President’s Message
Farewell!

By Matt Bender

My two year term has come to a close and I want to say thank you for the opportunity to represent this great organization. It was an honor and I will cherish the memories. Looking back over the last two years, some key highlights and accomplishments to reflect on:

- We initiated the QP sub-committee to review and strengthen our QP program.
- We continued financial support for the Colorado Mining Association and their Education Foundation, Mountain States Legal Foundation, Mineral Education Coalition, Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources, Resources for a Better Colorado, WMC Fly-In, our local section, and many more activities. MMSA has given over $125,000 in the last two years.
- We held our first annual Officers and Councilors Retreat. The Retreat was wrapped around the theme “United in the Past, United in the Future” and proved to be highly valuable in terms of identifying areas for improvement, better utilizing our Councilors and developing a clearer direction for MMSA.
- We continued to add to our membership with exceptional individuals who represent the essence of MMSA very well.
- We achieved tax exempt status for both of our new foundations (the Jackling Foundation and the MMSA Education Foundation).

But over the last decade, the mining industry in the United States has not seen significant accomplishments. It has proven to be the opposite. We are losing the battle of ‘ownership’ and ‘the right to develop’ to the environmental extremists who have proved to be not only well funded and well organized, but very politically connected. While some in the political arena continue to back the extremist views, support policies we believe
are wrong and reckless, and demonstrate a desire to strangle our ability to become self-reliant, I have seen recent glimmers of hope for our industry in digging our way out of and challenging recent ‘restrictive’ policies.

Finally I would like to thank Betty Gibbs for the countless hours she puts in the background to keep this organization running, Paul Jones for his ten years of service as our Treasurer, Mark Jorgensen for his continued calm headed guidance, Barney Guarnera for his continued willingness to step into the President’s role and Mike Blois for taking on the responsibility of Vice President. I would like to welcome onboard Chris Wyatt and Amy Jacobsen to fill the vacant roles of Treasurer and Secretary. I would like to thank the ever diligent members of the QP committee and our Audit committee.

I look forward to serving with the new Executive Committee, as chair of the QP Committee and supporting Barney for the next two years. I know the future of MMSA will hugely benefit in Barney’s hands and I ask that you provide your full support as he guides us through the next two years of challenges.

Regarding my continued outspoken opinion against those organizations and individuals that want to drive the development of our natural resources out of this great country, thank you for listening, providing constructive feedback as needed, and providing continued support as we fight to reverse the ‘wrong’ direction our current policy makers seem to be going.

### Membership Applications

**New Regular and QP Member Applications:**
The following individual(s) have submitted membership applications and or changes to their membership status. They have either received approval of the Membership Committee as candidates or are currently under review:

If any member of MMSA has good cause to believe that any of the applicant(s) should not be granted Regular membership or QP membership, as appropriate, you are requested to make known your objections, in writing, to Betty Gibbs, Executive Director, within 30 days from issue of this Newsletter. In the absence of any objections and after receiving approval of the various committees, the candidate members and those members requesting a change of status will be confirmed as Regular Members or QP Members, as provided by the ByLaws.

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**February-March 2015**

**Summary of 2015 Annual Meeting and Dinner.**

The Annual Meeting was held just before the Annual Dinner at the University Club in Denver. In recent years, the Annual Meeting has been held on Sunday and the Dinner on Monday. Discussion is still going on about which is better. The concern is always whether a quorum is attained between those who attend the meeting in person and the proxys. This year, the quorum approved the slate of officers and councilors as well as several other items of business.

A summary of MMSA outreach activities included a discussion about sponsoring up to five women to attend the Women’s Mining Coalition FlyIn in Washington DC in April 2015. This event is well attended by over 50 women from all over the country and over 250 offices are visited during the week. This year, the FlyIn will be attended by Betty Gibbs, Ann Carpenter, Dayan Anderson, and Elizabeth Zbinden.

The 2015 Annual Meeting packet can be downloaded from the MMSA Web site at: [http://mmsa.net/membersonly.php3](http://mmsa.net/membersonly.php3). The packet is in the Members Only section and you will need your member number to access it.
The Annual Dinner at the University Club was attended by 120 people. The food is always excellent and everyone enjoyed the evening. A highlight of the evening was presentation of the MMSA Gold Medal to David Kanage, Executive Director of SME. (See page 4)

Summary of Committees 2015-2016
One of the first duties of a new President is to assign Committees. Following are those assigned to the standing committees for 2015 through 2016.

Executive Committee
Barney Guarnera – President
Mike Blois – Vice President
Amy Jacobsen – Secretary

Membership Update
The following changes in membership have taken place, since the last newsletter.

Regular Member Additions:
Patrick I James
Matthew Jeffrey
Brian Olson

QP Members Confirmed:
Matthew Jeffrey, Metallurgy
Brian Olson, Metallurgy

Membership Deletions:
None

MMSA presently has a total of 357 members, 7 in process. Currently, 196 members are QP members. Appropriate additions, deletions and routine changes to the Society’s data base and member biographies are accessible through the Members Only page in our web site, at www.mmsa.net. This data base is the best source for information on any particular member.

Executive Committee:
Chris Wyatt – Treasurer
Matt Bender – Past President

The Executive Committee manages the affairs of the Society, evaluates applicants for Regular membership (doubling as the Membership Committee), and oversees the committee activities. This committee also manages the retreat, which is becoming the goal-setting group for MMSA.

Gold Medal Committee
Mark Jorgensen - Chair
Robert Washnock
Matt Bender
Marc Levier
Ken Brunk
The Gold Medal committee solicits and reviews applications for potential Gold Medal recipients. This committee is active during the fall.

QP Committee
Matt Bender – Chair
David Abbott
Bob Cameron
John Head
Pat Gochnour
Amy Jacobsen
Marc LeVier
The QP committee evaluates the qualifications of applicants and certifies status. The QP committee will also be reviewing MMSA’s current requirements for approving QP status to make sure we are compliant with rules of organizations that recognize professionals.

Audit Committee
Mike Martin
The Audit Committee is active in January and February to conduct the audit of the Society operating accounts as well as the Foundations.

Ethics
Chair not yet confirmed
The Ethics committee becomes active only when a complaint has been made about a member. If there is a complaint, the Chair chooses other members.

Government Committee
Ann Carpenter - Chair
Dayan Anderson
Betty Gibbs
Mary Korpi
David Scriven
The ad hoc Government committee is responsible for the MiningFactsMMSA Web site content. It also generates ideas for public and Capitol Hill staff outreach. A new duty of suggesting ideas for position papers has been proposed.

ByLaws Update Committee
Betty Gibbs – chair
Mike Blois
Mark Nesbitt
Amy Jacobsen
Will Wilkinson
Bob Washnock
The ad hoc ByLaws Update committee is in the process of reviewing the Constitution and ByLaws with the goal of ensuring that we operate according to the ByLaws or make reasonable changes to fit how MMSA currently operates.

A History Committee has been proposed and is currently under consideration by the Executive Committee. A Nominating Committee is appointed every two years and is in operation about 6 months before the end of officer’s terms. The committee may be activated in any year that new Councilors need to be elected.

MMSA Council Retreat,
January 10, 2015

Long Term Planning—United in the Past, United in the Future
The Executive Committee met on January 10, 2015 to discuss a variety of topics about the future of MMSA. The agenda was extensive and covered so many topics it was unlikely
all would be covered in only one day. A great effort was made, though, and
everything was discussed even if a decision was made to table the item to the
next retreat or assign to a committee.

The main topics of discussion were to summarize current activities and de-
velop goals and an action plan to define the Society purpose and future activ-
ities. One of the topics was about collaborating with other organizations such
as SME and the American Exploration and Mining Association. Another sig-
nificant topic was related to the Minerals Education Coalition, MMSA ongo-
ing support, and getting more involved with monitoring the effort.

The next retreat is proposed for October. You will be hearing more about fu-
ture plans during coming months.

2015 MMSA Gold Medal Recipient
David L. Kanagy

The MMSA Gold Medal was pre-
sented to David L. Kanagy, Execu-
tive Director of SME, at the MMSA
Annual Dinner on February 16, 2015.

The Gold Medal Committee cited
David Kanagy for “outstanding lead-
ership that has advanced the global
collaboration of technical informa-
tion, networking and professional
development for mining profession-
als and enhanced public education
about mining and minerals”.

Under David’s leadership, the SME
team has increased membership,
technical presentations have im-
proved, and OneMine.org was estab-
lished and populated with over 2 mil-
lion technical documents.

Under Dave’s guidance SME has
established:

• The Minerals Education Coali-
tion which was created by merg-
ing MII and GEM to form a con-
solidated and stronger outreach
program for K through 12 miner-
als education,

• The SME Government and Pub-
lic Affairs Committee which in-
cluded hiring a Government and
Public Affairs Director who trav-
els to Washington D.C, on a reg-
ular basis to meet with Congres-
sional staff and provide technical
information about mining and
minerals to policy makers,

• The SME Congressional Fellow-
ship.

• The World Federation of Engi-
neering (WFEO)-SME Task
Force on Sustainable Mining
which is a global task force that
focuses on capacity building in
developing nations.

Dave’s leadership has built SME’s
impact and credibility to the level
where it is today.

Obituary
William H Dresher

Bill passed away on Sunday, August
10, 2014 in Arizona. He was a grad-
uate of Drexel University and re-
ceived his Ph.D in Extractive Metal-
lurgy from the University of Utah.
Bill served as Dean of the College of
Mines at the University of Arizona
and President of the International
Copper Research Association. After
retiring, he served as CEO of South-
ern Arizona Research Science and
Engineering Foundation, an organi-
zation that promotes science, engi-
neering and technology in grades K-
12.

He was a member of Ronald Re-
gan’s transition team for minerals
policy and authored several books.

He was President of the Mining &
Metallurgical Society of America,
1983-1984. He was a Distinguished
Member of SME and served on the
board of directors of the Minerals,
Metals, and Materials Society. He
was a charter member of the Mining
Foundation of the Southwest and
passionate about educating the pub-
lic on the importance of the minerals
industry.

“Truth is often sacrificed on the al-
tar of politics.” Bill Dresher in a
YouTube video giving a talk about
Pseudoscience, Politicians, the
Press, and Public Outrage. Posted
by Liberty In Our Time.