Meeting Called to order and members welcomed by WMTD Co-chair Louis McDonald.

Members thanked for their efforts in reviewing the technical committee’s submitted papers for the 2012 ASMR National meeting by WMTD Co-chair Gwen Geidel.

NEC officers also in attendance – Dennis Neumann, Bruce Buchanan, Bob Nairn

Announcements:

Next ASMR meetings:
2013 Laramie, WY
2014 Oklahoma
2015 – Open, need a strong proposal for an eastern site to be presented at 2013 meeting. Salt Lake City has made a preliminary proposal, but then 3 consecutive western meetings.

New Business:

1. Membership: How to increase numbers and retain/increase number of young professionals.

D. Neumann – Change name of ASMR to increase numbers? Is mining a stigma? General discussion and no agreement on name change; general opposition to name change. (See discussion below)

R. Kleinmann – Need to broaden appeal and ensure that young professionals are getting enough benefit from the Society.

General discussion – Need to get young people involved in future meetings; previously TD members were asked to recruit speakers and speakers tend to attend and join Society. If invited speakers are faculty, they may bring and introduce graduate students to ASMR. Perhaps more scholarships for students should include travel costs to meetings. If want to increase student members, suggestion for a subcommittee of students and a separate day to present (further discussion on separation of student papers from main meeting and general agreement that student papers should remain within main meeting; better for students and attendees)

Other suggestions for increasing young professional and student representation:
- P. Behum – need to keep current with communication technology – increase Facebook, Twitter, etc. presence (continue to use e-mail but recognize the audience).
- Young people not only need incentive to come, but encouragement from mentors/employers/faculty (Margaret Dunn as example of doing it well; Bob Nairn as faculty supporting student attendance). Scholarships – are they really the answer? Maybe not.

2. Discussion on Name Change of ASMR.

D. Neumann – Change name of ASMR? Remove mining and replace with restoration?

General discussion and no agreement on name change; general opposition to name change. SME (with Mining in its name) has large numbers. ASMR not just a reclamation and restoration society, but tied closely with mining. ASMR could lose members if mining deleted from name (some allowed to attend meetings specifically because it is mining related).

Further discussion:
- Mining is important and part of water management (1/2 of papers, when an eastern meeting, are WM and about 1/3 when meeting in west).
- Discussion of other meetings associated with mining and reclamation and their success: WV AMD Task Force meetings (late 1970s through today) – packed meeting of over 300 annually; Lexington, KY meetings (1980s-90s) – Symp on Mining, Hydro, Sed. & Recl were well attended. Billings, MT meeting had Mining companies; where are they this year? (Some important ones are attending (Thank you to them), but numbers appeared to be down). (This year ASMR competed with ICARD for attendees and papers)
- Canadian group is more of a social gathering and draws many participants; good relationships established (M. Coleman).
- Do we need to revisit our purpose for forming? Has ASMR lost its purpose? General consensus was no, we have not.
- Mining continues to define what we do and new mining regulations continue to define some research areas.

Old Business:

- Journal (JASMR) will be out soon; 1st issue has enough papers, 2nd will follow shortly.
- Dick Barnhisel, Exec. Secretary is retiring Sept. 1, 2013; he has done a great job. 2 interviews this week; encourage qualified persons to apply.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 PM

Minutes submitted by G. Geidel