MINUTES
ASMR NEC
Sunday June 2, 2013
8 A.M. – 4:00 P.M,

NEC Present
Pres: B Buchanan
Past Pres: E Bearden
Pres Elect: R Nairn
Exec Sec: D Barnhisel
B Darmody
Members: L Ballek
M Coleman
J Franklin
J Harper

NEC Absent
J Luther
P Stahl

Invited Guests Present
J Friedlander (incoming Pres. Elect)
B Stewart (incoming Member)
J Schuman (Awards Committee)
E Bearden (Financial Committee)
R Nairn (Scholarship Committee)

Invited Guests Absent
H Angel (Student Chapter Committee)
L Cox (Early Career Committee)
B Dunker (incoming Member)
P Stahl (Laramie Meeting Committee)
C Johnston (Early Career Committee)

MINUTES
1. Approval of minutes
   1.1 April 10, 2013 meeting
       1.1.1 MOTION: Harper move to accept
       1.1.2 Second by Bearden
       1.1.3 Approved unanimously

2. Laramie Meeting Report
   2.1 “last minute items” - Pete Stahl
       2.1.1 Stahl not present. No discussion.
   2.2 Registration report - Dick Barnhisel
2.2.1 169 preregistered at $275; 40 registered late at $325; 34 students registered; 35 one day registrations; 2 one day/late students registered  **Total number registered 372**

2.2.2 120 registered for Wamsutter field trip; max is 150 (inc. tour guides); 8 registered for Powder River field trip; 2 cannot go so 2 others can go for free

2.2.3 74 registered for early career; only 20 are real 'early career' (10 or less years of experience)

2.2.4 67 waived registrations (booths or sponsors)

2.2.5 9 spouses registered

2.2.6 Workshop #1 - 13 registered; Workshop #2: 24 morning and 20 afternoon for total of 44

2.2.7 32 exhibitor booths; tables are only 6’ x 2’ and are way too small; turned down ~8 exhibitors due to lack of space

2.2.8 Ballek - get these exhibitors to become members; stay in ASMR; make long-term commitment

2.2.9 Barnhisel - Charged non-members same registration as members; only late registration so no incentive for becoming member

2.2.10 Buchanan - How did this happen? Why is this not an NEC decision?

2.2.11 Barnhisel - Local Committee refused, so didn't make it happen

2.2.12 Substantial discussion about registration rates, member vs. non-member registration, shared meeting issues

2.2.13 Total ~ 360 registered (compared to 162 last year); 115 for social dinner, can hold 140

2.2.14 Barnhisel - Optimistic we'll turn profit this year

2.3 ASMR/WRRC Profit/loss motion - Bruce Buchanan

2.3.1  **MOTION:** Buchanan move to approve 2/3 ASMR - 1/3 WRRC profit/loss split per previous email correspondence

2.3.2 Second by Bearden

2.3.3 Discussion Ballek - What is split in effort?

2.3.4 Barnhisel - Stahl hired Kristen Herman, made significant contributions, especially getting lots of sponsors

2.3.5 Bearden - no response from Stahl on proposed motion; Barnhisel responded in detail; Barnhisel did registration, etc.

2.3.6 Motion approved unanimously

2.3.7 Bearden asked Darmody to update meeting planning document (old and out of date, maybe from Richmond);
2.3.8 Nairn pointed out this decision should have been made a year in advance and it was way too late in the game to be discussing such an important matter.

3. Future Meetings

3.1 Oklahoma City, OK Meeting 2014 - Bob Nairn

3.1.1 Hotel/convention center contract signed. Set for Oklahoma City Renaissance Convention Center Hotel, June 14-19, 2014

3.1.2 Theme - across industries - reaching out to Oklahoma Aggregates Association; Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (derelict oil and gas restoration group) and others

3.1.3 Discussion: contact department of Transportation (ODOT), bentonite miners and others

3.1.4 Possible field trips-

3.1.4.1 Tri-State Lead-Zinc Mining District, probably two-day overnight trip)

3.1.4.2 Coal mines in Arkoma Basin, possibly with assistance from AML program

3.1.4.3 Active limestone and sand/gravel quarries in SC Oklahoma

3.1.4.4 Barnhisel cautioned against too many field trips

3.1.5 Social event - possible venues include National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma History Center; nothing definitive yet

3.1.6 Awards banquet - hold earlier in week for better attendance either Monday lunch or Monday dinner

3.1.7 Discussion:

3.1.7.1 How many student papers expected? Try to get more student papers

3.1.7.2 Set up raffle for free stuff. Get tickets from exhibitors, enter raffle announce at lunches

3.1.7.3 Provide incentives to register early - register early and get name entered in raffle

3.1.7.4 Nairn - ordered 500 "ASMR OKC '14" beverage koozies at own expense. Lela Barnhisel had them placed in Laramie '13 bags. (Update - Nairn had 128 left over after Laramie meeting so distributed 372 koozies)

3.1.7.5 Darmody - Need help for manning registration table. Nairn to tap students for help.
3.2 Lexington, KY 2015 - Dick Barnhisel
   3.2.1 Barnhisel presented contract (hard copy)
   3.2.2 Joint with ARRI, ARIES, but no split on money as of yet

3.3 2016 meeting - Bob Darmody
   3.3.1 Need help for manning registration tables
   3.3.2 Ballek - tap hard rock folks, NV, UT, etc.
   3.3.3 Friedlander - Mining Expo 2016 in Las Vegas, NV; sponsored by NMA sponsors, 50,000 people; could be before/after/during larger event; he will check into it.
   3.3.4 Buchanan - Salt Lake City a great venue. Little America Hotel is a good spot but he doesn't want to organize meeting
   3.3.5 Nairn - what about Canada? Alberta oil sands?
   3.3.6 Buchanan - how about Bozeman, MT?
   3.3.7 Discuss further at Thursday NEC meeting

4. Memorial Scholarships
   4.1 Report and discussion - Bob Nairn
      4.1.1 Current committee members - Nairn (chair), Stewart, Vance, Geidel, Owens
      4.1.2 Winners receive cash awards, plaque, one-year student membership, complimentary national meeting registration, and meeting awards luncheon ticket
      4.1.3 Numbers for 2013-2009:
         4.1.3.1 2009: 2 BS, 8 MS, 3 PhD = 13 total
         4.1.3.2 2010: 2 BS, 13 MS, 2 PhD = 17 total
         4.1.3.3 2011: 1 BS, 4 MS, 4 PhD = 9 total
         4.1.3.4 2012: 2 BS, 3 MS, 1 PhD = 6 total
         4.1.3.5 2013: 3 BS, 11 MS, 2 PhD = 16 total
      4.1.4 Winners for 2013 at all three levels at amounts of $1500 (PhD), $1000 (MS), $750 (BS) for $3250 total
      4.1.5 Buchanan - if you had $1K to apply to any account, would it go to student scholarships or student travel awards? Nairn - scholarships. Bearden - scholarships
      4.1.6 Barnhisel - currently $114K in scholarship endowment;
      4.1.7 Barnhisel - travel grants important because students give papers
      4.1.8 Ballek - why not provide supplemental travel funding to scholarship recipients?
4.1.9 Buchanan - financial committee should be able to raise returns on endowments so we would have more to give

4.1.10 Buchanan - let's increase scholarship amounts and attach travel stipend

4.1.11 Barnhisel - National Meeting endowment has $136K which is more than needed, could move some to scholarship fund to supplement revenue; moving enough to go from $114K to $160K at 4.5% would result in $7500 available each year

4.1.12 Bearden - could society just buy insurance policy to cover meeting losses, rather than keep about $70K in reserve?

4.1.13 Extensive discussion of liability insurance, etc. (Update - Nairn checked out 'event insurance' online; this would cover liability for an event, not necessarily a "catastrophic" loss like cancellation of a meeting. Quick search found that we can get the following: $2M each occurrence (bodily injury and property damage), $2M personal and advertising injury, $2M products comp/op aggregate, $2M general aggregate, $100K fire legal liability, $5K medical expenses (any one person), $1K deductible, liquor liability included, primary wording or waiver of subrogation included, additional insured(s) included - for $617 for a 9-day event for 400 people in Oklahoma)

4.1.14 Franklin - give scholarship recipients early career social ticket as well!

4.1.15 **MOTION:** Ballek - Transfer $46K from ASMR annual meeting endowment fund to bring scholarship fund endowment to $160K

4.1.16 Second Coleman

4.1.17 Approved unanimously

4.1.18 **MOTION:** Bearden - Raise scholarship amount to $1000 for BS, $1500 for MS, and $2000 for PhD providing all existing stuff PLUS stipend for travel and early career social ticket

4.1.19 Second Coleman

4.1.20 Approved unanimously

4.2 Discuss New Chairman - Bruce Buchanan

4.2.1 Coleman expressed interest to serve as new member

4.2.2 Stewart agreed to serve as chairman

4.2.3 **MOTION:** Buchanan - appoint Stewart as Chair and Coleman as member

4.2.4 Second Nairn

4.2.5 Approved unanimously
5. Student Chapters
   5.1 University of Kentucky - Hannah Angel
   5.2 Angel not present. No discussion.

6. Financial Advisory Committee
   6.1 Report and recommendation - Eddie Bearden
      6.1.1 Bearden - USBank contact provides services but charges 1.3% fee
      6.1.2 Darmody - Money Matters contact does nonprofits for free, at a 0.25% fee; he owns financial advisory company; makes recommendations based on index funds, informal discussion right now but seems really interested
      6.1.3 Darmody - also called Vanguard, they will do it real simple, series of Vanguard accounts;
      6.1.4 Bearden needs to visit with Daniels and Zipper;
      6.1.5 Barnhisel - wait until Thursday; Daniels can be here
      6.1.6 Buchanan - Bearden and Darmody talk with Daniels and Zipper; important agenda item on Thursday; but should we be audited first? (Barnhisel says $2K for audit); Must set date for decision or will drag out until Oklahoma etc.
      6.1.7 Barnhisel - dollars will come in gradually; so be prepared
      6.1.8 Buchanan - ASMR will have audit.

7. ASMR financial update - Dick Barnhisel
   7.1 Financial status to date
      7.1.1 Barnhisel provided hard-copy handouts. See handouts.
      7.1.2 ASMR Fiscal Year is 11/1-10/31
      7.1.3 Admin account - may be beneficial to cash in CDs and pay 90 day interest penalty to allow reinvestment

   7.2 Financial Committee Status - see Bearden comments

7.3 2013 – 2014 Budget
   7.3.1 Purchases
      7.3.1.1 Laptop for Darmody (~$700) plus one other because four concurrent sessions in 2013 meeting; all with Win8
      7.3.1.2 Camtasia crashed with Win8, so bought $300 Win7 from MS; Took to Office Depot, reformatted as Win7 but problems with some ports
7.3.1.3 Need printer; of 372 registrants about 15% by fax; ~50% of registrants used credit card

7.4 Other
7.4.1 Buchanan - wants audit done ASAP
7.4.2 Barnhisel - Claire Dunn provides review (bit not full audit) for a free membership

8. Awards
8.1 2013 Awards - Jerry Schuman
8.1.1 Schuman - have to beg for nominations; same people nominating; procedure is streamlined but need more nominations
8.1.2 2013 nominations
8.1.2.1 1 for researcher; committee decision to not award; 3 for reclamationists, 1 awarded; 3 for Plass; 1 awarded; 0 for Pioneers; Ideal to have five nominations for each award
8.1.2.2 Need to start now and advertise
8.1.2.3 Committee includes five members plus Jerry, vote on 1-3 scale; two to be changed; distribution across industry and academia as well as geographically
8.1.2.4 Ballek - not clear on minimum standards; challenge each NEC member to each come up with nominee
8.1.2.5 Schuman - put criteria in Reclamation Matters
8.1.2.6 Buchanan - who sees announcement for call for nominees; Schuman sends to Barnhisel;
8.1.2.7 Buchanan - should we provide incentive for nominator?
8.1.2.8 Schuman - add agenda item for NEC conference calls to discuss nominations
8.1.2.9 Coleman - by Thursday each NEC member should have a nominee after seeing talks at this meeting
8.1.2.10 Buchanan - would like to see different awards - industry award, career service award,
8.1.2.11 Schuman - we have done "special awards" in the past
8.1.2.12 Buchanan - not in favor of stipends of any kind, but recipients have given money back, companies recognize individual so get good press
8.1.2.13 Schumann - at banquet, write up with photo etc; put in program so not a "surprise" to audience
8.1.2.14 Barnhisel - press releases etc!, get it on www page ASAP
8.1.2.15 Buchanan - in 2014, let's announce recipients in conference program, and in mid-May newsletter to membership on awardees; notify and get photos for program; do same for scholarship recipients
8.1.2.16 Barnhisel - stipends are $500 each; Plass gets another $500 toward travel and a free hotel room
8.1.2.17 Barnhisel - donated $14K for Barnhisel award; letter from Paul Eger outlining plans

8.2 Future Awards - Bruce Buchanan
8.2.1 Delayed until Thursday discussion

9. New Media: Bob Darmody
9.1 Web Site/Social Media - Bob Darmody
9.1.1 ASMR currently using web server "justhost" and has contract through 2013-14
9.1.2 Barnhisel has maintained contact with Kelly Bernard (OSM www designer - Pittsburgh)
9.1.3 Buchanan - Matt Owens has volunteered to do some ASMR web work for free
9.1.4 Nairn - We need to let young savvy people do this! Our page is better but still can be upgraded substantially. We must have a better web presence and we have young people who are willing to help. We also need to use the ASMR LinkedIn group
9.1.5 Friedlander - Let Darmody be in charge and tap who he needs from membership
9.1.6 Nairn - Darmody will lead ad hoc group to improve ASMR's electronic presence. Matt Owens, Shaun Busler, Lisa Cox, Julie LaBar have volunteered to help

10. Early Career - Chris Johnston
10.1 Chris Johnston not present.
10.2 Buchanan - Johnston doing good job; will continue to help with early career activities
10.3 Buchanan - recommends young professional award, perhaps give Dick and Lela Barnhisel Award to young professional/early career (in addition to special awards, industry, projects) Lela and I strongly oppose such a suggestion.

10.4 Buchanan - on conference programs, use color to shadow presentations by students, early career, etc.; make them stand out

10.5 Barnhisel - looking for legacy for his commitment to ASMR

10.6 Ballek - ASMR should implement mentorship program, his company does it and quite successful. Match experienced member with early career, follow up with phone calls and emails.

10.7 Buchanan - charge Johnston to come Thursday evening to discuss ideas

10.8 Coleman - when she was a young professional, Barnhisel made her feel welcome and included

10.9 Franklin - each NEC member needs to meets one young person and FOLLOW UP with them before OKC

11. Membership - Bruce Buchanan

11.1 Buchanan - New member recruitment, didn't do what he proposed

11.2 Barnhisel - provided hard copy handout, membership went from 358 to 387 this year

11.3 Buchanan - concerned about 56 members lost; why? 7 were students, 21 retired or 11 changed jobs and no longer in reclamation and 6 moved with no forwarding address and 11 unknown.

11.4 Nairn - must make point of encouraging folks to join at this Laramie meeting, especially given than non-members registered at same rate and did NOT get one-year membership. I have contacted all non-members attending the Laramie, to date 9 have joined and 1 has renewed their membership. There are 3 others in the mill and the current number of members is 398.

11.5 Barnhisel - ASMR isn't even on plenary schedule for this meeting

11.6 Buchanan - will ask Pete for time Monday AM first thing

12. Goals - Bob Nairn

12.1 Society direction for 2013-14

12.1.1 Inclusiveness - will complete and conduct online survey for all current and recent (yet not current) members. Focus on benefits of society membership and member's needs/desires.

12.1.2 Industry - increase membership and participation of industry and consulting constituencies; reach out to broader "environmental reclamation and restoration" community and
whole suite of extractive and land disturbance industries beyond coal and hard rock mining (aggregate, oil and gas, transportation, etc.)

12.1.3 Early career/young professionals - continue and expand hard work in this area; must increase younger member numbers.

12.1.4 Web/new media - charge Darmody to bring ASMR up to date; improve web presence; go totally 100% electronic on all matters if possible

12.1.5 Finances - work with new Financial Committee; by end of calendar year have plan in place for investments to take place as CD maturation etc. warrants

12.1.6 OKC ’14 - host and chair 31st National Meeting in Oklahoma City; make it the best ever!

13. JASMR Status - Dick Barnhisel

13.1 Barnhisel - Ample papers received, enough for fall issue (12), and spring issue (12); research, case and demonstration studies

13.2 Discussion delayed until Thursday’s meeting

14. NEC Technical Division Assignments for Laramie

14.1 Buchanan - what do we need to share at TD meetings?

14.1.1 Membership increase, more students, invite people to join

14.1.2 Summarize Laramie registration at ~370

14.1.3 Awards - talk it up; need nominations!

14.1.4 Financial advisory committee - trying to get investments at 4% return

14.1.5 Announcement of ’14 and ’15 meeting locations

14.1.6 Future of society/survey

14.1.7 TD symposia ideas for Oklahoma City meeting

14.1.8 JASMR - 7/1/13 papers from this meeting to be published

14.2 Water Management (W AM) - Nairn

14.3 Forestry and Wildlife (M) - Franklin

14.4 Soils and Overburden (W) - Darmody

14.5 Ecology (W) - Ballek

14.6 Geotechnical Engineering (W) - Harper

14.7 Land Use Planning (W) - Coleman/Barnhisel

15. Open Discussion

15.1 Friedlander - ASLA Disturbed Land Reclamation Division may be a pocket of expertise to tap
15.2 Coleman - Society for Ecological Restoration may be another; some concerns raised about activism of membership

15.3 Barnhisel - JASMR has ISSN, Burley contact indexing agency and will get DOIs

15.4 Buchanan - elections - Stahl and Luther step off, need four candidates; at least two candidates for president, TD representative

15.5 Friedlander - need more mining company representation in society and on NEC; work with NMA and others to facilitate

15.6 Ballek - I am here to find more business; need to explain that opportunity to potential members

15.7 Buchanan - It is about what can you put in, not just what you can get out

15.8 Buchanan - charge everyone on NEC to engage with young people this week, think about future of society

15.9 Ballek - ask one question of a young person

16. MOTION: Friedlander to Adjourn

16.1 Second - Bearden
16.2 Approved unanimously

Handouts
1. Administrative Accounts 2013
2. Interest Earned 2013 Report
3. Investment Summary 2013 Report
4. Klímstra Accounts 2013
5. Life Member Accounts 2013
6. Memorial Scholarship Accounts 2013
7. National Meeting Accounts 2013
8. Reclamation Researcher of the Year Accounts 2013
9. Reclamationist of the Year Accounts 2013
10. Stats
11. The Year in Review 13
12. Update on 2013 Meeting
13. William Plass Accounts 2013