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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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ASMR Election

The ballots by first class mail some time ago. As stated on the ballot, they must be returned to me by **January 14** to be counted according to the ASMR By-laws. I will accept a vote electronically from foreign members **ONLY**. Please take the time to vote now!

Nominations for the Major Awards

All nominations for the William T. Plass Award, the Reclamation Researcher of the Year as well as the Reclamationist of the Year should be mailed to Jerry Schuman, and to be considered they must be received **no later than January 11, 2008**. If you need additional information on the procedures to make nominations, this may be found on the ASMR web page. The direct address to the awards and scholarship section is the following: <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/asmr/Awards%20and%20Scholarships.htm>. Once there you should click on the "GO HERE" item near the top of this page. In the right column are past award winners, with the exception of 2007. These may be found on a specific hot link on the front page of the web page. An alternative is to go to Google or other search engines and search for ASMR. This method helps keep ASMR on top of these search engines.

Nominations for Pioneers in Reclamation may be sent to either Tim Richmond or me. Persons who have been recognized in the past are also on the ASMR web page.

The nomination announcement for the Memorial Scholarships will be sent electronically to you later.

Membership Renewals Forms

Renewal form has been sent via bulk. The form on the web page may be used as well. Note that there is only one form being used for both new memberships as well as renewals. This has been a subject for occasional confusion. Some of you will note a red stamp on this form that dues have been paid through a certain date such as 2008. I sent these out as you may have had a change in your address and you may not have attended the Annual meetings last June in Gillette and wish a copy of the CD with the papers. Others may wish to subscribe to one or more of the journals offered by ASMR at a small discount. Please return your renewal form by February 29.

Assistantship and Job Opportunities Announcements

Occasionally I have been asked to have a member's name removed from the email list for advising of new position listings. It isn't a problem for me to do this. I have a separate list with these people's names in order to email newsletters and other announcements as the occasion arises.

BOOK AVAILABLE

One of our Corporate Life Members Dr. Judith Wright and James Conca has just published a book entitled *The GeoPolitics of Energy: Achieving a Just and Sustainable Energy Distribution by 2040* by Judith Wright and James Conca and is available on Amazon.com at: A brief description is given below after the web address: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1419675885/sr=1-10/qid=1195953013/>

Single multicultural planet seeks environmentally-responsible population.

Finally all the complex conventional and alternative energy resources are outlined in an accessible, user-friendly way so that regardless of your education, you can understand the how and why of energy consumption while taking a look into the not so distant future. Offering real solutions on how to conserve energy and dramatically shift international energy production to address global warming, *The GeoPolitics of Energy: Achieving a Just and Sustainable Energy Distribution by 2040* by Judith Wright, Ph.D. and James Conca, Ph.D. is a unique book that is unparalleled and necessary.

The fact is that energy consumption will grow dramatically over the next forty years regardless of what the world does. Unlike the previous century, China, India, Brazil, Indonesia, and other countries are having a greater effect on energy consumption than the U.S. This does not result from the 1 billion people already using vast amounts of electricity or the 1 billion already using modest amounts of electricity, but rather from the 1.6 billion people that do not have any access to electricity, the 2.6 billion that have little access to electricity, and the 3 billion new people that will be born by 2040 who will also need electricity. The biggest role that the U.S. can play is in global leadership, technological development, and economic incentives, as well as changes in its energy policy and distribution. What the world needs now is for you to read this book and begin making a difference.

DIRECTORY

Corrections and/or additions related to the 2007 Directory

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New Corporate Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

New Sustaining Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

New Regular Members since the last Newsletter and the Directory was printed.

Former Members who have returned to Society Membership, Welcome Back

UP-COMING EVENTS

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

| Title | Date | Place | Contact Person |
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| The 18 th High Altitude Revegetation Workshop | March 5-6, 2008 | Hilton Hotel, Ft. Collins, CO | Phone: Gary Thor 970-484-4999, garythor@colostate.edu |
| 2008 CIM Conference and Exhibition | May 4 to May 7, 2008 | Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, AB | Contact: Jean-Marc Demers Phone: 514-939-2710 Email: jmdemers@cim.org Web page: www.cim.org |
| ASMR 25 th Annual Meetings | June 15-19, 2008 | Richmond, VA | Lee Daniels wdaniels@vt.edu Web page http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html . |
| ASMR 26 th Annual Meetings | May 30 – June 5, 2009 | Billings MT | Dennis Neuman dneuman@reclamationresearch.net |