discounted rate on registration. This subject will be placed on the agenda for the next conference call.

9. Pioneers in Reclamation Recognition – The NEC will listen to Jerry’s presentation concerning eligibility and the nomination process of how this could be done at the Annual meeting in Pittsburgh.

10. Next Conference Call will be May 11, 2010 at 1 PM CDT.

11. Kim moved to adjourn.