

SME Young Leaders' Committee welcomes the class of 2009

SME is pleased to announce the Young Leaders' Class of 2009. SME initiated the Young Leaders' Committee in 2001 to provide young SME members with opportunities for professional and career development. The Young Leaders' program gives the younger membership of SME the opportunity to:

- Network with key players in the industry.
- Gather technical information important to the professional growth.
- Remain involved with SME

- after graduation.
- Transition into more active leadership roles throughout SME.
- Develop and lead professional development programs within SME.

Each year, the Young Leaders recruit outstanding young professionals with leadership potential and motivation to serve for four years on the Young Leaders' Committee. Candidates must be less than 35 years old and possess significant professional experience and demonstrated leadership abil-

ity. Young Leaders' Committee members are asked to attend the SME annual meetings and undertake special projects, such as membership drives and professional development. All activities are designed to help committee members enter into the leadership structure of the society, in addition to providing networking, educational and leadership training opportunities.

For more information on the Young Leaders' Committee, visit <http://www.smenet.org/youngleaders/>.

SME congratulates and welcomes the Class of 2009.

Justin Anderson



ANDERSON

Justin Anderson graduated from the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in 2005 with a B.S. degree in mining engineering. In 2006, he received

an M.S. degree from CSM in mineral economics. After graduation, he joined Marston and Marston in Lakewood, CO as a mining engineer. At Marston, he worked on coal mining feasibility studies and other consulting engineering projects. In February 2008, Anderson joined the Denver, CO office

of URS-Washington Division as a mine engineer. At URS, he provides engineering support for the company's contract mining operations around the world. He also completes bid estimates for prospective contract mining projects. Anderson is currently the secretary of SME's Colorado Section.

Ryan Desko

Ryan Desko graduated with a B.S. degree in mining engineering from The Pennsylvania State University in 1995.



DESKO

He obtained a masters degree in business administration from the University of Pittsburgh the following year. Upon graduation, he joined Arch Coal as project engineer for its Lone Mountain Processing Divi-

sion in Virginia. There, he developed mine plans and designed a computerized system for tracking monthly production, shipments, inventory and royalties for two underground coal mines. In 1997, he joined Canterbury Coal, a family owned and operated business with two underground mines and a preparation plant. When the Desko family sold the business to Murray Energy in 1998, Desko joined Murray Energy's Coal Services Group in Ohio. In 2001, he earned his professional engineering license and was promoted

to chief engineer for American Energy's Century Mine. After four years with Murray Energy, Desko became director of engineering and technical services for Anker Coal Group in West Virginia. He assisted the company in restructuring under Chapter 11 and merging with the International Coal Group. In 2005, he joined Desko Enterprises as president and chief executive officer.

Desko has been a member of SME since 1993 and is also a member of the national and Ohio societies of Professional Engineers.

Rick Kim

Rick Kim graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2002 with a bachelor of science degree in min-

ing and minerals engineering. At Virginia Tech, he served as a student government senator, captain of the mining competition team

and was a member of Sigma Chi.

Upon graduation, he joined Massey Energy's management training program, holding the posi-

tions of mine engineer, section foreman, plant foreman, general mine foreman and mine superintendent. Kim also served as the general mine manager for the Marfork Coal Division, oversaw initial construction at Inman Energy and was a member of the company's mine rescue team.

Heather Freeman

Heather Freeman graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in geology. She earned an M.S. in geology at West Virginia University in 2003.

Freeman joined Moody and Associates in 2003. At Moody, she performs technical and management duties on a variety of environmental and mining projects, including

In December 2007, he joined Bucyrus International as manager of technical support for the room-and-pillar division. In this capacity, he oversees the division's new machine commissioning and technical training. He also provides consultation on domestic and global room-and-pillar projects.

aspects of assessment and investigation. She has prepared hydrologic and geologic sections of surface activity permits, underground mine permits and coal refuse disposal permits. Other duties include the preparation of technical reports, management of the Access database and GIS, staff management activities, business development and proposal preparation.

Anu Martikainen

Anu Martikainen graduated from the Helsinki University of Technology (HUT) in Finland in 2002 with an M.S. in mining engineering. While a student, she completed two international study programs: the Linkage Program and the European Mining Course at HUT, the Royal School of Mines in London, the RWTH-Aachen University in Germany and TU Delft in the Netherlands. She earned her Ph.D. in mining engineering in 2007 at HUT, with an emphasis on mine

ventilation. She has created ventilation models and ventilation plans for several mines in Finland. She has gained experience as a project manager and coordinator of ventilation, air conditioning, heating and safety projects at Instakon Oy. She also worked for Metso Minerals and Sandvik Tamrock, mining equipment manufacturers.

Currently, Martikainen works for the Pittsburgh Research Laboratory of NIOSH as a research engineer. She is the project investi-

Kim is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia and holds underground foreman, surface miner, shot firer and mine rescue certifications.



KIM

Freeman is a registered professional geologist in Pennsylvania and serves on the boards of directors for the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America and the Pittsburgh Section of SME.



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gator for a study of the utilization of belt air in underground coal mines.

Martikainen is a member of the Finnish Association of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the Finnish National Group of ISRM and the Mine Ventilation Society of South Africa.



MARTIKAINEN

Stephen Statham

Stephen Statham graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2006 with a B.S. degree in mining and minerals engineering. While at Virginia Tech, he was student chapter president of the International Society of Explosives Engineers and also competed with Virginia Tech's Intercollegiate Mining Competition team in Kalgoorlie, Australia. Upon graduation, Statham joined the Phelps Dodge

Bagdad operations as a mine engineer working in short-range and long-range planning positions. In early 2008, he spent four months in the Democratic Republic of the Congo consulting on Freeport-McMoRan's Tenke Fungurume mining project. He managed site development projects and the establishment of an onsite mine engineering group. While in Bagdad, he served on the board of the Grand Canyon Sec-

tion of SME and has most recently served as vice-chair. Currently, Statham works for PCS Phosphate in Aurora, NC as a production engineer, managing projects related to mine reclamation and materials handling. ■



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