Soils and Overburden Technical Division members attending:

Michele Coleman, Co-chair, NEC liaison
Jennifer Franklin
Zenah Orndorff
Steve Stroeder
Brenda Schladweiler
Barry Stewart
Peter Stahl
Jarvis Harper
Carl Zipper
Jeff Skousen
Lee Daniels
Guy Welch

Unable to attend: Chris Johnston – Co-chair

Discussion Items:

1) Welcome by NEC Liaison and Co-chair Michele Coleman (replacing Lee Daniels)
2) Function of SOTD:
   a) ASMR MEETINGS: Historically function to recommend sessions or symposia within ASMR meeting to advance areas of research and new developments and to review papers submitted for presentation at ASMR meetings. New ASMR format requiring only an abstract submission for consideration to present paper, has lightened the work load of the TD with regard to peer review of papers. However, papers from the meetings are still important and intent was to publish papers from the meeting in the Journal of the American Society for Mining and Reclamation (JASMR).
   b) JASMR:
      2 major issues with regard to JASMR 1) lack of papers being submitted and 2) formatting of papers within journal.
      Papers can be research, case studies, projects or other (policy) topics
      1- A discussion on the number of papers and what that means for ASMR. If papers are not submitted for the meeting, the numbers that are submitted later to JASMR has been less than expected.
      2- Authors of presentations at this 2014 meeting are encouraged to submit a paper.
      3- Articles for JASMR and Reclamation Matters
         i. Steve S – some retirees have the time to act as reviewers for papers and they should be called upon (he volunteered himself)
3) Ideas for Sessions/ Symposium at Lexington 2015 ASMR meeting:

No concrete ideas proposed but start thinking about it. We’ll be following through on this later this year.

4) Items brought forth from the NEC

a. Call for Awards- nominations for research and industry
   i. Industry awards should be focused in area where conference is being organized (Steve S)
   ii. What are the criteria (Steve S)
   iii. How are they different than OSM awards
   iv. They have to go beyond what is required by regulations; Steve S – there are companies that do that and they should be recognized.
   v. Send in nominations for awards anytime to Jerry Schuman. The descriptions are on the website.

b. Retirees- How can we continue to include and benefit from them
   i. Review papers
   ii. Act as mentors to younger members

c. Scholarships
   i. 5 applicants for 3 scholarships
   ii. Send directly to professors and they will forward the email to their students.

d. Student involvement and recruitment
   i. Students use restoration (Pete S) instead of reclamation