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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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**2005 Meetings – Breckenridge, Colorado
June 19-22, 2005**

You should have received by mail, along with the last Newsletter, the first call for abstracts and/or papers for the 2005 meetings. This has also been placed on the web page. **All abstracts should be sent only as Word or WordPerfect files electronically to asmr5@insightbb.com, or asmr2@insightbb.com.** Additional information is on the web page. Important dates: **Abstracts are due October 15; Draft copies of papers are due January 15; and the final revised copy is due April 15. If you plan to submit a Poster, that abstract is also due October 15.** Poster papers may also be submitted in written form for review and for publication in the proceedings for 2005.

RECLAMATION MATTERS

The second issue of the magazine Reclamation Matters should arrive in **October**. The first call for papers may be found in this issue as well. Do you have an article you would like to submit for a future issue of the magazine? Send it to me or Jeff Skousen as an electronic copy (Word is preferred) and be sure to include color photos (digital photos if possible). The more articles we have, the better the magazine and its value to both the readers and companies who advertise in the magazine. Several good papers were presented at the meetings in Morgantown which would make good articles for the magazine.

Have you considered advertising in our magazine? The distribution is in excess of 2000. Since the magazine is new, it needs your support now. Contact Jeff Skousen for information.

Washington Group Mining Project Gains Recognition for Reclamation Efforts from State of Idaho

Check out the press release on the **ASMR** web page for more details.

NEW LOOK FOR THE ASMR WEB PAGE

Check out the newly-designed web page <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/asmr> or use a web browser such as Google. Just type in asmr and our site is likely to appear as one of the top three or four. It has been very popular with about **1,200 hits** since the revisions were made in April.

Note that the front page has been updated with new images. Send me digital photos or slides and I will consider their being placed on the front page when I make changes in late October.

Ballots for the Election of Officers will be mailed in mid October

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Geospatial Conference

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM), National Association of Abandoned Mined Land Programs (NAAML), Western Interstate Energy Board (WIEB) and Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) will jointly sponsor a national geospatial conference in December 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Conference provides an opportunity for practitioners of advanced geospatial technology to discuss and exchange ideas on the application of this technology to SMCRA related issues. This nationwide conference will also provide a vehicle for State and Federal Regulatory agencies to exchange ideas with coal industry personnel that work on geospatial projects included as part of everyday permitting activities.

Technical sessions will include: Mobile Computing in Mining and Reclamation, Mine Permitting and GIS, GIS Design, Implementation and Management, Geospatial Technology and Bonding, AML Site Assessment, Design and Construction Management, GIS and Abandoned Underground Mines, GIS and GPS in Blasting Activities, Serving and Delivering Geospatial Data. The conference will also include poster sessions, vendor exhibits and a vendor project demonstration.

The conference originated from ideas presented at the TIPS Steering Committee meeting held September 9-11, 2003, in Breckenridge, Colorado. Several presentations were made to the Committee demonstrating the utility of geospatial technology through SMCRA project examples. The committee asked the TIPS team to investigate the feasibility of sharing this technology with the TIPS customer community in general, with the hope of technology transfer, and to educate more potential users in the capabilities available to them. This conference is a result of that effort.

The conference will facilitate an exchange of geospatial solutions between users of advanced geospatial techniques on SMCRA related applications. The conference will include topical sessions related to GIS, GPS, Remote Sensing, Electronic Permitting, and Mobile Computing as applied to mining and reclamation issues. A bilateral approach is anticipated whereby high level demonstration projects solving SMCRA issues will be presented by end users. The second function involves incorporation of our main vendors (ESRI, AutoDesk, Trimble, ERDAS, Carlson) to demonstrate/discuss the latest trends affecting the geospatial community as applied to mining and reclamation.

Ideally, the conference would have 175 – 200 attendees including presenters, representing the full spectrum of geospatial users. It is the goal of this conference to share advanced geospatial technology with the SMCRA community. With the knowledge gained, it is hoped participants will return to their offices and inform others of the available technology and solutions.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Renaissance – Waverly hotel in Atlanta, Georgia for the conference. All potential presenters and attendees should contact their respective TIPS Training Contact for conference registration and further details. Current conference information can be found at: <http://www.tips.osmre.gov/GeoSpatial/GeospatialConference2004.htm>. All non-governmental individuals should contact Karen Pierson at (303) 844 – 1400 ext 1487 for registration details. Please direct any questions or comments to Bill Winters, (412) 937 – 2105, or email: bwinters@osmre.gov.

2006 Joint Meetings – St. Louis, MO March 26-30, 2006

Progress is being made for these meetings. I serve as the co-chair of the Technical Committees as well as on the Organizing committee. A call for title and abstracts will likely occur yet this fall. **The tentative date for abstracts is February 14.** There is another conference call to be made in September. As items occur, I will keep you informed. **I still need volunteers for moderators and topics for sessions.** The chairs have been identified, but we need volunteers to serve as co-chairs.

It is obvious that the overall emphasis will be related to acid mine drainage. Discussions in our conference call included case histories such as “what has worked,” “what has failed and why.” I included comments as to papers for the other technical divisions, and the pattern was proposed similar to the 1994 Pittsburgh meetings.

DIRECTORY

Changes of addresses, or errata since the Directory was sent to the printer

Abbey Wick has moved, her address is now 1635 Spring Creek Drive; Laramie, WY 82070; Phone 307-721-8355; Email awick@uwyo.edu

Ms. Brenda K. Schladweiler has a new address, 612 N. Highway 14-16; Suite F, Gillette WY 82716. Her phone and email remain the same.

Bernie Kirsch has a new email address Bernie.H.Kirsch@bmacoal.com

Tara Martin's zip code in the directory should have been 59717

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Mr. R. Douglas Learmont has a new address and phone number: P.O. Box 2756, Warba, MN 55793;
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Dr. Candace Kairies has moved and now is with the NETLU.S. Department of Energy/NETL, 626 Cochran Mill Rd. P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236; Phone 412-386-5469; Email candace.kairies@or.netl.doe.gov

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UP-COMING EVENTS

If you have meetings that you would like to list, send the information to me.

Title	Date	Place	Contact Person
24th Central States Forest Soils Workshop.	October 12-14, 2004	Hazard, KY	Chris Barton barton@uky.edu
Indiana Bat & Coal Mining: A Technical Interactive Forum	Nov. 16-18, 2004	Louisville, KY	Kimery Vories kvories@osmre.gov Internet Registration at www.dce.siu.edu
Northwest Mining Association 110 th Annual Meeting, Exposition & Short Courses	Dec: 6-10, 2004	Spokane, WA	Laura Skater lskater@nwma.org Web: www.nwma.org
Geospatial Conference See other information given earlier in this newsletter.	Dec 7-9, 2004	Atlanta GA,	Bill Winters 412 937-2105 bwinters@osmre.gov
4th Asia Pacific Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (apseg4)	Jan 18-20, 2005	Perth W. Australia	Jennifer Ammons Noble www.apseg4.curtin.edu.au
2005 International Ash Utilization Symposium and ACAA's 16th International Symposium	April 11-15, 2005	Lexington, KY	Geaunita Caylor - gcaylor@enr.uky.edu - 859-257-2820
ASMR 22 nd Annual Meetings will coordinate this meeting.	Date of meetings is June 19-22, 2005 and location is Breckinridge, Colorado.		Terry Toy
ASMR 23 rd Annual Meetings	Date of meetings is March 26-30, 2006 and location is St. Louis. This will be a joint meeting with several other organizations.		