

# SME COLORADO SECTION – MAY 2014 NEWS



## Monthly Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Warwick Hotel, Millennium Ballroom  
1776 Grant Street  
Denver, CO 80203

5:30 – Cocktails

6:00 – Dinner

6:45 – Presentation and Awards

Please join us for our final meeting and awards dinner of the season on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Warwick Hotel. Our guest presenter will be Mr. Ken Brunk, who is the Chairman, President, and CEO of Midway Gold. He will give an overview of their Denver-based mining company and an update on their Pan Mine Project. Pan Mine is an open-pit, heap leach gold mine in Nevada that was permitted last December and is now under construction and on track for production in 2014.

Awards will be presented for our 25-year and 50-year members. A Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented to Karen Jass.

Cost: \$50 per person

Students welcome at \$20 per person with reservation

PLEASE NOTE: **reservations are required** for this event; walk-ins unfortunately cannot be accommodated. RSVP's will be accepted until 5pm on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

RSVP and payment information is on the following page.

Our next membership meeting will be in October so if we don't see you at this one, have a fun and safe summer!

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RSVP and payments, whether you are an SME member or not, will now be made through the SME Community Event page:

<http://community.smenet.org/SMENET/Events/>

Or through the Colorado SME Community:

<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/RecentCommunityEventsDashboard>

Through the event page, you may pay by credit card, or submit your RSVP using the option to “Generate Invoice” and pay at the event by cash or check. If you pay by credit card online, you will be assessed a small processing charge (\$1.42/\$0.75 for this event). Once you have selected to “Register Now” on the event page, if you are not already logged in, you will be taken to the login page. Use your SME national login credentials, or create an account as a non-member.

**Questions** can be directed to Lori Freemire, [lorifreemire@missionroi.com](mailto:lorifreemire@missionroi.com)

## Section Meeting Speakers

If you are interested in being a speaker and giving a presentation at one of the section’s monthly meetings, please contact our Program Chair, Laura Fletcher, at 720-935-3754 or [laurafletcher435@gmail.com](mailto:laurafletcher435@gmail.com).

## Dues: SME Colorado Section

Local Section Dues for 2013-2014 are \$25. The Dues Card was sent out in August. Email Amanda Garcia for an invoice to pay by check. Payments with a credit card will be accepted online. Online you will have the opportunity to make a Support Contribution to help fund the Section’s outreach programs for minerals education, scholarships for Colorado students pursuing degrees in the minerals industry, local engineering programs such as the State Science & Engineering Fair, and sponsorships for K-12 teachers participating in the All About Mining – *A Total Concept of the Mining Industry* course.

Pay by credit card online at the following, select Dues 2013-2014: Colorado Section.

<http://community.smenet.org/Events/UpcomingEvents/>

## 2014-2015 Colorado Section Board of Directors

Members attending the March dinner meeting voted to accept the proposed slate for 2014-2015.

<b>Chair</b>	Chuck Yarbrough
<b>Vice Chair</b>	David Bieber
<b>Treasurer</b>	Justin Anderson
<b>Secretary</b>	Lori Freemire
<b>Publicity Director and Newsletter</b>	Amanda Garcia
<b>Programs</b>	Laura Fletcher
<b>Director at Large</b>	Jackie Malone
<b>Director at Large</b>	Bill Wilson

## SME Colorado Section Lifetime Achievement Award

The Colorado Section of SME is honored to recognize Karen Jass for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Karen has been an energetic member of SME and the Colorado mining community since 1987, when she started working with the GEM committee to share mining's mission with the public. She was the GEM Subsection Chair between 1996 and 2000, and has remained an active member of the group. She became a Colorado Section Board member soon thereafter. She took on the Treasurer's mantle between 2005 and 2008, and served as the chair between 2008 and 2010. She has remained on the SME Colorado Section Board as the Past Chair for the last four years.

While on the SME Board, Karen converted the newsletter to electronic format, and then she created the first Section website. Other achievements on the Board included establishment of a line item in the SME budget for minerals education outreach outlays through the GEM committee. Karen worked with Lee Rice to have the GEM committee participate in the State Science & Engineering Fair as Special Judges, giving out awards funded by GEM and SME to projects in the earth sciences. She also chaired the 1997 and 2007 National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) GEM committee booth events, and raised funds for the 2014 event, as well as spending hours making and distributing mineral kits.

Karen's participation in mining industry organizations has not been limited to SME. She assumed leadership roles in Women in Mining (WIM) both at the state and national level. Like SME, WIM benefitted from Karen's energy as Secretary, Treasurer and President. She converted both the State and National newsletters to electronic format and distribution. As National President (WIM) she worked with the chapter President of the first two student chapters writing drafts of bylaws. She set up field trips for the National meetings, and has been a major organizer of the last three National meetings held in Colorado.

She's been a member of the Denver Coal Club for about 10 years and began their first website about the same time as she began the Colorado Section's website. She was nominated and selected in 2006 to the Mining & Metallurgical Society of America, where she has been working on the "educational outreach" sections of the MMSA website with Betty Gibbs.

Karen encourages all to make opportunities to share their knowledge of mining and the roles minerals play in our lives with the public whenever possible.



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## Colorado School of Mines

The SME Student chapter is having their annual BBQ Thursday, May 1st at 5:30 pm at the Brown Building Patio, on the northeast side of the building (1600 Illinois Street, Golden, CO 80401). Everyone from the Colorado Section of SME is more than welcome to attend.

## Colorado Energy Expo Volunteers

The Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation is looking for help coordinate a 10ft x 20ft educational exhibit at the 2014 Colorado Energy Expo on June 27 at the Colorado Convention Center [COEnergyExpo.org](http://COEnergyExpo.org). Guy Johnson will be working on logistics, and is looking for volunteers to help set up June 26<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and public education materials for the booth. Mr. Johnson will also need volunteers to be in the booth to answer questions on a two-shift basis (8am to 12:30pm and noon to 5pm).

The convention is free to the public and they expect from 3,000 to 5,000 attendees, thus this is a good opportunity to “get the word out.”

Any questions please contact Guy Johnson, (303)969-0365 or [GPJ222@aol.com](mailto:GPJ222@aol.com)

For more information, contact Guy Johnson, Exhibit Coordinator at [GPJ222@aol.com](mailto:GPJ222@aol.com) or 303-969-0365.

## SME Colorado Section Golf Tournament 2014

The annual Colorado Section golf outing sponsored by Newmont and Resource Capital Funds will be Friday, 5 September, at Fossil Trace Golf Course in Golden. Thanks to our sponsors and participants, we doubled the proceeds in 2013 so that we can give even more scholarships to mining students.

We will have a 1pm shot-gun start and a delicious dinner after golf. Thanks to Newmont and RCF, we have not increased fees for several years, but we are looking for additional sponsors. The field fills up by mid-June. Cost is \$175/person or \$650/foursome. All details will be on the Colorado Section webpage.

Contact Lori Freemire (303.513.2963, [lorifreemire@missionroi.com](mailto:lorifreemire@missionroi.com)) or Jacki Malone (720.339.7719, [jmalone@aquionix.com](mailto:jmalone@aquionix.com)) for more information. We ALWAYS sell out the foursomes, so get your groups together now!



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## SME SPRING MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

SME National is promoting a new contest to encourage new and returning members. It's based on the March Madness Basketball Tournament and rewards sections with the highest percentage of new members, as well as individuals who recruit the most new or returning members during the contest, between now and May 31. The competition awards sections that have the highest growth of new members by MAY 1, MAY 15, MAY 30 and May 31.

- Membership is reduced to \$99 for the year, and entrance and reinstatement fees are waived (\$149). Include the promotion code Madness 14 on your application to be eligible for the discounted rate.

SME membership provides good networking opportunities, prospects for volunteer activities in educational outreach, governmental lobbying, participation in technical societies, and professional development. Furthermore, SME National will be in Denver next winter, and there will be discounted registration.

Encourage your friends and associates to join SME. It will be an investment that they won't regret.

Membership applications are accessible at <http://www.smenet.org/join/>. As a reminder, membership in the local Colorado section is independent of the national membership, and is \$25/year. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Wilson at (303) 422-7803 or [bill@wilsonminingllc.com](mailto:bill@wilsonminingllc.com), or Tessa Baxter at 303-948-4208 or [baxter@smenet.org](mailto:baxter@smenet.org).

SME National conferred an award to the Colorado Section for signing on the most new members of all sections in the world during 2013. We signed on 397 new members. We extend our appreciation to Bill Wilson and Tom Lien, the current and previous Membership Chairs, as well as the Membership Department with SME National. The Colorado Section was recognized at the Final Award Dinner in Salt Lake. Cathy Begej, Ta Li, and James Hanley attended, and sat with the Peruvian delegation which had the highest percentage of new members in 2013.

Our award also included a credit for materials from the SME store, and we are using that to purchase Periodic Tables for use by MEC when they go out to schools. We also received a free ad in the Mining Engineering Magazine. We plan to use the ad space to promote membership in SME, our Golf Tournament on September 5 at Fossil Trace, and our early Golf Tournament Sponsors.



Kurt Kost, Cathy Begej (Norwest Corporation), Ta Li (Tetrattech), Tu Li, and James Hanley, EPA ,enjoy the Final Awards Dinner at SME on February 25.

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