

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.

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) 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.

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 & Technology

Martin Smay, West Virginia University

Jacob Stephens, University of Kentucky

Austin Vreugdenhil, South Dakota School of Mines & 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