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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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NOMINATIONS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The date for Memorial Scholarship Awards nominations to be received is **March 14, 2008**, 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 under Student Scholarship Program. Go to Google and search for ASMR is the easiest way to get to the front page if you don't have the **ASMR** web page as one of your bookmarks. 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

Renewal forms were sent via bulk mail in December. 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 or if you did not attend the Annual meetings last June in Gillette you may wish a copy of the CD with the papers. Of course there are other CD's and hard copies available from past meetings. 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**. To date 235 members have renewed their membership for 2008 which is about 2/3 of those needing to do so to remain an active ASMR member, leaving 161 yet to renew.

Starting **March 3** I will send individual emails to all those who have not renewed their dues for 2008 and at the same time move these persons or corporations to the inactive status. For corporate members, I will remove your names and appropriate links from the various sections associated with services. I also plan to reorganize this section of the web page placing those companies who have renewed their memberships first at the top of the listing.

RICHMOND MEETINGS, JUNE 14-19, 2008

A few weeks ago I sent an email with the preliminary program, which also included the registration form. This listed the various workshops and field trips as well as the initial listing of the oral and poster paper presentations. You should have received this a second time as I also used the Reclamation Matters mailing list to send a hard copy. Our meetings are the life blood of the Society and deserve your support and attendance.

Exhibitors are beginning to reserve their locations in the Marriott Hotel in Richmond with approximately 40% being allocated. If you wish to exhibit, contact Sue Brown at Virginia Tech suebrown@VT.edu or phone 540 231-5741. The meeting web page http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html has been established by Lee Daniels specifically for the meetings. This site contains updates for the meetings as well as full registration information and details for exhibitors and sponsors. There is a link to this site through the ASMR web page if that is easier. Exhibit booths are \$1,000, which includes two full registrations for the meetings.

There will be about 100 papers in all, including papers or posters in all the technical divisions. These meetings are also in conjunction with the International Affiliation of Land Reclamationists. Papers have been submitted from the following countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Greece, Morocco, New Zealand, Poland, and the United Kingdom.

A block of rooms is being held at the Marriot Hotel at a significantly reduced cost of \$129 per night until May 14. Be sure to make your reservations by that date to take advantage of the government discount rate which Lee got the hotel to honor for all that register. The current standard rate is \$269. You may call the hotel at 1-800-228-9290 or register on-line at www.marriott.com/ridt.

LONG TIME MEMBER OF ASMR PASSED AWAY

Last fall, Michael Cormier passed away. He was a member of **ASMR** since 1988. Michael was last employed as an environmental scientist with Maxim Technologies Inc. Helena MT. If there are those who wish to contribute to the Memorial Scholarship in his behalf, send these contributions to me and I will make an effort to notify his family of this donation in his honor.

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.

DIRECTORY

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

Mrs. Carolyn Curley, Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc., P.O. Box 73726, Fairbanks, AK 99707; Phone: 907 488-4653 x2123; Email: Carolyn.curley@kinross.com

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Mrs. Jamie Spiars Pitchford, Luminant Mining Company, 500 N. Akard St. LP-12-090D, Dallas, TX 75201; Phone: 214 789-7655; Email: Jamie.pitchford@luminant.com .

Mr. Ken Price, Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc., 970 New Highway 7 Columbia, TN 38401; Phone: (931) 388-6752 x 5916; Fax: (931) 381-4360; Email: Ken_proce@oxy.com

Mr. Curtis R. Yanish, Aster Canyon Consulting , Inc., P.O. Box 1704, Pinedale, WY 82941; Phone: (307) 367-6824; Fax: (307) 367-7090; Email: curt@astercanyon.com

Former Members who have returned to Society Membership, Welcome Back

Mr. Walter H. Eifert, Roux Associates Inc., 5014 Hunterwood Lane Martinsburg, WV 25404; Phone: (304) 274-0156; Fax: (304) 274-0326; Email: weifert@roxuinc.com

UP-COMING EVENTS

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

Learning Together 2008 *Aboriginal Mining Conference* **April 9 -10, 2008**, Winnipeg, Manitoba. For additional information, please contact Carlos Reyes at (705) 669-0808, carlos@learning-together.ca or www.learning-together.ca.

West Virginia Mine Drainage Task Force Symposium. Ramada Inn, Morgantown, West Virginia, **April 22-23, 2008**. More Information and to Register Online: <http://www.wvmdtaskforce.com>; Before March 28, 2008-\$125; After March 28, 2008-\$150; Students-\$ 25. Call Jeff Skousen, 304-293-6256. Email: jskousen@wvu.edu Hotel: Ramada Inn: 304-296-3431,

2008 CIM Conference and Exhibition, **May 4 - 7, 2008**, Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton, AB. Contact: Jean-Marc Demers Phone: 514-939-2710 Email: jmdemers@cim.org Web page: www.cim.org.

10th Congress of the International Mine Water Association (IMWA), **June 1 - 5, 2008**, Carlsbad, Czech Republic. Additional information may be found <http://www.IMWA.info>; imwa2008@IMWA.info

ASMR 25th Annual Meetings, **June 15-19, 2008**, at the Richmond Marriott, Richmond, VA-\$129 per night plus tax if register prior to May 14, 2008. Host is Lee Daniels wdaniels@vt.edu and additional information may be found on the ASMR web page as well as the VA Tech Web page http://www.cses.vt.edu/revegetation/ASMR_2008.html.

2008 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, **July 26 – 30, 2008**. JW Marriott Starr Pass, 3800 W. Starr Pass Boulevard, Tucson, AZ 85745. The preliminary program with complete descriptions of conference plenary sessions, the list of oral and poster presentations and symposia, tours, workshops, and special events is online at www.swcs.org/08ac.

Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) 2008 conference "Mined Land Reforestation to be held **August 5-7, 2008**, Chief Logan State Park, West Virginia. Hosted by WVDEP. Conference agenda and registration information will be available at www.arri.osmre.gov For more information, contact Jeff Skousen, West Virginia University, jskousen@wvu.edu

MEMD Symposium 2008 - Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, Canada -- MINES and the ENVIRONMENT **November 2 to 5, 2008**. November 2 - Short Course; November 3 – 4 Technical Program and Plenary (simultaneous translation French - English, English - French provided); November 5-Site tours. For information: www.cim.org/Rouyn-Noranda2008 or Chantal Murphy (CIM) 1-800-667-1246.

ASMR 26th Annual Meetings and the 11th Billings Land Reclamation Symposium, **May 30 – June 5, 2009**, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Billings, MT. Dennis Neuman is the host dneuman@reclamationresearch.net and additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings.