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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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2007 GILLETTE MEETINGS SUMMARY

It can be said that the meetings were highly successful in many ways. The best I can determine there were 337 registered for the meetings which included a few spouses and guests. This is the most we have had since my tenure of Executive Secretary over the past 7 years. There were several excellent papers presented with lively dialog and discussions taking place. I was told the field tours were very good and I also experienced going on one of these. Note several pictures were placed on web page. I put several on from the Glen Rock tour as well as some I received from the Coal Bed Methane tour. If anyone who was on the third tour to three or four active mines has pictures and would like to share them with the Society Members, either send them to me via email or on a CD and I will put them on the web page. I also heard good comments associated with the workshops which for the most part were well attended and none had to be canceled.

The Award winners were as follows: Vern Pfannenstiel received Reclamationist of the Year and Carl Zipper the Researcher of the Year. Unfortunately there was no winner named for the William T. Plass award. Two persons became Life Members and were presented plaques which included Jon Brian Burley and Keith Lindbeck. There was a tie for the Membership Recruiter Award, Dennis Neuman and Jeff Skousen. Photos of these individuals have been posted on the web page.

Four scholarships were awarded this year, each for \$1,000. The recipients at the PhD level were Ms. Elan Alford and Ms. Abbey Wick and at the MS level Ms. Vicki Regula and Ms. Carrie Werkmeister. These persons also received free registration and were presented a plaque. In addition to the scholarships, as has been done in the past, there were awards given for the best oral and poster papers. The committee had an extremely difficult time this year deciding on the winners for the oral presentations, so several awards were given. This wasn't a problem, however, for the poster paper award as there was only one entry which was Vicki Regula who had a very good poster and was awarded the first place prize of \$300. The first place oral paper was presented by Nazmul Haque who received a check for \$300. There were two second place winners, Bill Strosnider and Abbey Wick, with each receiving a check for \$200. As it turned out there were three third place winners who received a check for \$100 and included Jon Anderson, Chris Johnston and Michael French. Photos of these individuals have been posted on the web page as well.

Another way the meetings were successful was financially, although the final accounting has not been completed. Jerry Schuman and his committee members were able to obtain several sponsors (photos are on the web page) and we had more exhibitors than we have had in recent years (photos are also on the web page). One new thing that Claire Dunne was responsible for handling was the Silent Auction to raise money for the Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund and over \$1,500 was raised from this activity. Since it was evident there would be a meeting profit, the NEC voted that one-half of the profit when determined would also be placed in the Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The first call for abstracts or papers for the 2008 meetings in Richmond, VA has been posted on the **ASMR** web page and additional information can be found on the Richmond Meetings web page http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html. There is a link to the Call for papers here as well. (I am providing a hard copy for those without email addresses.)

Call for Papers for 25th Annual Meeting

Richmond, Virginia – June 14 to 19, 2008

“New Opportunities to Apply Our Science”

Topics

Advances in mined land revegetation
Use of residuals for remediation and revegetation
Recognition and revegetation of acid-sulfate/sulfidic materials
Reforestation of mining sites
Acid rock drainage and treatment
Stabilization and revegetation of contaminated lands
Beneficial use of dredge sediments
Beneficial utilization of coal combustion products
Mineral sands mining and prime farmland restoration
Constructed wetlands for water treatment and impact mitigation
Evaluating reclamation success and bond release criteria
Overburden analysis and prediction of soil/water quality effects
Other topics related to rehabilitation of drastically disturbed lands

Abstracts due October 15, 2007

Draft manuscripts due January 10, 2008

Final manuscripts due April 1, 2008

Submit Abstracts to: Dick Barnhisel – ASMR5@insightbb.com

More Information: http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html

WEB PAGE

As the result of some recent suggestions, I have revamped the first page of the web page. I am also going to make several other changes, hopefully in the next month or two, to the internal pages as well. I would appreciate your comments and I will weigh them as I hopefully will make improvements. My time in the next few weeks in addition to some vacation will be spent on preparing the 2007 Membership Directory to send to the printer.

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Note that several PowerPoint Presentations have been placed on the web page. I am experimenting with this method of displaying photos of the Award Winners, Exhibitors, Sponsors, Field Trips, and Photos of the Social Dinner. These should be setup to loop through the sequence, but if you are not that familiar with PowerPoint, you will need to go to Slide Show and click on "View Show" to start this sequence. To end the sequence, right click the mouse and select End Show. I am not certain that this is an approach that I should have done as some may not have this program on your computer. I will place the individual photos on the web page as I have done in the past if anyone requests I do this.

DIRECTORY

Corrections and/or additions related to the 2006 Directory

Dr. Donald L. Streib has a new email address: dlstreib@comcast.net

Mr. James S. Hamilton has a new email address jhamilton@multiserv.com

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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
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
SIXTEENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MINE PLANNING & EQUIPMENT SELECTION MPES 2007 December 11-13, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand			
April 15, 2007 Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); April 30, 2007 Notification of paper acceptance October 15, 2007 Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts			
Dr. Raj K. Singhal P.O. Box 68002, Crowfoot Postal Outlet, 28 Crowfoot Terrace NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3G 1Y0 Canada Fax: (403)-241-9460 Email: singhal@shaw.ca or Raj.Singhal@gmn.ulaval.ca Official Website: http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com			
10th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ENERGY AND MINERAL PRODUCTION SWEMP, 2007, December 11-13, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand			
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The 18 th High Altitude Revegetation Workshop, March 5-6, 2008			Phone: Gary Thor 970-484-4999, garythor@colostate.edu
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