Ballots were sent in early November for the election of officers. In order for your vote to be counted, they must be received by December 31. To date the turnout is not as good as last year with 140 having voted or about 29% of the membership voting. The race for President is very close, with the margin of 3% separating the two candidates. The race between two of the candidates for NEC representative is fairly well determined with the margin being 25 votes separating the second and third individuals. The race for the TD chair representative to the NEC is also fairly well established with the leading candidate being ahead by 30 votes. However, based on the numbers who voted last year, all three of these races could change as I recall there were >40 more persons voting last year.

Remember, if you misplaced your ballot, you can find the bios and the ballot for all candidates on the ASMR web page. Ballots may be either mailed or sent electronically. I have been a little surprised that only 16 of those voting thus far have voted electronically.

Don’t Delay, Vote today!

AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

A REMINDER, it is time to prepare and submit your nominations for the Society’s awards. Nomination details are on the Society web site www.asmr.us under the ASMR Awards section. Note, on the newly designed web page there are separate sections for each award category. Please consider nominating one or more of your deserving colleagues for one of the Society’s national awards: The William T. Plass Award, Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel-Reclamation Researcher of the Year Award, and/or the Reclamationist of the Year Award. Please notice that we have expanded the Reclamationist of the Year Award to include consultants/contractors who do reclamation and can demonstrate their accomplishments through examples of case studies and/or publications. Nominations and support letters are due to Jerry Schuman, Chair of the Award’s Committee, by January 22, 2010. Please submit the nominations to Jerry electronically at jerryschuman2@msn.com as Word (version 2003) documents.

PITTSBURGH MEETING UPDATE

Confusion related to the Call for Abstracts and Workshops for 2010 on the meeting web page www.PghMiningReclamationConf.com. It was to have read, draft papers are due January 11, 2010 and NOT Abstracts are due January 11, 2010. We will accept abstracts AND draft manuscripts up to that date. There have been 93 papers submitted for the Technical Sessions with 10 being poster papers. With the oral presentations expected for ARRI and the PA Abandon Mine Reclamation Conference there will likely be an equivalent three full-day sessions. The Monday AM program will be the usual plenary session, with
sessions continuing through Thursday noon. The Preliminary Program will be mailed late January or early February. We are planning for > 450 persons to attend based on the combined attendances of the individual conferences that will benefit from various presentations. The ASMR web page will also have information www.asmr.us. We may be experimenting with new procedures this year for the meetings.

A planning meeting was held Tuesday of this week to discuss the budget and as a result, additional items will be placed on the www.PghMiningReclamationConf.com web page as they are finalized.

This year, a new facet within ASMR was created to encourage transfer of information among early career members. It is called the Young Professionals group and is being organized by Abbey Wick. The goal of this group is to provide insight into how ASMR can help young professionals develop their careers, creating networking opportunities by hosting events at the meetings, and pre-conference professional development workshops. Other objectives of ASMR are to recruit and retain new members by building student chapters at universities and/or colleges, getting society information to potential new members, and encouraging involvement in the core of the Society.

The Young Professionals’ event is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 7, 2010. There will be a line on the registration form for both students as well as seasoned professionals to participate in this event. Abbey is planning to go to downtown Pittsburgh for time to socialize. Transportation will be provided and the cost will be reasonable. ASMR is hoping that some corporate members will help defray part of this cost as well as others persons to serve by being mentors to these young professionals.

**RECLAMATION MATTERS**

As I have tried to make everyone aware, Del Communications is not able to sell a sufficient amount of advertising to pay for the >4,500 copies we have been distributing. As a result, they will print enough copies to supply our members, the libraries to which we provide copies, and to a limited number of subscribers. I have completed sending emails to all those for which I had addresses, however a large number of these addresses were incorrect. The decision is that we offer the magazine to non-members for $10/year and ASMR will mail all magazines until such time the number of advertisements increase to support a larger mailing list. This dilemma is unfortunate as we used Reclamation Matters to announce our meetings.

In February, I will send one more mailing to the current Reclamation Matters mailing list since the vast majority on this list never responded to my earlier request for their email addresses and those I did have had many errors. The NEC will be discussing the future of our magazine at our next regular conference call. One option is to publish this magazine electronically.

**STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

**Student Research Grant Program Development** – The NEC has approved this new program for 2010. Details as to how a student may apply and criteria related to submitting proposals are being developed by David Lang who has agreed to chair a new committee to take responsibility for the program. Expect to hear more about this program early next year, and when procedures have been developed they will be placed on the ASMR web page.

**ICARD 8 PAPERS**

From the ICARD 8 Organizing Committee: “To all participants at Securing the Future – ICARD 8, 22 – 26 June 2009, Skellefteå, Sweden, we have the pleasure to inform you that the proceedings from the conference is now available on the Internet. The URL: http://www.proceedings-stfandicard-2009.com/.”
I have determined that these papers are actually available for anyone to access these papers at this URL to obtain PDF files papers, at least for the time being.

**DIRECTORY**

**Question:** How many really want ASMR to continue to print and distribute the Directory? It costs us > $3,000 to do this each year. It seems like a dozen times a year, a member asks for either the email or the snail mail address of another member(s). I try to refrain from saying, “Look in the Directory.” The NEC voted several years ago not to place either the email or the snail mail addresses on the web page when I was developing this tool. This is to reduce SPAM; however, I do list the names of our members on the web page. I am also considering creating a new form of database that will not only serve for addresses but also for the Directory if it continues.

**Address Corrections since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.**
Dr. Charles D. Bonham, 408 E. 32rd St, Loveland, CO 80539 (No knowledge if phone or email address has changed).
Dr. Douglas F. Hambley, 1990 Applewood Dr., Denver, CO 80215 (No knowledge if phone or email address has changed).
Joshua Eldridge, 409 Pearl St, Ft. Collins, CO 80521 (No knowledge if phone or email address has changed).
Angelique Herman, 8503 Wales Rd. Warrenton, VA 20185 (No knowledge if phone or email address has changed).
Mrs. Stacy Wheeler 405 S., Morrison RD Apt. 10, Muncie, IN 47304. (It is likely that the phone and email address has changed)
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UP-COMING EVENTS

If you have meetings that you would like to list, send the information to ASMR.

International Mine Water Association (IMWA) 2010 Conference “Mine Water and Innovative Thinking,” Sydney/Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, September 5 – 9, 2010. e-mail: amy@IMWA2010.info website: www.IMWA2010.info A flyer may be found on the ASMR MEETINGS OTHER THAN ASMR.

ASMR 27th Annual Meetings will be in Pittsburgh with Lois Uranowski (OSM); Bruce Golden, Western PA Coalition Abandon Mine Reclamation (WPCAMR); Tom Grote, Stream Restoration, Inc.; and Mike Bower, Appalachian Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) as the key committee members. The Radisson will be the hotel for the meetings, which will be June 5-12, 2010. The Radisson is actually located in Green Tree, a suburb of Pittsburgh near the OSM office.

Mine Closure 2010, V International Conference on Mine Closure. Santiago, Chile – November 23 - 26, 2010. The call for papers deadline is January 25, 2010. For additional information, please contact: Olga Cherepanova, Gecamin, Chile, email address mc@mineclosure2010.com or visit the website at www.mineclosure2010.com

ASMR 28th Annual Meetings will be in Bismarck, ND at the Ramkota Hotel with Steve Schroeder the host. Additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings. The date has been set for June 12-16, 2011.

ASMR 29th Annual Meetings will be in Mississippi with David Lang the local host. The location and time have not been set. Initially we had hoped to have been successful in obtaining ICARD 9 and if that would have occurred the meetings would have been in Jackson the third week in June. The location in Mississippi and date now may change, as the time gets closer.

ASMR 30th Annual Meetings will be in Wyoming but the location and time has not been set.