



2020 SME Conference Support Application to Attend Phoenix, AZ

The MN Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) is pleased to offer financial support to participate in the 2020 SME Conference & Expo to be held in Phoenix, AZ from February 22-26, 2020. This opportunity is available to MN Section and Subsection Members.
<https://www.smeannualconference.com/>

To be eligible, applicants will also need to provide a summary of the events they attended and the contacts they made representing SME MN Section and/or their SME MN Subsection. These individuals should also plan to help host and attend the Friends of MN Reception (Tuesday evening) and attend the Awards Ceremony & Banquet (Wednesday evening), sitting with the MN Section at their hosted table. Attendance at the Move Mining Competition is also encouraged, if travel arrangements allow. See the summary of activities attached.

Individuals selected will be required to register for the conference and pay for the events, then request reimbursement from the MN Section for the awarded funding amount by March 6, 2020. Receipts are needed to receive reimbursement. The award is eligible for offsetting costs for registration, ticketed events, field trips, meals, and related airfare/ground transportation for the selected individual. **The reimbursement will be limited at \$2,000 per person.** Reimbursement from the MN Section will not include wages, lost time off from work, entertainment expenses, silent auction bids, or SME promotional/educational material purchased at the conference.

Individuals that apply for support for the conference registration are required be a current paid member of SME and aligned with the MN Section because they live/work in Minnesota. The individual need not be currently active within the MN Section, Twin Cities Subsection, or Northern MN Subsection to apply for financial support. Please fill out the attached application to determine an applicant's eligibility.

All applications must be submitted by January 10th, 2020.
Selection will be made by January 16th, 2020.

The application is also available on the MNSME website: <https://www.mnsme.org/>

For more information please contact the MN Section at: mnsectionsme@gmail.com

Summary of Conference Activities

<https://www.smeannualconference.com/index.cfm/conference/events-networking/functions/>

MOVE MINING COMPETITION (optional)

Sunday, Feb. 23 | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Phoenix Convention Center

Move Mining is a dynamic competition aimed at elevating the perception of mining. From grassroots to global, teams pitch their best ideas on how to share the everyday importance of mining with the public. Get involved with Move Mining by submitting an original, 3-minute video showcasing your idea to improve the perception of mining. The five finalists will present their concepts live at the MineXChange SME Annual Conference & Expo in February 2020, where the top winning team will receive \$5,000, with second place prize of \$3,000 cash and 3rd place prize of \$2,000 cash. Free Event, no registration needed.

Sponsored by: Komatsu

Friends of Minnesota Reception

Tuesday, Feb. 25 | Check website for more details | Free event, no registration needed.

Sponsored by: Twin Cities Subsection and Minnesota Section of SME

SME/AIME AWARDS BANQUET & RECEPTION

Wednesday, Feb. 26 | 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm | Phoenix Sheraton Downtown | \$100 per ticket

As the closing event of MineXchange, the SME/AIME Awards Banquet brings together hundreds of industry professionals to look back and recognize the leaders of the industry. This formal banquet is a time to connect and celebrate 2019 SME President Hugh Miller's term and to welcome SME 2020 President Bob Schafer. **Note: MNSME purchased a table for this event, no need to purchase an individual ticket.**

We will be celebrating the Minerals Education Leadership Award Winner Kurt Doran and the Minerals Education Organization of the Year Northern MN Subsection!