



Twin Cities Subsection Student Chapter Report SME 2014 Annual Meeting

Chair: Gregory Beckstrom
greg.beckstrom@amec.com
(612) 252-3792

The University of Minnesota SME Student Chapter was established in January 2012 and each year students attending the SME Annual Meeting are supported by funds provided from sponsor contributions to the Twin Cities Subsection and additional funding from the SME Minnesota Section. This year three students attended the SME Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. One provision included in the terms for supporting the Student Chapter is that students attending the SME Annual Meeting submit reports on their experiences and benefits gained from the trip. Individual reports are available at “2014 Student Reports” on the SME TC Subsection website www.smetwincities.org

In summary, all students had their understanding of the mining industry greatly expanded including seeing the potential for career opportunities. They appreciated the overview provided during the keynote session and enjoyed attending individual sessions related to their own technical interests. They were also impressed by the size and scope of the exhibits. The inclusion of environmental nongovernmental organization leaders in the keynote session was noted and appreciated.



They were impressed by the open discussion of environmental issues and SME’s efforts to highlight increased environmental responsibility in the mineral industry. The students made good use of networking opportunities, talking with students from other Student Chapters and with SME officers, members and exhibitors. They also joined a group photo with a past president of SME National, who happens to be a proud graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Overall, the University of Minnesota SME Student Chapter continues to be successful and the ability to do this through the support of our sponsors is greatly appreciated.

In the photograph above: Greg Beckstrom - SME TC Chair, Aaron Fish, Duane Kokkinen – SME MN Section Treasurer, Brian Zemaitis, Noah Kimmes, Harvey Thorleifson – SME MN Chair, Bethany Erfourth - SME TC Vice Chair and Nikhil Trivedi - Past President, SME National