



**Environmental Division Executive Committee**

2019 Annual Meeting  
Sunday February 24, 2019  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard)  
Hyatt Downtown Denver Hotel  
Room Mineral Hall A

**2018 Executive Committee**

Chair	Barbara Nielsen
Vice Chair	William Lipps
Secretary/Publications	Leslie Watson
Program Committee Chair	Brett Waterman
Program Planning Committee Chair	Andrea Martin
Past Chair	Rob Mongrain

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order at 9:05**

**2. Executive Committee Roll Call**

**2.1. Executive committee members present**

Barbara Nielsen, William Lipps, Brett Waterman, Rob Mongrain, Leslie Watson  
SME Staff Liaison – Jackie Dorr

**2.2. Committee representatives and SME members**

Virginia (Ginger) McLemore, Linda Figueroa, Denise Levitan, Amar Patel, Lisa Gonzales, Matt Dusenberry

**2.3. Guests**

Barb Arnold (SME 2019 President)  
Hugh Miller (SME 2020 President)  
Dave Kanagy

**3. Safety Share**

Barb Nielsen shared that when crossing streets near the convention center do not cross until the light indicates it is safe to do so. There is a right turn lane for cars and the crossing to the convention center also includes the light rail tracks.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda by Rob Mongrain was seconded by Andrea Martin.

**5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

February 2019 minutes were distributed via email. No comments were received on the meeting minute and they were approved.

Mid-year Meeting 2018 minutes were approved with revision to the spelling of Barbara Nielsen's last name.

## 6. Review of Annual Report

This year the environmental division luncheon has two title sponsors (\$5,000), two supporting sponsors (\$2,000) and two student poster sponsors of \$1,000 each. There is a list of the sponsors whom donated in 2018, and these sponsors are recognized at the Environmental Division luncheon. Jackie can request a list of all sponsors from the database and provide that information to include in the luncheon program PowerPoint.

## 7. Review of Financials

### 7.1. SME Updates – Jackie Dorr

As of the end of September 2018, the balance in the general fund is \$10,832.91 and the balance in the scholarship fund is \$121,145.49.

## 8. ED Committee Reports

### 8.1. Awards

- Distinguished Service Award– Evelyn Bingham
- Division Past Chair Award – Barb Nielsen

Nominations for the awards and a list of the past recipients can be provided from the database. The nominations for some of the awards require letters of recommendations. A list of the past award winners and nominees can be provided by Jackie to the nominating and planning committee.

### 8.2. ED Membership Committee (Nielsen)

The annual report for 2018 indicates the Environmental Division has 1,106 members, which are six fewer than last year. Ginger McLemore noted that when renewing your SME membership while the process allows you to select more than one division, however, your membership may only be recorded in the first division selected.

### 8.3. ED Nominating and Planning Committee (Nielsen)

The nominating and planning meeting will be on Wednesday February 27 from 3-6 PM. The nomination packet was distributed via email prior to the annual conference.

### 8.4. ED Scholarship Committee

Briana Greer and the team evaluated the scholarships applications. This year due to a change in how the database and applications were submitted there were a total of 29 scholarship applications. Three \$2,000 Environmental Division scholarships will be offered this year in addition to the \$2,000 Veolia scholarship.

- Environmental Division Scholarship  
Three environmental division scholarships will be awarded to the following students:  
Isabel Casasbuenas Cabezas; Colorado School of Mines

Miranda Gorman; Carnegie Mellon University  
Alyssa Gese; Virginia Tech

- Veolia Technologies Scholarship will be awarded to:  
Brody Rastall; University of Arizona

Silent Auction Fundraiser will be set up in the SME lounge in the exhibit hall. This year there are over 60 items donated for the auction. The auction has people whom scheduled during the Environmental Division luncheon.

### **8.5. ED Representatives for SME Education Committees**

#### 8.5.1. Accreditation & Curricular Issues

The discussion accreditation involves who is considered a qualified person. Currently 30 states have Professional Geologists and the accreditation is at the state level.

#### 8.5.2. Research Committee

The research committee is interested in receiving topics for papers and books. Possible topics include the public perception of mining and mine reclamation and closure. Risa Fury and Heather Lammers are contacts for Ginger regarding potential paper topics.

#### 8.5.3. Student Member Affairs Committee

Omar Smith indicated the membership committee is meeting at the annual conference.

### **8.6. ED Representatives for SME Standing Committees**

#### 8.6.1. Government and Public Affairs

The GPAC committee is meeting later this week and there are a number of technical briefing papers scheduled for updates this year. The GPAC committee will be reaching out to each Division for help in updating the briefing papers. Ginger has been updating several including Access to Public Lands and Critical Minerals.

#### 8.6.2. Information Publishing Committee

Ginger is one of the editors for the new journal. The inaugural issue has been released in conjunction with the annual conference. Additional editors and reviewers are needed for the journal. Additional information on the journal is available on the SME website.

Patrick Williamson mentioned that the ADTI committee is meeting this week and looking at updates to the manual. In terms of translation, SME Latin America section may have some information on what manuals are their best sellers.

#### 8.6.3. Mining Engineering Committee

- Published Articles; three articles were published this year.
- Planned Articles; summary of the outstanding papers, student poster, and recognition of the outstanding speakers.

#### 8.6.4. Professional Engineers Exam Committee

The focus of the committee is converting the test to an electronic format. The committee meets twice per year and the next meeting is at Clemson University in Charleston, South Carolina.

#### 8.6.5. Program Committee

Brett Waterman reported on the sessions for the Environmental Division has been completed. There were a few late cancellations, so one session will include a panel discussion. Brett and Andrea Martin have the forms for the the session judges, chairs, and co-chairs.

- Sessions – There are 13 sessions this year and 11 pre-print papers. The evaluation of the pre-print papers is nearly done with results to be final before the end of the conference.
- Luncheon – Speaker is confirmed.
- Sponsors – There is \$16,000 in sponsorship for the luncheon. The funds not used for the luncheon are added to the general fund.

#### 8.6.6. Program Coordination Committee

Andrea Martin will kick off the 2020 Program Coordination at the program planning meeting on Wednesday morning starting at 7:30 AM.

#### 8.6.7. Sustainable Development Committee

No report from the Sustainable Development Committee at this time.

### 8.7. Strategic Committees

#### 8.7.1. Innovation Committee

No meetings for the Innovation Committee have been held other than during the Annual Conference and the mid-year meeting.

## 9. Student Poster Session

This year's there were 14 submissions to the student poster session and 11 were accepted for the poster contest. The posters will be set up outside of the room where the Environmental Division lunch will be held.

The Program Planning chair will be asked to help support the Student Poster contest as part of their role. The Environmental Division handbook can be updated to reflect their involvement with the Student Poster session. Updates to the Division manual may also be warranted. Charles Buckman volunteered to help update the manual.

## 10. Monthly Conference Call Meetings – Host and Schedule

William Lipps as the 2019-2020 chair will schedule the monthly teleconferences. At this time the date is the second Friday of each month.

## 11. Adjourn –

Meeting moved to adjourn at 11:27 by Brett Waterman and seconded by Rob Mongrain.