

# Local Section News

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## DID YOU KNOW?

SME currently has 59 local sections, including four international sections located in Peru, Philippines, Mongolia, and Mexico.

New international sections in Chile and Brazil are possible, and we hope to have them up and running by our 2011 Annual Meeting!

## Call for Applications: Local Section Grant Program

In 2009, SME launched a new Local Section Grant program to provide financial support to Local Sections and, by extension, the industry. Through the Local Section Grant Program, SME provided \$16,500 to eight local sections last year. Now is your chance to get in on the action! SME will accept applications for the 2010 grants through close of business on July 1, 2010.

The goal of the Local Section Grant Program is to assist sections

programs such as production of outreach material, professional development products and services, and educational programs. The grants are not intended to fund general section expenses such as speaker fees, luncheon fees, etc.

For more information on the Local Section Grant Program or to download the application, visit [www.smenet.org/sections](http://www.smenet.org/sections).

## Call for Nominations: 2010-2011 Awards

SME's 2010 awards season is underway! Nominations are currently being accepted for all SME Awards and all SME Division Awards.

On an annual basis, SME and its divisions administer and present numerous recognition awards for outstanding individual and group achievements in the minerals industry. These awards and their recipients represent the highest levels of commitment and expertise that have come to symbolize the

vitality of SME as a professional society. We welcome and encourage nominations from all sections. Most nominations are due by June 1, 2010, so don't delay!

Check out the Awards section of our website ([www.smenet.org/awards](http://www.smenet.org/awards)) for more information on all of the various awards, past award recipients, award criteria, and award nomination forms. A list of our 2009-2010 award recipients may be found on pages 4-6 of this newsletter.

# 2010 Annual Meeting Recap

SME's 2010 Annual Meeting was held February 27-March 3, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona. This year's meeting was the largest meeting we have had in many years, with 4,937 attendees, 630 exhibit booths, and 103 technical sessions. Highlights included:



Miners Gave Back—volunteers assembled “Treasures for Teachers.”



Introduced the new “1k” Club at the SME Foundation Dinner.



Everyone had on their boogie shoes at the Student Mixer and at the SME Foundation Dinner.



The Keynote Session, “A Century of Mining Research,” drew a large crowd.



With 630 booths, the exhibit hall was hoppin’ all week!



The Industrial Minerals Division kicked-off a year-long celebration of its 75th Anniversary.



Over 45 awards were presented to individuals & groups who are tops in our industry.



2010 President, Nikhil C. Trivedi (r), took the helm from 2009 President, Will Wilkinson (l).

## 2010 Inaugural Address—Vision for SME's Future

By Nikhil C. Trivedi, 2010 SME President

*NOTE: The article below is excerpted from the Inaugural Address delivered by incoming SME President Nikhil C. Trivedi during the SME/AIME Awards Banquet held March 3, 2010.*

Friends: Will Wilkinson's presidency reminded me of the year 1998, when Ihor Kunasz was SME President and he conducted his duties from Tashkent in Uzbekistan since that was his home then. At that time, some of us got the first hint of how dedicated individuals pretty much transcend Geographical barriers and succeed in their jobs. Will Wilkinson offered another example of that same kind of dedication to SME. He carried out his duties from Botswana, Joburg, Kinshasa, Luanda, Accra and other African cities in a transparent and seamless manner.

Indeed Will is handing over the SME leadership to me when SME is on a very solid foundation. My goal, as your President, will be to build upon our strength and continue to make SME membership relevant to its members and compelling to those who are not yet members. We will do so by enriching OneMine.org with highly specialized content, stepping up content development for SME Tech and by making additional titles available as e books. There are two specific initiatives I would like to mention here. First, I have set up an ad hoc committee whose charter is to advise the Board and me on how best can SME become a go to place for information on Health and Safety as related to our industry. Secondly, we will develop a five year strategic plan for SME. Last such exercise was done singlehandedly by Art Schweitzer – I believe we will need collective wisdom of ten people to do in 2010 what Art did alone in 2004! Stay tuned for more...

## Membership Corner

By Billie Emas, Membership & Marketing Coordinator

SME's 2010 Section Membership Contest is in progress! Two Grand Prizes will be awarded for the 2010 contest: one for the section with the highest percentage of membership growth and one for the section with the highest number of new members. Both Grand Prize winning sections will receive:

- Five tickets to the 2011 SME Awards Dinner in Denver, Colorado
- Special recognition at the 2011 Annual Meeting
- Full page ad in Mining Engineering
- Five free books from the SME Bookstore

For more information on the 2010 Section Membership Contest, or for assistance with any membership questions or concerns, contact Billie Emas at 303-948-4204 or [emas@smenet.org](mailto:emas@smenet.org).

## 2009–2010 AIME and SME Award and Scholarship Recipients

### **AIME Awards**

#### *AIME Honorary Members*

Michael Karmis  
Raja Ramani

#### *AIME Frank F. Aplan Award*

Bhupendra K. Parekh

#### *AIME Charles F. Rand Gold Medal*

Robert A. Dickinson

#### *AIME Mineral Economics Award*

Roderick G. Eggert

#### *AIME Distinguished Service Award*

Robert C. Freas

#### *AIME Rossiter W. Raymond Award*

Kimberly Lewandowski  
S. Komar Kawatra

### **SME Awards**

#### *Distinguished Members*

Danrick W. Alexander  
Charles H. Bucknam  
Rick Q. Honaker  
John G. Mansanti

#### *Robert M. Dreyer Award*

Bill Lindqvist

#### *GEM Individual Award*

Jan C. Rasmussen

#### *GEM Student Chapter Award*

Virginia Tech

#### *Syd S. Peng Ground Control in Mining Award*

Anthony T. Iannacchione

#### *Ivan B. Rahn Education Award*

George W. Luxbacher

### **SME Awards, continued**

#### *President's Citation Award*

Bill Hancock  
George Richardson  
Dayan Anderson  
Carol Russell  
Deborah Shields

#### *Outstanding Student Chapter Award*

New Mexico Institute of Mines & Technology

#### *Mii Outstanding Individual Award*

Marie Patterson

### **Coal & Energy Division Awards**

#### *Distinguished Service Award*

Michael A. Trevits

#### *Howard N. Eavenson Award*

John W. Grubb

#### *Erskine Ramsay Medal*

Joseph A. Main

#### *J.W. Woomer Award*

Jacob F. Hatch

#### *Percy Nicholls Award*

William J. Beck

#### *Stefanko Best Paper Award*

Rick Q. Honaker  
John G. Groppo, Jr.  
Mohammed Zaheer A. Jamkhana

#### *Past Chair Award*

Jürgen F. Brune

**Environmental Division Awards***Distinguished Service Award*

Douglas C. Peters

*Past Chair Award*

George M.L. Robinson

**Industrial Minerals Division Awards***A. Frank Alsobrook Distinguished Service Award*

Roger S. Austin

*Hal Williams Hardinge Award*

Drew A. Meyer

*Robert W. Piekarz Award*

S.A. Ravishankar

*Young Scientist Award*

Abani Samal

*Past Chair Award*

Srinivas Veeramasuneni

**Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Awards***Antoine M. Gaudin Award*

Glenn E. Hoffman

*Outstanding Young Engineer*

Graham P. Cooper

*Robert H. Richards Award*

Ronald O. Harma

*Arthur F. Taggart Award*

Michael Brittan

*Milton E. Wadsworth Award*

W. Joseph Schlitt

*Millman Award (Past Chair)*

Rick Gilbert

**Mining & Exploration Division Awards***Ben F. Dickerson III Award*

John J. Ellis

*Distinguished Service Award*

Joseph M. Driscoll

*Daniel C. Jackling Award*

Gregory A. Lang

*Outstanding Young Professional Award*

Jess Kindler

*Rock Mechanics Award*

Edwin T. (Ted) Brown

*William L. Saunders Gold Medal*

Douglas B. Silver

*Past Chair Award*

Hugh B. Miller

**Coal & Energy Division Scholarships**

Robert Burns, Pennsylvania State University

Andrew Calhoun, Virginia Tech

Megan Habbe, Southern Illinois University

Matthew Hyita, University of Utah

Michael Middleton, Colorado School of Mines

Sarah Milne, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Michael Shuman, Missouri University of Science &amp; Technology

Martin Smay, West Virginia University

Jacob Stephens, University of Kentucky

Austin Vreugdenhil, South Dakota School of Mines &amp; Technology

**Environmental Division Scholarships**

Allan Hepworth, University of Utah

Sarah Milne, University of Alaska Fairbanks



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**Gerald V. Henderson Memorial Scholarship (IndMD)**

Stephenie Mirka, University of Arizona

**Richard R. Klimpel Scholarship (MPD)**

Brooke O'Bryan, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

**Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Scholarship**

Ryan Morrison, University of Utah

**Mining & Exploration Division Scholarships**

Aaron Burton, University of Kentucky  
Michael Middleton, Colorado School of Mines  
Alison Sears, West Virginia University

**MMSA/SMEF Presidential Scholarship**

Scott Shields, University of Arizona

**Syd S. Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship**

Jeffrey B. Kerr, Virginia Tech  
Anthony M. LeBaron, University of Utah