

# SME NORTHERN SUBSECTION SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2016

Attendance: Corie Ekholm, Jessica Taylor, Julie Marinucci, Moe Benda, Les Fleming, Hayden Taylor, Doug Learmont, Kurt Doran

- Treasurer Report – Les provided an updated budget that was approved by the group (attached). Hayden & Jessica will get the STEM showcase expense report to Les for reimbursement soon. Valentini's was paid for the short course support. There are ~15 books left. After expenses, the blast furnace short course netted the subsection \$3,561.03. A four-year expense/income summary was also included in the budget report. The PayPal account charges the subsection a 2.9% fee for use.
- 2017 Short Courses – Kurt will coordinate finalizing courses within the subsection leads and communicate all necessary info/requirements to Tara Davis @ SME National.
  - Mine – Julie M. & Hayden – ½ day
  - Plant – Dan Palo (with support from Boyd & Jon) – ½ day
  - Environmental – Kurt (with support from Katie) – ½ day

Moe will coordinate with the leads on short course gifts; we'll use the same Eveleth-based gifts that we used last year, albeit not several weeks late.

- SME Conference Duluth – April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – “Think Globally, Mine Locally”
  - Papers are due by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep working your networks to recruit speakers. Kurt won't ask Katie to send two more emails before the 14<sup>th</sup>, since one was just sent on November 7<sup>th</sup>. ☺
- Professional Development Events
  - Lunch and Learn Series
    - Nothing is scheduled at this time. This opened up a discussion regarding grant money available to do lunch & learns, short courses, evening talks, etc. classified as Professional Development events. This fits into retraining requirements for displaced workers, etc. Topics to pursue include holding an Environmental Boot Camp in Northern MN (Kurt), Engineering Economics (Hayden) and Data Mining (no lead). Topics should be communicated with Moe to assist in design/grant writing/promotion, etc.
- Educational Outreach Events
  - Past**
    - Nobody is going to write the article for the Science & Engineering Festival.
    - Doug and Julie are still circling the various “Recharge the Range” working groups. Members should keep their ears open for different happenings.
    - There was good feedback from the NSTA conference per Moe. Kurt will follow up with Moe to glean useful feedback/info for the Virginia H.S. PDS.
  - Future**
    - Enough! The 1916 Mesabi Range Strike temporary exhibit opens November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the MDC and will remain open until July 2017.
    - Women's Night at the MDC is on hold but not off the radar.
    - We did receive a \$2,500 grant for the Mining Merit Badge for Girl Scouts.
- Social Events
  - The Holiday party will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 at The Rink in Eveleth. Les will spend \$500 on gift cards and members should work their organizations/networks for additional prizes.
- Administrative
  - Still needs more work.
- Other – Moe brought up the \$5,000 Move Mining grant from SME National. The grant app is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone has any ideas, contact Moe.
- **Next meeting**
  - **Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ Sawmill (upstairs) @ 4pm**