WILD WOMEN OF RECLAMATION

Where/When: 7 am Monday, June 8, just grab your breakfast and meet but the room has not been determined, check the Final Program for the location.

Wild Women of Reclamation (WWR) originated in Laramie in 2013 as an idea of Brenda Schladweiler. WWR was an integral part of the Monday agenda at the 2014 national meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation. Participants met on Monday morning at a kickoff breakfast to the week. Brenda Schladweiler and Michele Coleman shared their career histories with the group through PowerPoint presentations that showed some amazing pictures of a much younger Brenda and Michele. Feedback from participants at the breakfast meeting and after indicated that those participants just starting their careers appreciated the honest feedback on “how it used to be” and, in many ways, “how it still is.” We will continue this tradition by meeting Monday morning at 7 am for breakfast and be entertained by Margaret Dunn’s presentation on how to be a mentor.

To keep the fire going throughout the coming year, the group was divided into “more experienced” individuals, i.e., greater than five years in your career, vs. “less experienced,” i.e., less than five years. One person from each group was paired with one from the other group. Those mentors and “mentorees” were then given the assignment to keep in touch with each other throughout the coming year. It will be interesting to find out how well this worked throughout the year. We also received a few interesting and humorous stories about “worse field day” ever. We should think about how to showcase those stories during the WWR Breakfast meeting in Lexington. Most of the stories involved bad weather. Go figure.

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