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## ASMR NEWSLETTER

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### BILLINGS MEETINGS, MAY 30 – JUNE 5, 2009

Exhibitor information has been sent to all those who have exhibited at **ASMR** meetings in the past few years. If you wish to purchase an exhibit booth, the forms are found on the **ASMR** web page under the Billing Meetings section. There is also a map of the exhibit hall which shows the available spaces. Since there are only 22 spaces this year, select your booth location and send the payment to the **ASMR** office. These spaces are on a first-come first-served basis, and currently 1/3 of the spaces have been sold. There is also a link to the BLRS on the **ASMR** web page which has additional information related to the meetings.

There have been 147 abstracts received this year. Of these 129 are for oral presentations with 18 posters. This is the largest number of papers in recent years. Start making your plans to attend. Information, including the preliminary program, will be placed on the **ASMR** web page periodically. The planning committee met on November 12 to consider the placement of the papers into various sessions. **The deadline for submitting the draft papers for review is January 12.**

In order to review these papers in a timely manner, the Technical Division Chairs will need your help in reviewing papers. This year the three largest groups of papers are in the Ecology, Water Management, and Soils and Overburden technical divisions. If you are willing to help, send your name via email to either the TD Chair or me so papers can be directed to you to review. We have solicited three reviewers for all papers, so lots of volunteers to review papers are needed. This is done strictly electronically and may be done directly on the manuscript using the editor functions of Adobe as the papers will be sent to the reviewers in that form. I or the TD Chair can provide a version in Word if you request it. These reviews need to be returned to the author through the TD Chair who will email them to me by **March 1**. This is so I can track the progress of the reviews as well as determine if the authors addressed the points submitted by the individual reviewer. Unless the reviewer wishes the author to know who the person was who did the review, this will not be known by the authors. Final papers are due to me no later than **April 20**.

### ELECTION

In 2008, more persons voted for officers than in any year since 2000 when I became your Executive Secretary. The election has ended and the person selected as the next President Elect is **Kimery Vories**. He received 58% of the vote. The race for the NEC board representatives was very close, as I had indicated in some of my emails. There were only 6 votes separating the two persons who were elected, **Wayne Erickson** and **Abbey Wick**. There were only 5 votes separating Abbey and **Matt Owens**, with **Gregory Vandenberg** a respectable fourth place.

I am sure each of you appreciate all the persons who were nominated and agreed to have their names placed on the ballot for 2008, I know I do!

## AWARDS NOMINATIONS

It is time to prepare and submit your nominations for the Society's awards. Nomination details are on the **ASMR** web page. The Nomination information for the three major awards has been updated. Please consider nominating one or more of your deserving colleagues for one of the Society's national awards: The William T. Plass Award, the Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel Reclamation Researcher of the Year Award, and/or the Reclamationist of the Year Award. Note that the Richard I. and Lela M. Barnhisel Reclamation Researcher of the Year Award has a \$500 monetary prize in addition to the usual plaque.

Nominations and support letters are due to Jerry Schuman, Chair of the Awards Committee, by **January 30, 2009**. Please submit the nominations to Jerry electronically at [jerryschuman2@msn.com](mailto:jerryschuman2@msn.com) as Word documents. Please submit them as Word 2003 versions. If you have Word 2007 simply save your document as a **"doc"** rather than a **"docx"** document; many of us have not upgraded to the newest version of Word and are unable to open documents saved as "docx" files. Let's make 2009 a record year for nominations!!!! We will give a stainless steel coffee cup to each of the first 5 people to submit nominations.

## RECLAMATION MATTERS

The status of Reclamation Matters is still somewhat in question since we have been operating the past couple years without a contract, and it is difficult to predict how long the current publisher, Lester Publishing, will continue to work with us. The NEC discussed the possibility of changing publishers, however, both Jeff Skousen and I hope the relationship with Lester will continue as Jeff is well satisfied with the working arrangements with the editor, and I think we all will agree that the magazine is of top quality.

There is, however, a definite need to have more advertising by our members in Reclamation Matters!! If your company would consider advertising or wishes to continue advertising, or if you know of a company you think would advertise in the magazine, please contact me at one of the email addresses in the letterhead of this newsletter. I have just placed the Rate Schedule on the **ASMR** web page under **Publications**. I have the belief that many of the companies associated with **ASMR** have not been contacted by the sales staff of Lester. I have requested from Lester a listing of the companies they have contacted regarding advertising, but to date they have not responded. The current mailing list has been increased this past year to about 4600, with 4500 from the U.S and the remainder from Canada and several other countries.

## NEWSLETTERS

The last time I updated the **ASMR** web page with past newsletters I noticed that for some reason, many of them had been deleted. I must have done something wrong, but I have added them back as well as the past few for 2008.

## DIRECTORY

### Address changes since the last Newsletter or the Directory was printed.

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

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

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BC/MEND METAL LEACHING / ACID ROCK DRAINAGE WORKSHOP The Management of Tailings and Tailings Impoundments**, December 3rd and 4th, 2008, Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre, Room 1900, 515 West Hastings Street Vancouver, BC. MEND web site at: [mend.nrcan.gc.ca](http://mend.nrcan.gc.ca). For further information please contact Mr. Gilles Tremblay (613-992-0968; [gtrembla@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:gtrembla@nrcan.gc.ca)) or Ms. Charlene Hogan (613-996-7855; [chogan@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:chogan@nrcan.gc.ca))

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**GEOMORPHIC RECLAMATION AND NATURAL STREAM DESIGN AT COAL MINES: A TECHNICAL INTERACTIVE FORUM;** HOLIDAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER 3005 Linden Drive, Bristol, Virginia 24202; April 28-30, 2009; Registration Questions to Lana Campbell (618) 453-5674; E-MAIL [lanac@siu.edu](mailto:lanac@siu.edu); Questions on Content of Forum to Kimery Vories (618) 463-6463 extension 5103, [kvories@osmre.gov](mailto:kvories@osmre.gov); Web site is below.

<https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/Geomorphic-Reclamation-and-Natural-Stream-Design-at-Coal-Mines>

World of Coal Ash, **May 4-7, 2009**, Lexington, KY. Abstracts due **13 October 2008**, Information on web page <http://www.worldofcoalah.org/presenters/callforpapers.html> or contact Annely Noble, (720) 870-7897

**ASMR 26<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:dneuman@reclamationresearch.net) and additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings.

**24th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium, June 1st to 4th, 2009.** Hosted by the Univ. of New Brunswick Fredericton, NB. For information: <http://www.unb.ca/conferences/IAGS2009/> **David Lentz, IAGS'09 Chair Tel: (506) 447-3190 FAX: (506) 453-5055 email: [dlentz@unb.ca](mailto:dlentz@unb.ca)**

**3rd NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION (NCER) 2009**, Los Angeles, California, July 20-24, 2009. Technical sessions will focus on six primary themes: 1. Ecosystem Restoration at the Watershed Scale 2. New Planning Approaches to Achieve Ecosystem Restoration. 3. Science and Engineering Integration. 4. Linking Monitoring Results with Management Decision-making. 5. Urban Ecosystem Restoration. 6. Ecosystem Goods and Services. Online abstract submission officially opens October 15. Please contact Mr. Tom St. Clair by telephone at 904-232-1774 or by email at: [GSTClair@pbsj.com](mailto:GSTClair@pbsj.com) with recommendations.

IMWA Symposium 2009: Pretoria (South Africa), 19 - 23 October, 2009, CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria

**EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MINE PLANNING & EQUIPMENT SELECTION**, November, 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **September 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact Dr. Raj K. Singhal [singhal@shaw.ca](mailto:singhal@shaw.ca) Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

**11TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ENERGY AND MINERAL PRODUCTION** November 16-19, 2009, Banff, Alberta, Canada. **June 15, 2009** Receipt of abstracts (1 page limit); **June 30, 2009** Notification of paper acceptance; **August 15, 2009** Deadline for camera-ready manuscripts. Contact: Dr. Raj K. Singhal Email: [singhal@shaw.ca](mailto:singhal@shaw.ca), Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

**ASMR 27<sup>th</sup>** Annual Meetings will be in Pittsburgh with Lois Uranowski (OSM) and Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration, Inc.) as co-hosts. The dates and hotel have not been established.

**ASMR 28<sup>th</sup>** Annual Meetings will be in Bismarck, ND at the Ramkoda Hotel with Steve Schroeder the host. Additional information will be added here when it is nearer the meetings. The date has been set for **June 12-16, 2011**.