Membership Renewals have continued to arrive. If you have not sent in your renewal please do it immediately, as on March 9 I will begin removing from the ASMR List Serve all the email addresses of those who have not paid their dues. Therefore, these persons will no longer receive emails with attached Newsletters, position announcements, or Reclamation Matters (see a section related to this later on in the newsletter). Several members from last year have not paid their dues for 2010 and I hope to send an individual email reminder to those persons needing to pay their dues this next week.

Fewer Corporate Members have renewed for 2010 in comparison with 2009. Remember, the names listed on the web page as Corporate Members are in order received.

If you have misplaced the renewal form which I sent by bulk mail around December 1, either go to the ASMR web page for this form or call or email me and I will send you one.

ELECTION

Fewer persons voted for officers in the 2010 election than did last year. The election ended in December and the person selected as the next President Elect is Eddie Bearden. He received 53% of the vote. The race for the NEC board representatives was not as close. The difference in the number of votes for the two successful persons was only four votes, and the persons elected were Scott Belden and Brenda Schladweiler. This year the NEC representative for the Technical Divisions is Robert “B.T.” Thomas.

AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

A REMINDER, you need to submit your nominations for the Society’s awards by February 19, as the date has been extended. Nomination details are on the Society web site www.asmr.us under the ASMR Awards section. 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. Only a few nominations have been received to date. Nominations and support letters are due to Jerry Schuman, Chair of the Award’s Committee, by February 19, 2010. Please submit the nominations to Jerry electronically at jerryschuman2@msn.com as Word (version 2003) documents.

The date for nominations for Memorial Scholarships is March 5, 2010. Information as to the procedures is also on the ASMR web page and these are to be sent electronically to Bob Nairn naira@ou.edu.
PITTSBURGH MEETING UPDATE

The planning meeting scheduled for the week of February 7 did not occur due to the snow storm in the western PA area. However, the pre-registration packet is nearly complete. I hope to send this out electronically to ASMR members early next week. Hard copies will be mailed to the “former” Reclamation Matters mailing list as soon as copies can be printed. There will be additions made shortly to the www.PghMiningReclamationConf.com web page as details are finalized.

There are eight workshops planned for Saturday and Sunday as well as one pre-conference and six post-conference field trips.

RECLAMATION MATTERS

As mentioned in the December Newsletter, Del Communications will be printing a reduced number of copies of the magazine, about 200 more that we will need to supply to our members and the libraries to which we provide copies. An email was sent to all those receiving Reclamation Matters for which I had email addresses, informing them of the decision to offer the magazine to non-members for $10/year. Only two persons took this option and a very large number of the email messages were returned undelivered. 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. Another announcement requesting either a payment of $10, or an email address if they wish to receive future announcements of our meetings electronically will be included when the Preliminary Program for the Pittsburgh meeting is mailed.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Student Research Grant Program Development – The request for applications for mini-research grants has recently been sent out electronically. Even though this has been emailed only a day or two, I have already received some questions. This announcement will also be placed on the ASMR web page.

STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Reclamation Club is the only active club associated with ASMR. The following is a summary of Club activities extracted from a recently received report. “The Reclamation Club maintains fifteen active members ranging from freshman to senior status. The club participated in a stream bank seeding project along the Rountree Branch as well as every spring the UWP School of Agriculture hosts a high school FFA skills contests. The contest consists of many disciplines such as horticulture, dairy and beef science, and wildlife/natural resources. The club has been very active with helping the Prairie Enthusiasts, a local organization whose goal is to restore prairies in the surrounding landscape. The members get experience in land management activities in a variety of habitats such as prairie, oak savanna and wetlands. With support from the university and proceeds from prescribed burns, we provide a club scholarship and club sponsored activities such as day trips and the fall kids’ festival.”

DIRECTORY

Results from the Poll-Question: All but two persons who voiced their opinion supported the change from printing a hard copy of the Directory to an electronic version, a savings of > $3,000. This is the source of funds for the Student Research Grants. Each member will be sent an Excel file of the Directory. The few members who do not have an email address will be sent something. I need to determine what form this will be, as the information currently in the Directory is too large to be easily
printed as a hard copy. I strongly suggest that each member retain their current hard copy as I only have two copies remaining. One alternative I have considered is to add links to the ASMR web page to the sections in the current directory that I may not include in the excel spreadsheet as this information is on our web page. The email addresses will be a part of this file. I will send out revised files periodically as new members are received so the Directory will remain up to date.

**New Student Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.**

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UP-COMING EVENTS

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

19th High Altitude Revegetation Workshop, March 2 - 4, 2010, Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Colorado. For questions about program content, contact Joe Brummer at joe.brummer@colostate.edu or 970-491-4988.

Innovations in Social Impact Assessment for the Resources Sector, March 17-18, 2010; Perth, WA; Registration and Information Brochure

Practical Monitoring for Improved Environmental Performance for the Resources Sector; March 22-24, 2010 Brisbane, QLD Reminder for Early Bird Registration closes 26 February 2010; Registration and Information Brochure More Information

2010 WV Mine Drainage Task Force, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia, March 30 – 31, 2010. Further information contact Jeff Skousen at 304-293-2667; Email: jskousen@wvu.edu; For online registration go to www.wvmtdtaskforce.com


Conflict and Grievance Management; April 12-14, 2010 Brisbane, QLD Registration and Information Brochure

13th International Seminar on Paste and Thickened Tailings, TORONTO, CANADA, MAY 3-6, 2010. For more information and to register, visit www.paste2010.com


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.

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 website with meetings other than ASMR.

32nd Annual Conference National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAMLP) to be held September 19-22, 2010 in the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Prospective presenters should submit abstracts for papers or proposals for workshops or panel discussions on or before May 7, 2010. Abstracts should be emailed to: Presentations@NAAMLP2010.com. Please contact Eric Cavazza at (814) 472-1844 or ecavazza@state.pa.us or visit the conference website at www.NAAMLP2010.com.

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 have not been set.