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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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ELECTION RESULTS

The incoming President-Elect is **Vern Pfannenstiel** and the two NEC board members are **Claire Dunne** and **Anne Wagner**. Congratulations are in order to all of these persons, as well as to those who consented to be a candidate but were not elected. The number who voted was 161 or about 35%. Although the number who voted was up, the percentage was down since the number of members has increased.

Volunteers are still needed for the co-chair of the Technical Divisions of **Ecology** and **Tailings**. If you wish to nominate yourself or suggest someone to contact, do not hesitate to send your name or suggestions and I will contact them. Rich Vincent has been helping me review papers and I will be calling on Stu Bengson to review a couple papers assuming the authors get them to me.

WEB PAGE UPDATE

The most popular feature on the web page has been the listing of the Job Opportunities with 2395 visits since this section was started and over 1700 during 2006. I have received several emails from persons expressing their appreciation for this service. We have had about 5,000 visits to the site altogether in 2006. I plan to make a change to the look of the first page, in addition to the change promoting the 2007 meetings in Gillette. I will put this up for comments prior to making the change. I had hoped to make the page more attractive by incorporating several "tricks of the trade" so to speak, but unfortunately that is almost impossible since Front Page is the system the College of Agriculture uses. However, this will be changed probably in late 2007 or early 2008, as Microsoft is no longer making improvements to this system as and is releasing new software in 2007. This is associated with their new windows operating system and should allow me to make some improvements. Of course this means I will need to learn a new system.

If you or your company has listed positions on the web page, I will keep them on this page until the position has been filled or the time the position is to remain open. However, with the number of listings that have been posted, if I don't hear that the position has been filled, I will remove them after six months. If a position your company has listed hasn't been filled by that time, you will need to re-list it with me.

I have been listing 15 to 20 positions per month. If you have a position to be filled, consider sending the information to me. There isn't any cost for this service. I know of five positions that have been directly filled since I have been listing available positions.

Please announce the job announcement services to your students and fellow workers. It is hoped that this will encourage more students to join ASMR. This web site is not limited to members, but I believe some have joined ASMR as a result of their learning of this and other benefits of our Society.

NOMINATIONS OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The date for Memorial Scholarship Awards nominations to be received is **March 2, 2007**, and they are to be sent to **Robert Nairn**. Forms and other information associated with these nominations are to be found on the **ASMR** web page. If you are planning to nominate someone for these awards, do it soon so these deserving persons are not omitted from those being considered by Bob's committee.

2007 MEETINGS – GILLETTE, WY JUNE 2-7, 2007

Mailing of the preliminary program, which includes the meeting registration form and hotel information, was made in mid January. **Did you receive your copy?** If not, go to the web page as a copy may be found there. In fact the copy on the web page includes the titles, authors and the times the papers will be presented. Meeting Registration Forms should be mailed or emailed to the **ASMR** office in Lexington. Please note that my wife and I are planning to travel out west prior to the meetings, **so these forms should be mailed to arrive prior to May 21**. My son will check the mail while we are gone and he will let me know who has sent registrations after we have gone. Early registration will also be at a lower rate and this will allow me to enter the names into the database for making name tags.

Letters have been sent to those who have had exhibit booths at the past four meetings. Several persons have already reserved their places. If your company has been an exhibitor in the past, you should have received this packet. If not this information has also been placed on the web page.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Forms for renewal of Membership dues were sent the last week of November via bulk mail. This should have arrived by now. There are the usual availability of CD's and hard copies of past proceedings. Many of you know I have retired from the University of Kentucky, and in the process of cleaning out my office and lab I found a **few sets** of the 1994 Proceedings from the Pittsburgh Meetings. If you have already renewed your membership or you are a Life Member or you have already selected one of the hard copies, send ASMR \$5.00 to cover the postage and you may have a set. This is a four volume set.

Although we are still within the renewal period, to date there are 157 members who have not renewed your dues for 2007. The remainder of the current membership of 470 has either paid dues or are life members. The renewal period is essentially between January 1 and February 28 regardless when you joined **ASMR**, however, those who have become new members between July 1 and December 31, were given credit for the remainder of 2006 as well as 2007. If you are not sure if your dues have been paid, send me an email and I will let you know. **If your name is in the current directory and you joined between March 1 and July 1, you will need to pay dues for 2007. Your renewal should arrive prior to March 1, 2007.**

RECLAMATION MATTERS

Have you considered advertising in our magazine? Contact Jeff Skousen for information. He also will need articles for the fall issue. The tentative schedule for the spring issue is as follows: 15 Feb 2007 - All items to magazine, 15 Mar 2007 - Proof approved by Skousen, 20 Mar 2007 - Proof sent to printer, 1 Apr 2007 - Magazine sent out to mailing list. Since this is mail via bulk mail, it usually takes 2 to 3 weeks to get them addressed and for them arrive.

HEALTH OF ASMR

ASMR has grown more in 2006 than any year since I have been Executive Secretary. There are likely several reasons for this growth of **over 50 members**. One is the institution of Corporate Membership which accounts for about half of the increase in membership. The other reason is tied to our magazine Reclamation Matters. This past summer I made two mailing to the Reclamation Matters mailing list, the first of which was sent first-class. As a result over 300 incorrect addresses were identified. I was able to locate perhaps 50 of these persons one way or another, mainly using the internet, and place them back into the database. The other 250 I wasn't able to locate. In one of these mailing I included an **ASMR** brochure and the membership form, and this accounts for most of the remainder of new members. To these folks, I hope **ASMR** will live up to your expectations and you will continue to be members. We (the other officers and myself) are always looking for ways to serve you better. Send me your ideas and, if necessary, the National Executive Council will consider changes at our next board meetings in Gillette.

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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
Industry Summit on Mining Performance	May 10-11, 2007	Tucson AZ www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/BPI	Lisa Clapper Call (814) 863-1009 or 800-PSU-TODAY (778-8632)
World of Coal Ash	May 7-10, 2007	Cincinnati area	http://www.worldofcoalash.org abstract deadline October 2nd
Northern Latitudes Reclamation Workshop	May 15-17, 2007	Juneau, Alaska http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/call_for_papers2007.pdf	Joe Wehrman Call for Papers
ASMR 24 th Annual Meetings	June 2-7, 2007	Gillette, WY	Jerry Schuman Jerry.Schuman@ars.usda.gov
Mined Land Reforestation Conference Sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI)	Aug. 7 - 8, 2007	Abingdon, VA	Patrick Angel, OSM, USDI pangel@osmre.gov
ASMR 25 th Annual Meetings	June 15-19, 2008	Richmond, VA	Lee Daniels wdaniels@vt.edu