

Call for nominations for Founders Award and Executive Committee



Nominations are invited for the WAAIME Founders Award and Executive Committee.

Founders Award

The Founders Award was established by WAAIME in 2014. It is presented to a person in recognition of her or his exemplary service to WAAIME and its goals. This award is designed to replace the WAAIME National Honorary Member program and to recognize those members who have contributed significantly to a local section, the national board or committee or to further the goals and purposes as set forth in WAAIME's incorporation. This award is funded by our founding section, Tri-State (NY-NJ-CT), and is given in honor of their many years of service and hard work to build the WAAIME fund that promotes the many industries that make up the original American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers

and its member societies, SME, SPE, TMS and AIST. Eligibility criteria for the award are as follows:

- The nominee must be a WAAIME member in good standing of at least five years.
- The nominee must not have been awarded National Honorary Member status.
- The nominee must be willing to accept the award in person at the annual meeting.
- All members, including members-at-large, may be considered, subject to the above.
- Any nomination of a current member of the WAAIME executive committee will be considered active when the nominee has rotated off the executive committee.

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Mexico-Torreon section starts year with 15 scholarships and annual mineral essay contest

by Olga Echávez, Mexico-Torreon section chair

The Mexico-Torreon section began the year with 15 scholarships to recipients from the La Salle University, the Technological Institute of La Laguna and the University of Lerdo. Our objective is to give our scholarship recipients extra preparation, extending beyond just financial support. For that reason, we have the Scholarship Training Program, developed by the Peñoles company, with a series of important conferences for our students.

Silicon chosen for essay contest

Every year, the Torreon section promotes the Annual

Mineral Essay Contest for high school students, who are invited to prepare an essay in which they discuss the physical and chemical characteristics of an element or mineral that they choose each year according to technological trends. This year, the chosen element was silicon (Si). The award ceremony is scheduled for the first days of May. This is an interesting way to bring students closer to mining.

In March we had a face-to-face meeting, with 12 members enjoying a delicious breakfast and nice conviviality, where points related to our programs were discussed as well as the processing of permits from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Unfortunately, during these last months we suffered several losses: the husbands of our beloved Maribel Román and Rosy Sánchez; the mothers of three of our members, Laurita Luevanos, Rocio Velasco and Olga Echávez; and the brother of Yio Medina. To support our members, a Holy Mass was offered on April 8.

In May we will have another face-to-face meeting, when we will celebrate Mother's Day. ■



Mexico-Torreon members met in March for breakfast and conviviality.



Peru-Lima section hosts first webinar; shares stories of women in mining spanning three generations

by Verónica Valderrama, Perú-Lima section chair

On March 8, the Peru-Lima section held our first webinar on “Women In Mining: Their Courage, Their Challenges” to share the stories of three of our women belonging to different generations, with the aim of publicizing our work and attracting more sponsoring companies to join our mission. The event had the support of our strategic ally Proactive.

The moderator for the webinar was Antonio Orjeda, journalist and writer of the bestseller *Mujeres Batalla*. The three panelists were: (1) Verónica Valderrama, human resources vice president at Gold Fields Las Americas Region, and WAAIME Perú-Lima chair, (2) Melissa Amado, business development consultant, Ontological Coach specialist and international speaker and co-founder of Deep Pit Technology, and member of the board of directors of WAAIME and (3) Lucia López, student of mining engineering at the Catholic University of Santa

María, and WAAIME scholarship holder.

Activities with scholarship holders

In addition, over the course of the year, we have been conducting remote group workshops and individual coaching sessions with our interns, focused on leadership, emotional intelligence and the development of soft skills. The activities within the coaching program are:

- Individual sessions, held once a month where the aforementioned topics are developed, adapted to the needs of each fellow. Coaching conversations are opened for the learning required in each case.
- Group workshops, held three times a year, where the group of fellows can interact, develop teamwork, group dynamics, plenary conversations and commented practices.

Among the group coaching workshops carried out, the workshop on “Selection Processes in Time of Change” held in March stands out. ■

LA MUJER EN LA MINERÍA: SU CORAJE, SUS DESAFÍOS

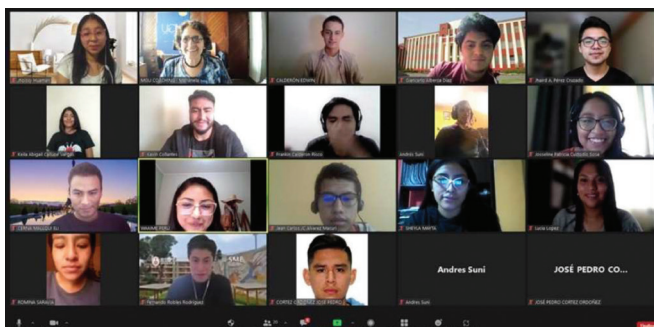
Moderador: Antonio Orjeda, Periodista y escritor del best seller "Mujeres Batalla".

Panelistas: Verónica Valderrama, Vicepresidenta de RRHH de Gold Fields Región Las Américas & Presidenta de WAAIME; Melissa Amado, CEO & Founder en Deep Pit Technology; Lucia Lopez, Estudiante de Ingeniería de Minas en la UCSM.

Martes 8 de Marzo 6PM

Organizan: ProActive

Proactive sponsored the Peru-Lima section's first webinar, featuring Women In Mining: Their Courage, Their Challenges.



The group coaching workshop on “Selection Processes in Time of Change” was held in March.

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Timeline. The award typically adheres to the following timeline:

- Call for nominations in the May newsletter.
- Nomination deadline — July 1.
- Qualified nominations are forwarded to the executive committee — July 15.
- Voting completed at executive session at September midyear meeting.
- Recipient notified in October.

- Award presented at the MINEXCHANGE SME Annual Conference & Expo.

Nominations. Nominations for the award should contain the following information:

- Completed nomination form, including demographic and contact information for the nominee and the principle nominator.
- Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee's

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Chile-Santiago section welcomes 10 new scholarship holders for the 2021-2022 year...

by Benilda Dahmen, Chile-Santiago section chair

At the beginning of April, the 10 new scholarship holders of the Chile-Santiago section were welcomed in the event hall of the Institute of Mining Engineers of Chile. Former 2020-2021 scholarship recipients Priscilla Leiva and Juan Vallejos, who are upcoming mining engineers, joined us for the event.

Two generations meet

Leiva described the event: "On April 9, 2022, after two years, two generations of scholarship holders met at the Chilean Institute of Mining Engineers and felt the human warmth of WAAIME. We welcomed the new cycle of students who joined this distinguished community. We were able to meet each other and tell anecdotes while we shared cocktails with WAAIME members. During the event, each of the scholarship holders had the opportunity to deliver a message to all those present. The farewell of a generation of scholarship recipients fills us with nostalgia.... We were away for two years due to the pandemic, but at the same time, it fills us with hope.... More than 100 years of history are now part of our professional hallmark. In a few months we will become engineers, and we can see the dreams in the eyes of our colleagues who are just beginning their careers. It is essential to continue setting goals that allow us to support future influential leaders in the mining business and the country. I know that providing strength and continuity to WAAIME Chile is a great responsibility. However, I feel deeply committed to this beautiful organization, which together with its outstanding professionals leave a transcendental mark on the mining industry and the world."

Vallejos closed his speech at the event by saying: "The accompaniment provided by WAAIME is priceless. This



First row (l-r): Juan Vallejos, Priscilla Leiva (both 2020-2021 scholarship recipients and upcoming mining engineers), Carla Cabrera, Fabiola Villablanca, Lucas González, Catalina Ramírez, Macarena Velásquez, Luis Facuse, Carolina Álvarez, Catalina Ramírez, Lucas Muga and Stephanie Bravo. Second row (l-r): Myriam Mardones (director secretary), Katherine Pinochet (WAAIME executive committee chair), María Isabel Saavedra (director in charge of scholarships), Benilda Dahmen (Chile-Santiago section chair), Verónica Prado (treasurer director) and Ana María Samur.

scholarship is an award... an award that we should take advantage of and wear with pride.... We are a select group, for which we should be grateful."

On the occasion, María Isabel Saavedra, director in charge of scholarships, described the nature of this initiative: "The idea of these scholarships is to financially support students who have good academic performance but who have difficulties financially, and consists of a contribution of \$100,000 Chilean pesos per month for a period of two years."

As a former scholarship recipient and current chair of WAAIME, Katherine Pinochet stressed the importance

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...and Chile-La Serena section catches up with former and current scholarship recipients

by Pía Álvarez, Chile-Santiago section chair

Our report corresponds to a short period, December 2011 to April 2022, which in Chile coincides with the Christmas and New Year holidays and the summer vacation period.

In December, we held our face-to-face gathering to

celebrate the end of 2021 and give each other our wishes for healthy times for the world and for us personally. The activity had solid attendance with 11 members.

In April we shared a lunch with a group of former and current scholarship recipients, and we had the opportunity

to learn about their family and work achievements. We were very happy to find out that Matías Jamett and Matías Finsterbuch had become parents. They are all working successfully, and Kimberly Contreras is developing her thesis work. ■



First row (l-r): Cecilia Araya, Ximena Molina, Pía Álvarez (WAAIME La Serena chair), Ana María Inostroza, Blanca Pizarro (WAAIME La Serena vice chair) and Jeannett Godoy. Second row (l-r): Patricia Narváez (secretary), Luisa Matus, Lucila Lúgaro, Virginia Lenz and Mila Malebrán.



First row (l-r): Javier Henríquez (scholarship recipient) and Matías Jamett and Matías Finsterbuch (both former scholarship recipients). Second row (l-r): Kimberly Contreras (scholarship recipient), Pía Álvarez (WAAIME La Serena chair) and Patricia Noulivos (treasurer).

WAAIME Chile ups visibility on LinkedIn

by Katherine Pinochet, WAAIME Executive Committee Chair

The Chilean sections of Santiago and La Serena have created a LinkedIn page to give WAAIME visibility in Chile to jointly strengthen a network of contact and support between WAAIME alumni and scholarship recipients. The idea is to provide a space to support current scholarship recipients with their searches for internships and reports or theses, and to connect former scholarship recipients with each other if they need help with their job searches.

Thanks to this support network, former WAAIME-Santiago scholarship recipient Patricio Cisternas (2016-2017) helped former scholarship recipient Patricio Núñez (2020-2021) find his memory theme at CODELCO. He successfully defended it in April this year. Nunez said, "Being awarded a scholarship by WAAIME was a very

significant contribution in my last year of study, in addition to having an economic contribution that helped me pay my university expenses in the last classes of my career. Their support network helped me to continue growing as a professional. WAAIME put me in contact with a former WAAIME scholarship holder, who guided me in getting a thesis at CODELCO. Thanks to that I can now say that I am a civil engineer in mines."

This initiative to give visibility on social networks to WAAIME in Chile is being carried out thanks to the support and enthusiasm of current scholarship recipients Fabiola Villablanca and Luis Facuse, both mining engineering students at the University of Santiago.

The link to the LinkedIn page is <https://www.linkedin.com/company/waaime-chile/>. ■

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qualifications for the award (two-page maximum, each).

- Nominee's biography or resume (two-page maximum).
- Nominee's experiences/history within WAAIME, including any positions held in the local section(s) and/or on the national board/committee.

All nominations submitted will be considered active

nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines provided herein and on the accompanying nomination form.

Administration. This award is administered by the WAAIME Executive Committee. The award committee consists of the three members of the WAAIME Executive Committee and can include up to two additional WAAIME members at the discretion of the executive chair. All

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Mexico City section appoints new chair and committee members

by Mary Paz Alexandri, Mexico-DF section chair

After having held only Zoom meetings for several months the Mexico-DF (Mexico City) section was finally able to gather at Malena de Alvidrez's house in October 2021 and at Maria Esther Herrera's house in November. In December, Eugenia Lomelín offered the usual joyful Christmas Party; however, this time the group was smaller due to pandemic restrictions.

Chair and committee members named

In January, in recognition of her persistence, dedication and optimism for WAAIME for so many years, Mary Paz Alexandri was appointed as chairwoman. Her collaborators are Celia García, vice chair; Eugenia G. de Lomelín,

international representative; Ma. Esther Herrera, secretary; Bárbara Martínez, treasurer; Malena Alvidrez, assistant treasurer; Lucy Morales, scholarships coordinator; Ligia Berlanga, scholarships assistant; Minerva Rubio Cerón, social events; and Irene Sandra de Figueroa, adjutant.

This year, we gathered at Bárbara Martínez's home in January, at Lucy Morales' home in March and at Tere Sandoval's home in April. In February, we were saddened by the death of Alicia (Chata) Segura de Lee, a generous lady who had been WAAIME Mexico-DF's president. That month, our meeting was through Zoom.

We have discussed new projects and are looking forward to this year's work. ■

Face-to-face gatherings restarted in October 2021, and Eugenia Lomelín hosted the usual Christmas Party, although for a smaller group.



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of scholarship recipients maintaining their links with the organization and developing the desire to help future generations of students. In addition, she invited current

and former scholarship recipients to count on the support network that WAAIME represents worldwide and recognized the WAAIME Santiago board for their tireless and exemplary commitment to the association. ■

WAAIME Chair report

by Katherine Pinochet, WAAIME executive committee chair and international representative

Dear WAAIME members,
On behalf of the executive committee, we hope that all of you are staying healthy and safe. It has been very beneficial and revitalizing for all of us to resume our face-to-face meetings as the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are easing.

Fortunately, last February the WAAIME executive committee to that date — Lydia Hull (eastern representative), Winnell Burt (western representative) and myself (international representative) — and Blanche Blattner, Beth Price and Margaret Mansanti were able to meet again in person to develop our activities at the WAAIME annual meeting, which was held during the

MINEXCHANGE 2022 SME Annual Conference & Expo held in Salt Lake City, UT, from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2022. These meetings have culminated in several accomplishments that will enhance the work of WAAIME. As the new chair of the executive committee, I have summarized the annual meeting to apprise you of our activities:

US scholarship applications

Hull gave an update on scholarships. WAAIME received 154 scholarship applications through its website, of which 11 were rejected for various reasons. Also, 12 students received emergency funding. Total amounts to be distributed in the United States is \$431,000.



(L-r): Katherine Pinochet, Lydia Hull, Winnell Burt, Margaret Mansanti and Blanche Blattner at the WAAIME Finance & Executive Committee Meeting (Beth Price was tending to the WAAIME booth at the time).

International sections

As international representative, Pinochet presented a brief report on the status of each of the six international sections. The executive committee approved funding to WAAIME international sections of \$12,000 per section due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Total amount to be distributed to the international sections is \$60,000. The funds will be sent on Aug. 1, 2022. The Lima-Peru section will receive funding from the Cajamarca-Peru section bank account.

UBS investments

Thomas Austin and Ryan Smith of UBS presented the market and economic outlook. Despite the different circumstances and

uncertainties that are affecting the economy worldwide (inflation, Omicron wave, US-Russia tensions over Ukraine, US-China tensions), our portfolio remains relatively stable. At the writing of this summary, the most recent update of our portfolio that we have received as of March 31, 2022 stands at \$10,340,533.88. However, UBS still expects market volatility for the remainder of 2022. Currently, the WAAIME portfolio is made up of 9.2 percent cash, 24.2 percent fixed income, 62.7 percent equities and 3.8 percent in Atlas, a hedge fund.



The WAAIME Students Reception saw a tremendous turnout.



At the end of 2021, WAAIME contacted BNY Mellon to solicit a proposal for the WAAIME portfolio. This was being evaluated in conjunction with the SME during January and February, and SME submitted their recommendations through a letter from SME's attorney Lee Terry. At the WAAIME financial meeting, a motion was made and seconded to table this evaluation to move our funds to BNY Mellon, due to market volatility.

WAAIME financials

Michelle Kroeger, SME's chief financial officer, presented an overview of the financials. The committee asked Kroeger for details of the WAAIME annual meeting expenses. According to the April report by Kroeger, the details have not yet been provided because it takes quite a while for them to get the invoicing from the hotels and to do the allocations.

WAAIME Selfie Tag and Students Reception

The WAAIME Selfie Tag and the Students Reception was a tremendous success with a great turnout. We had the pleasure to grant four cash prizes (\$500/\$300/\$100/\$100) for our Selfie Tag Contest. We also gave away twenty \$50 Amazon gift cards as door prizes. The students enjoyed the food, networking and lawn games. I would like to honor the dedication and effort that Hull put into this from the beginning of these activities. She has given so much of herself so that the students have a good time, and above all, get to know WAAIME. This is without considering all the great work that she does in her role as scholarship chair. Thank you very much, Lydia, for your selfless service.

Booth sales

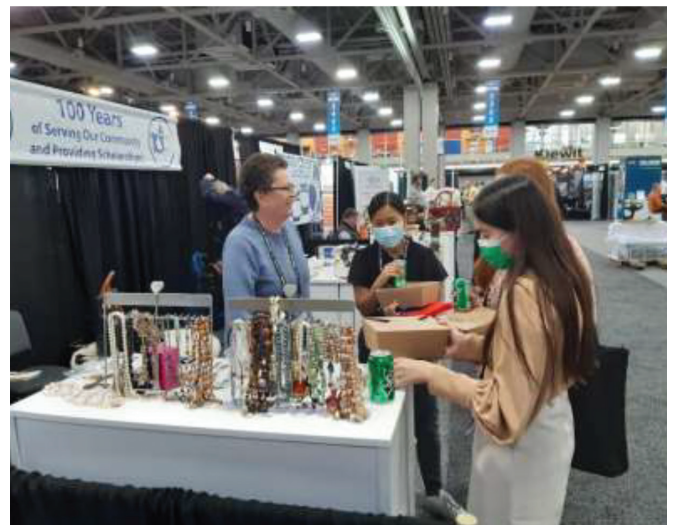
Thanks to the support of SME staff, we had a booth in the exhibit hall at the MINEXCHANGE 2022 SME Annual Conference & Expo that took place at the Salt Palace Convention Center. This year, we raised about \$3,000 from the sale of items donated by the different sections, which has added funds to our Iris Owen's Section Fund. Our sincere thanks to the donors, purchasers and workers at this booth. We especially appreciate the donations from Zenonia Kunasz, who donated 11 beautiful necklaces made by her, with value equivalent to \$760. I would like to honor the permanent and tireless support of Beth Price, who with so much patience and love encourages those who visit the booth and takes the opportunity to tell them about WAAIME with such enthusiasm.

WAAIME executive committee western representative

Last February, Winnell Burt stepped down as western representative and Margaret Mansanti took that position. The executive committee and WAAIME recognizes Burt's enormous contributions and her dedication to WAAIME, and we commend her and thank her for her service. Welcome to the executive committee, Margie.

WAAIME Founder's Award

At the SME Awards Banquet, Daphne D. LaPointe was



Winnell Burt interacting with visitors to the WAAIME booth.

recognized with the WAAIME Founder's Award for her many years of service to the Nevada-Reno section and as scholarship chair. Sadly, LaPointe passed away on Nov. 9; our condolences to her family (her husband Tom and her daughters, Tamesin and Teila) and all who loved her. We are glad that we were able to tell her that she was our choice for the Founder's Award. Her \$500 check was donated by Beth Price to her local geological society, Geological Society of Nevada Foundation, with which LaPointe was very active..

Scout Jamboree

The upcoming Scout Jamboree, to be held in West Virginia, was discussed.

2022 Midyear Meeting

The 2022 SME Midyear Meeting will take place in September in Reno, NV. The executive committee is evaluating whether it will be possible to attend in person. Otherwise, the WAAIME meetings will be held online (using Teams or Zoom), as we did during 2020 and 2021, to which all WAAIME members will be welcome. We will be informing you about it.

Booth sales removed for WAAIME's next Annual Meeting in 2023

The booth sales had brought us profits during the previous years and allowed us to marginally increase the money for scholarships. However, the advance preparations and tending to the booth for four days in a row require a lot of work, from the collection and transfer of the items to the permanent attention that it requires from the WAAIME members who attend the annual conferences. We barely



Katherine Pinochet, incoming WAAIME executive committee chair, presented a digital picture frame as a thank-you gift to Winnell Burt, outgoing WAAIME chair.

have people to cover the booth. Given the above, the executive committee has decided that we will not be doing a sale booth at the 2023 WAAIME annual meeting, although we will gladly continue to receive donations in WAAIME's name for the Silent Auction. Instead, we can focus our time and energy on other activities that allow us to strengthen our WAAIME membership. We can focus on

recruiting new members, maybe have a cocktail party or a reception for new WAAIME members. Our intention is to place WAAIME material in the welcome bag at the annual meeting, such as a brochure with information on how to become a WAAIME member, encourage people to join us and provide information about scholarships. All your ideas are welcome.

Our future

We have seen for years how the sections have weakened in number of members and initiatives to grow (which has become pronounced since the pandemic), and we have even seen how unfortunately some of them have closed. We have heard and seen the lack of motivation and the spirit of service that has been fading among our members. This issue is a priority for me because it should be the main mission of our committee to keep alive that spirit of giving scholarships and support through the different sections to students who require it with such great need. I have several ideas on this matter and would like to focus my energies on implementing them.

Currently, there are more than 200 students who are benefiting from our WAAIME scholarships, approximately 75 percent of whom are from the United States, and the others are from our six international sections in Chile, Peru and Mexico. Those students are being blessed thanks to the volunteer and selfless work of each section. Dear WAAIME members, you are appreciated for all you do. As a former WAAIME scholarship recipient, I know firsthand the tremendous help and impact WAAIME has on our lives. For all you do — and for the kind, thoughtful way you do it — thank you so much.

Best wishes to all of you,
Katherine ■

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voting will be completed during an executive session at the midyear meeting.

Recipients of the award shall be selected by majority vote of the committee with notification to the SME board of directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate cannot be selected by the majority.

Award and its presentation. The award consists of a 14-karat gold charm/pendant designed by the Mexico-DF Section of WAAIME and engraved with the recipient's name and date of presentation. The recipient will also be able to designate where a \$500 donation may be given: for example, to a section, to a university program or student section, or to any other earth science-based entity or program. The charm and \$500 bequest are fully funded by the Tri-State Founder's Fund and WAAIME. The award will be presented at the MINEXCHANGE 2023 SME Annual Conference & Expo.

WAAIME Executive Committee

The WAAIME Executive Committee seeks nominations for the incoming Executive Committee member. Nominees are selected from the outgoing committee member's area. Since the outgoing committee member is the international representative, the incoming committee member will be from an international Section. Email an electronic copy of a photograph and a brief biography to Michelle Kroeger @ kroeger@smenet.org.

The 2022 due dates for nominations are:

- Nov. 30 — All nominations with photos and biographies should be at SME Headquarters.
- Dec. 1 — SME Headquarters will forward the nominees to the WAAIME Executive Committee.
- Dec. 15 — WAAIME Chair will notify SME Headquarters of the incoming committee member.
- Dec. 19 — WAAIME Chair will notify incoming committee member and invite the individual to the MINEXCHANGE 2023 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, CO. ■



Selfie Tag attracts strong participation

by Lydia Hull

WAAIME's Selfie Tag experience continues to gain in popularity with our students. This year we had 12 teams participating from Australia, Chile, Peru, Canada, as well as students from across the United States.

Twelve teams from five countries

Each participating team received a \$50 Amazon gift card. Prizes of \$1,000 were awarded, with first place receiving \$500. That team was from the University of Minnesota, calling themselves Up Nort.

Team members were Reece Rohweder, Carson Luttejohan, Benjar Pettinet, and Jonun. Congratulations to all participating teams. The winning team is shown at the booth of the Nevada Gold Mines (photo). ■



Founders Award presented to LaPointe



Daphne LaPointe

The WAAIME Founders Award is presented to Daphne D. LaPointe. Her citation reads, "In recognition of exemplary and continuous service to the Nevada-Reno section and for her years of service as scholarship chair, including interviewing scholarship recipients and mentoring them, we the Executive Committee commend her for her faithful and continuous dedication to further

the goals and purposes of WAAIME."

LaPointe graduated from the University of Montana and worked for Exxon Minerals Exploration as a field geologist exploring precious metals in Idaho and western Montana.

She was a WAAIME member for about 40 years. During much of that time, D.D. was the scholarship chair of the Nevada-Reno section. She encouraged students to apply, helped the students submit their applications, and arranged the interviews by getting an interview room, setting the times for the interviews, and encouraging other WAAIME section members to help with the interviews. She also made cookies to share with the interviewees.

LaPointe then prepared the interview notes and submitted the applications to the national WAAIME committee. In all these years, she helped distribute perhaps as much as \$500,000 from WAAIME to students. ■

Snapshots from MINEXCHANGE 2022



Energy and smiles abounded at WAAIME's events in the MINEXCHANGE 2022 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Utah.