Ballots for the Election of Officers were mailed in October

You should have received your ballot to elect two members to the NEC and the president-elect.

VOTE today so you don’t miss the deadline for counting your votes, December, 31. Envelopes post marked on that date will be counted if they have arrived by January 7, 2005.

Membership Renewal Forms were included with the November Newsletter

Please note on the renewal form that each person renewing their membership is entitled to one free CD. If you forgot to indicate this on your renewal form let me know which one you wish: 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, or 2004. Others may be purchased at $4 plus $3 if payment is done by credit card. However, if you had used a credit card to renew your dues, that charge will be waived. Those who are Life Members are also entitled to one CD at no charge. Other CD’s may be purchased at the rates given above. It is my hope to start scanning past Proceedings for which hard copies are no longer available and make these available in the future. I will likely begin with the meetings held in 1983 in Owensboro KY.

2005 Meetings – Breckenridge, Colorado
June 19-22, 2005

Next deadline for authors of papers being written for the 2005 meetings is January 15. Extended abstracts for poster should be sent by the January 15 date.

2006 Meetings – St. Louis, MO
March 26-30, 2006

Call for Abstracts: The organizing committee of 7th ICARD has been meeting several times over the past three months. As you may or may not remember, this is a joint meeting with several organizations including ASMR, SME, INAP, IMWA, ADTI, RMRHSRC, and ICARD, but SME is actually running the meetings. I was unable to keep many of the concessions that were agreed to earlier by SME into the final program as ASMR had only one of seven votes. Last Thursday the dates for these meetings were established. The DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS is February 1, 2005.

The call for papers and other information concerning the 2006 joint meeting with 7th ICARD is on the ASMR web page. The document on the web page is not exactly the “official” SME version as they do not want to list the six co-sponsors of the ICARD7 meeting, just SME.

Slide Set Available

I have recently completed scanning many of the slides Stu Bengson sent me last year. I began this project with one scanner but was not totally pleased with the dpi settings available with this instrument. A couple months ago I was given a much better scanner, therefore, some of the slides are of a size ranging from 300...
to 400K and others 1,000 to 3,000K. All were saved as jpg files and fit on one CD, which is approximately 200 megabytes in size. There are about 275 slides and photos in total. Stu has in this collection, images of reclamation associated with his employment with ASARCO, images taken on ASMR field trips, superfund images, and a few images of general mining equipment. I scanned maybe only 10% of the photos and slides Stu sent me, as many were very similar. My greatest regret was I didn’t include in the file name when the original image was taken. This didn’t occur to me until I was nearly finished. The file name is essentially what Stu had either written on the back of the photo or on the edge of the slide. Most of these titles are self explanatory.

I have spent maybe 30 hours doing this scanning and, after talking to Stu, I believe a reasonable price to charge for the CD would be at least $25. Money received will be placed in the Memorial Scholarship Fund. That way your donation will be tax deductible and the CD will be mailed in appreciation of this donation. So even if you wouldn’t need the slides, it will go to a worthy cause.

**RECLAMATION MATTERS**

The third issue of the magazine **Reclamation Matters** should arrive in March. It will contain the registration forms and preliminary program for the meetings in Colorado. I still have several copies of the fall issue. Email me addresses of those you wish me to send a copy. I am particularly interested in receiving names of libraries: Colleges and Universities, middle schools and high schools as well. I will see that these names are added to the general distribution list. **I hope each of you will send me one name**! This is a good magazine, but we need to get it out where it will be seen. If you think the colleges and Universities would accept a CD of our past meetings, let me know that too.

Have you considered advertising in our magazine? The distribution is in excess of 2000. Since the magazine is new, it needs your support now. Contact Jeff Skousen for information.

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**UP-COMING EVENTS**

If you have meetings that you would like to list, send the information to me.
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<td>Baltimore, MD</td>
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<td>2005 International Ash Utilization Symposium and ACAA's 16th International Symposium</td>
<td>April 11-15, 2005</td>
<td>Lexington, KY</td>
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<td>Industry Summit on Mining Performance; How to Improve It, How to Sustain It, How to Reduce Costs;</td>
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<td>Denver, CO</td>
<td>Lisa Clapper [<a href="mailto:lcc1000@outreach.psu.edu">lcc1000@outreach.psu.edu</a>] [<a href="http://www.outreach.psu.edu/C&amp;I/BPI">www.outreach.psu.edu/C&amp;I/BPI</a>]</td>
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