July 2010

PITTSBURGH MEETING SUMMARY

Since the meetings, it has been a little hectic trying to find the time to prepare a final summary. Because there is still some income to be received and a couple bills to be paid, this summary will not include a financial statement.

We had >350 to register for the meetings and had almost 40% greater number of room nights booked than in the contract, therefore, we didn’t have to pay a penalty as several registered in the week prior to the meetings. There were a few problems that the hotel could not prevent, such as lightning which struck the main transformer on Saturday knocking out power to 2/3 of the hotel. Fortunately, this was replaced on Sunday afternoon so the lights were back on by the time the meetings started. One thing that few persons knew is that the hotel manager cooked the roast beef for the Sunday evening reception in her home, a process that took four hours.

ASMR AWARDS

Following are the awards that were presented.

William T. Plass Award – George Vance, Professor, University of Wyoming
Richard and Lela Barnhisel Researcher of the Year – Robert Darmody, Professor, University of Illinois
Reclamationist of the Year – James Luther, BHP Billiton, New Mexico Coal Recruiter of the Year – Margarete Dunn

Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship – Caley Gasch Salava, University of Wyoming
M.S. Memorial Scholarship – Jessica Grembi – Penn State University
B.S. Memorial Scholarship – Leena Horton, University of Wyoming

PhD Research Grant – Kyle Lilly – University of Wyoming
M.S. Research Grant – Sarah Carter – University of Oklahoma

Travel Grants:
- Doug Bertel – University of Akron
- Abby Caporuscio – Penn State University
- Chris Fields-Johnson – Virginia Tech
- Jessica Grembi – Penn State University
- Cody Neely – Oklahoma University

Student Oral Paper Presentation Contest
- Cody Neely, Oklahoma University, First place
- William Strosnider, Oklahoma University, Second place (tie)
- Dalton Hardisty, Indiana University, Second place (tie)
- Leah Oxenford Oklahoma University, Third place (tie)
- Travis Keene, West Virginia University, Third place (tie)
STUDENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Students at the University of Wyoming have organized a local chapter. Unfortunately I have failed to request a list of officers, but they had their second full monthly meeting in April. The program consisted of presentations from two people with reclamation projects that the students were asked to help with over the coming summer months. One is the UP Tie Plant right south of Laramie, and the other is related to a dam removal and reconstruction on the Encampment River. Lisa Cox informed me that the club is really shaping up, with about 10 active members at this point, most of whom are ASMR Student Members, and she is encouraging others to become members of ASMR as well as members of their local chapter.

Perhaps a challenge is in order to the other ASMR chapter, the University of Wisconsin, Platteville to see which chapter will have the most ASMR members in 2011.

DIRECTORY

Second Request for the Directory: As reported in the February-March newsletter, there will not be a printed hard copy of the Directory in 2010. Some of the components that are in the first few pages will be listed only on the ASMR web page. Plans include sending an electronic Excel spread sheet in late August.

In the past issues there were two sections for which I need your help. I would like to update your interest with respect to Technical Divisions as interests have changed and few persons have checked these blanks the past couple of years. I will list these using numbers, and I am suggesting that this be ranked in order of your first three choices. Please send me your preference by email prior to August 15. I do not plan to transfer these from the past directory. Hence, if you have not sent me these choices, this area will be left blank. Use the following numbers 1=Ecology, 2=Forestry and Wildlife, 3=Geotechnical Engineering, 4=Land Use Planning and Design, 5=Tailings Reclamation, 6=Soils and Overburden, and 7=Water Management.

If you wish to identify up to three professional organizations, as listed in the past directories, send me an email listing these affiliations. I do not plan to transfer these from the past directory. As these are received, I will assign numbers to enter in a column on the spread sheet. The legend will be listed in some manner at the end of the spread sheet.

I do not believe I have received even as many as 10 such listings for either Technical Division choices or Professional Affiliations since my request for this information in the May Newsletter.

REFERENCE TO AN EARLY AMD ARTICLE and BOOK

This is a part of an email message that came from an ASMR member who attended the Pittsburgh Meetings. “At the conference this year, a few times I wondered whether anyone had read an article on acid mine drainage from 1947. I discovered it a few years ago. It might be of interest to folks - the issues were back then as they are now. I was going to attach it as a PDF, but since it was originally published by
George Vance mentioned a book during his acceptance speech for the William T. Plass Award titled “Meeting Projected Coal Production Demands in the USA: Upstream Issues, Challenges, and Strategies,” and later was asked about how to locate the book. Please note the following link to this book http://www.energy.vt.edu/NCEPStudy/outline.php

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

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New Corporate Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

AUGUST 31-SEPT 3, 2010  PROTECTING THREATENED BATS AT COAL MINES: A TECHNICAL INTERACTIVE FORUM, CHARLESTON, WV

Background: This forum will assess the impact to all hibernating bat species in the eastern half of the U.S. of the recent deadly outbreak and spread of a fungus, new to the North American continent, known as the White Nose Syndrome. The forum will also assess the effectiveness of the newly developed Range-wide Indiana Bat Protection and Enhancement Plan Guidelines for developing coal mining permits for an endangered bat species developed as a joint effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Surface Mining, and the Interstate Mining Compact Commission. This forum is necessary to inform all of the affected states and agencies of the cooperative efforts that will be necessary to protect this important life form.

Topics Covered:
(1) Whitenose Syndrome Impacts on Bats and Mining
(2) Federal Efforts for the Recovery of the Indiana Bat
(3) Status of State Permitting/Recovery/Mitigation/Implementation Strategies
(4) Status of On the Ground Recovery Efforts
(5) Ongoing research Efforts and Research Needs

Target Audience: Representatives of State Regulatory Authorities, OSM, State Wildlife Agencies, USFWS, Consultants, and University experts concerned with protection of the Indiana bat associated with coal mining.

Contact: Kimery Vories (Forum chairperson) at 618-463-6463 x 5103, on the internet at www.techtransfer.osmre.gov, or register online at www.dce.siu.edu.
7th Australian Workshop on Acid and Metalliferous Drainage, to be held in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, **21-24 June 2011**. Intending authors are requested to submit abstracts to info@jketch.com.au by **15 September 2010**.

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.

**B.C.’s 34th ANNUAL MINE RECLAMATION SYMPOSIUM** and CLRA’s 35th Annual Conference “RECLAMATION from PLANNING to CLOSURE” COURTENAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA **SEPTEMBER 20 - 23, 2010** Visit web page www.tree.bc.ca for additional information.

**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. Please contact Eric Cavazza at (814) 472-1844 or ecavazza@state.pa.us or visit the conference website at www.NAAMLP2010.com.

Short Course and Special Session on Environmental Geochemistry for Modern Mining at the 2010 Geological Society of America Meeting, Denver, Colorado, **October 31 - November 3, 2010**. Short Course – **Friday October 29 & Saturday October 30, 2010** Registration information for can be found at: http://www.segweb.org/activities/ For further information contact: Bob Seal rseal@usgs.gov

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

Water in the Southern African Minerals Industry Conference 2011; **15-17 February 2011** Ingwenyama Conference & Sport Resort, White River Contact: Raymond Van Der Berg, Southern African Institute of Mining & Metallurgy Tel 011 834 1273/7 Fax 086 684 0453/ 011 838 5923 Email: raymond@saimm.co.za

Northern Latitudes Mining Reclamation Workshop, Technical sessions **May 11-12, 2011** to be held in Fairbanks, AK. Abstracts due Jan 31, 2011 to Joe Wehrman, AK DNR joewehrman@alaska.gov Phone: 907-269-8630. http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/mining/pdf/Call_for_papers_-_final.pdf

**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 finalized, but negotiations are continuing with folks in Tupelo, MS. The proposed date is June 8-15, 2012.

**ASMR** 30th Annual Meetings will likely be in Laramie, Wyoming, tentatively for June 1-5, 2013.