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ASMR NEWSLETTER

February - March, 2009

BILLINGS MEETINGS, MAY 30 – JUNE 5, 2009

The planning committee met the second week of February. An announcement was mailed last week, and information has been placed on the **ASMR** web page. This includes the general program and the registration form, the same information sent to you via bulk mail. One additional item is on the web page, this being a detailed version with respect to the sessions and respective titles of oral and poster presentations. This will also be in the spring issue of Reclamation Matters. The magazine should arrive sometime in late March or early April.

Details as to reserving rooms at the Crowne Plaza are also in the flyer. **There are specific instructions as to how to reference the hotel either online or by phone.** If these are not used, you will be told there are no rooms available.

Mail, fax, or email your registrations to me, the addresses are above. The fax machine is in my home.

The peer review process of papers is slower than in the past. If you volunteered to review one or more papers, please complete that this week if at all possible.

FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be a planning meeting for the 2010 meetings in Pittsburgh on March 16, at the Radisson Hotel Green Tree. If you have ideas for a theme or wish to attend, contact me by the end of next week, March 13 and I will pass it on to the meeting chair.

Also there is a possibility that the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) will join **ASMR** at our meetings in 2011 in Bismarck, ND. There are details that need to be finalized, but the NEC has approved this possibility. The item that needs to be worked out is a reciprocal meeting in Canada in the future. Our meeting sites have essentially been established through 2012, although the later site is not completely determined, but it will likely be in Mississippi. The next available date would be in 2013 if the Canadians wish to meet in the western part of Canada. ASMR did meet in Calgary Alberta in 1989. Your input for having a joint meeting in Canada would be appreciated; send any comments to me.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewals have continued to arrive. If you haven't sent in your renewal please do it immediately, as on March 9 I will begin removing from the **ASMR** List Serve the email addresses of those who have not paid their dues and you will no longer receive emails as to Newsletters, position announcements, etc. **There are about 150 of the 500 members from last year who have not paid their dues for 2009.** I hope to send email reminders to these persons this week.

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A few more Corporate Members have been received for 2009. Remember, the names listed on the web page as Corporate Members are in order received.

If you have misplaced the renewal form which I sent by bulk mail around December 1, either go to the **ASMR** web page for this form or email me and I will send you one.

One note, the subscription rates for Ecological Restoration were increased last week. I had asked them about rate changes, and since I had not heard back from them I had assumed the rates were unchanged, WRONG. There are no longer surface mail rates for members outside the US; this rate is now \$85/year. For US members, the rate is \$50/year.

WILLIAM PLASS ENDOWMENT FUND

The spouse of Bill Plass, Lola, has thanked me and others who have contributed to the William Plass Endowment Fund, approved by the National Executive Council (NEC). I know she appreciates the generosity of those who have contributed. Interest from this fund will provide a \$500 monetary award to the annual recipient of the William T. Plass Award. **There was a new line placed on the renewal form for 2009, but you may have missed seeing it.** Please send your contribution to the **ASMR** office in Lexington. A receipt will be sent to you for tax deduction purposes for this charitable donation. If you have sent me a contribution and I have not sent you a receipt, drop me an email or note as it has been a little hectic the past four or five weeks. We are on our way to collecting approximately 20% of the amount needed (\$10,000) to insure that this award will be made for the years to come.

Names of all contributors will be placed in the next newsletter. So if you plan to make a contribution, please do that soon.

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

There is a limited amount of funding for student travel to the **ASMR** meetings in Billings. The information as to requirements and application form is on the **ASMR** web page. Go to the section Student Travel Grants and Scholarship Program.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS

I sent out an electronic announcement regarding nominations for the three **ASMR** Memorial Scholarship Awards a few days ago. This was in the form of a detailed announcement as well as a flyer to post on your bulletin boards. If you have, or know of, a deserving student, information as to the procedures is on the **ASMR** web page. These nominations were to have been received by **March 2**. Dr. Robert Nairn's email address is NAIRN@OU.EDU. He might still accept your nomination if received by Friday, March 6.

RECLAMATION MATTERS

ASMR's agreement with Del Communications to publish Reclamation Matters is progressing very well. Jeff Skousen has sent materials to them and they have contacted several companies for advertising. I supplied them with several names, but if your company has not been approached to purchase an ad, let me know. We must maintain a large number of companies who advertise to keep the magazine viable. The distribution list is now approaching 5,000 and we may be able to increase this more as two other organizations may supply me with their mailing list. I believe we have gained several new members as a result of the magazine.

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DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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Regular Members Returning as ASMR members since 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.

International Mine Water Association (IMWA) will host a three-day workshop on Mine Water to be held at Cape Breton University (Nova Scotia, Canada), April 23-25, 2009. Contact Prof. Dr. Christian Wolkersdorfer, PO Box 5300, Sydney, NS, B1P 6L2, Canada Phone: 902 563 1285. Registration form found on the following web site: <http://minewater.cbu.ca>

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; Questions on Content of Forum to Kimery Vories (618) 463-6463 extension 5103, kvories@osmre.gov; Web site is below.

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

Advanced Aquifer Testing Techniques Featuring AQTESOLV: New Concepts, Field Methods and Data Analysis Procedures Waltham Woods Professional Conference Center Boston, Massachusetts -- April 28-30, 2009. Register Now: \$980.00, After April 17, 2009: \$1,195.00. Optional computer rental: \$300.00. Register by phone at 763.607.0092 Questions: customerservice@midwestgeo.com

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 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 as well as the ASMR web page 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**

8th ICARD (International Conference of Acid Rock Drainage) will be held June 22 - 26, 2009 in Skelleftea, Sweden. Their website address is http://www.miro.co.uk/sec_call_abs.pdf.

LatAm Mining Congress will be held June 29-July 1, 2009 The Biltmore, Coral Gables FL. Download the brochure The agenda has been redesigned to help major, mid-cap, and junior mining executives and investors operate in the new market environment.

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 with recommendations.

Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) First Announcement – Call for papers, **CLRA 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference, August 23 - 25, 2009**, Québec City, Québec, Canada www.clra.ca

The University of Western Australia's Australian Centre for Geomechanics and Centre for Land Rehabilitation are calling for papers for the Fourth International Conference on Mine Closure 2009. Abstracts should be submitted by February 16 and papers by April 27. The conference will be on September 9-11 at the Sheraton Hotel, Perth. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.mineclosure2009.com>

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

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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 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, Official Websites: <http://www.mpes-cami-swemp.com/>

The **3rd National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration** (NCER '09) to be held: July 20-24, 2009 in Los Angeles, CA at the Westin Bonaventure. Web site for additional information concerning this meeting; go to: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NCER2009>

ASMR 27th Annual Meetings will be in Pittsburgh with Lois Uranowski (OSM) and Margaret Dunn (Stream Restoration, Inc.) as co-hosts. The Radisson will be the hotel for the meetings which will be June 5-12, 2010. The Radisson is actually located in Green Tree a suburb of Pittsburgh in the vicinity of the OSM office.

ASMR 28th 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**.