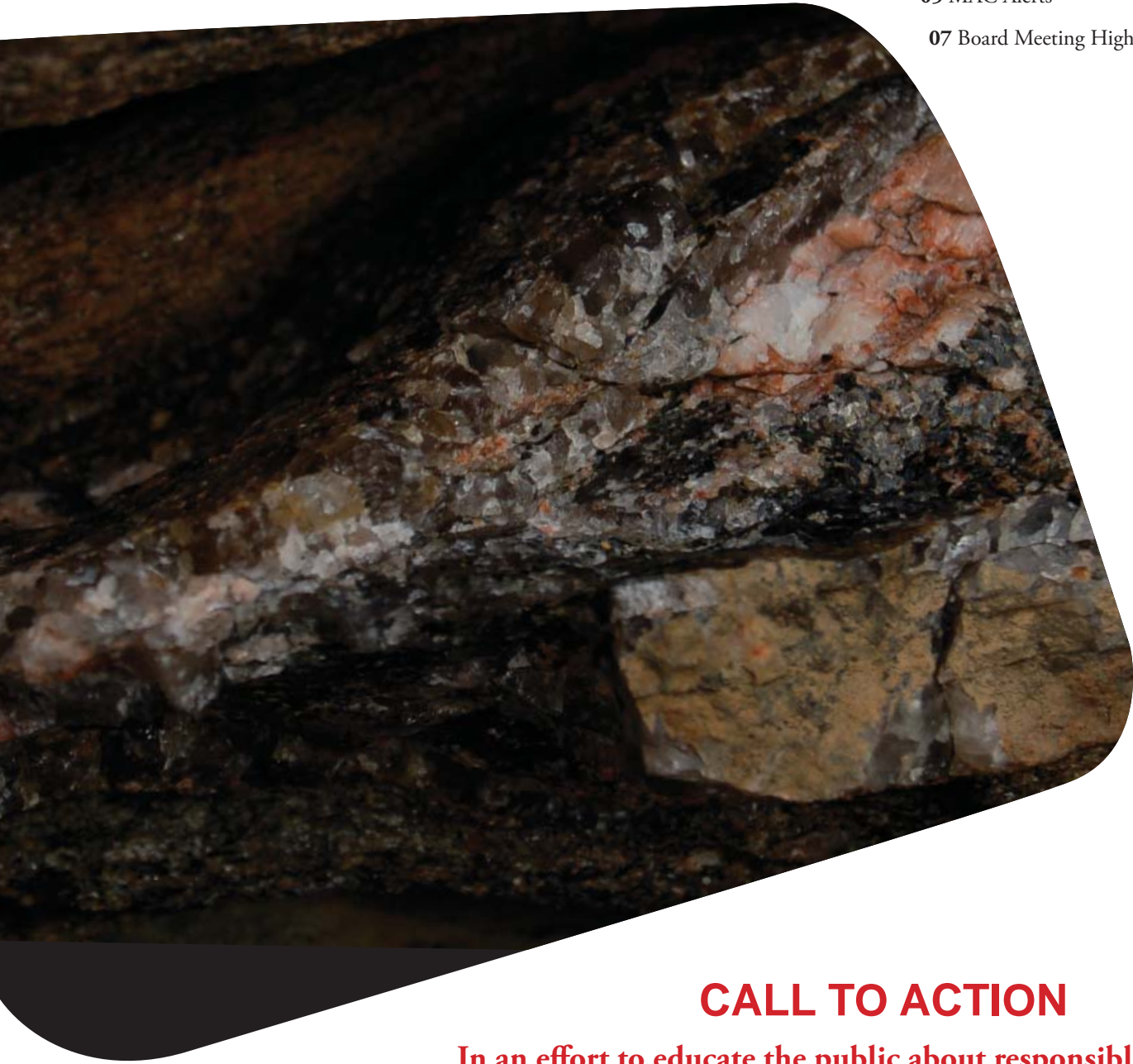




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CALL TO ACTION

In an effort to educate the public about responsible mining in Nova Scotia, MANS is compiling a list of reclamation projects. We are looking for your input. Please send us descriptions and pictures of your successful projects. You can submit them to Lindsey at admin@tmans.ca .

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the September issue. We have added a few new pieces so make sure you take a look. In keeping with the format we released last newsletter, here is a list of activities and meetings that MANS has been involved in through September. Feel free to contact either Michelle Landreville, our Executive Director, or myself directly if you need further information.

Mines and Energy Ministers conference – St. John's, NL

Coal Association of Canada

Environmental Services Association of Nova Scotia

Bristol Communications

Halifax Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Minister Graham Steele

John MacNeil, Registrar at Department of Natural Resources

Minister of Labour and Workforce Development

Mining Matters Organizing committee

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Board of Directors meeting

That's it for this month – don't forget, you can't stop the waves but you can learn to surf!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mining Exposed 2009: Our Nuclear World

October 5-7, 2009

Pier 21 - Halifax NS

miningexposed2009.esans.ca

Mining Matters Conference

November 16-17, 2009

Westin Hotel, Halifax

<http://gov.ns.ca/natr/meb/>

Mining Association of Nova Scotia Holiday Social

December 3, 2009

Citadel Hotel, Halifax

MANS Annual Meeting

April 13, 2010

Citadel Hotel, Halifax

International Mine Water Association Conference

September 5-9, 2010

Sydney, Nova Scotia

<http://www.imwa.info/imwa2010/>



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michelle Landreville

Hello everyone and welcome to the September issue of the MANS newsletter. This last month proved to be very busy as you will have no doubt discerned from the list of activities that our President outlined. October is shaping up to be just as busy.

As you know, we are holding our Mining Exposed 2009: Our Nuclear World conference October 5th through to 7th and it is shaping up to be quite an event. The roster of speakers is impressive and we should generate some interesting publicity as the date draws near. For more details visit the conference website at www.miningexposed2009.esans.ca. Hope to see you there.

October will also see us hosting an information session on the recently released draft of the new Nova Scotia Wetland Conservation Policy. John Brazner, Wetland/Water Specialist from the Department of Environment will meet with members of MANS on October 8, 2009 at 10am to discuss the policy. The location will be determined once we have a firm participant number so please RSVP to Lindsey at admin@tmans.ca if you are interested in attending our session. I should note that Mr. Brazner is very interested in hearing our thoughts about the new draft Nova Scotia Wetland Policy. I would encourage you to join us – it will no doubt prove to be an interesting discussion.

Finally, October will see our Board Committees get back underway. It seems that everyone is itching to get back to work!

As always, feel free to call if you need any further information. Lindsey and I are here to help.

REGISTER NOW FOR MINING EXPOSED 2009: OUR NUCLEAR WORLD

This conference will highlight the nuclear industry as it relates in the local and global context to the environment, the economy, and society through detailed sessions covering key themes such as: Nuclear Fundamentals, Current Global & Local Context, Energy Demand & Source Review, Policy & Regulation, Environmental & Human Health, and Management and Risk / Benefit Perspectives.

This event serves as a forum for raising awareness of the nuclear sector and encouraging discussion with respect to how people rely on nuclear material in their everyday lives, and the current global and local state of the industry in an environmental context. This will aid the development of rational local decision-making regarding this important global industry.

Please note, members of the Mining Association of Nova Scotia receive preferred rates to attend this event. Visit the link below to register:

<http://www.miningexposed2009.esans.ca/registration>.

20th Annual Mining Games 2010

Information submitted by Valentine Gomez, Co-Chair

The 20th annual mining games will be taking place in Halifax from February 25- 27, 2010 at Dalhousie University.

Each year, the games are held at participating Mining Engineering universities across Canada. The games involve academic challenges and hands-on competition between individual students or teams from each school. Typically, a team of 12 students from each university is sent to compete in 20 events over several days. For video highlights from past competitions, please visit:

<http://www.miningindustrytv.com/videos/view/2723> .

Some of the scheduled events for 2010 are drill and blast, jackleg, equipment handling, mineral identification, mineral processing, oral presentations and two mystery events, to name just a few.

Each year, the games committee has the pleasure of inviting event sponsors to provide questions for select events, and witness and judge the competition. This allows the students to interact with industry leaders and allows sponsors to liaise with Canada's top engineering students. Each day will begin at Dalhousie University with events, and ends with a semi-formal banquet where students are able to enjoy a dinner presentation from a sponsor.

For more information about becoming a sponsor or other opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following members of the 2010 organizing committee:

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MANS Member Profile

Pat Mills, Plant Manager,
National Gypsum (Canada) Ltd.

What is the most exciting project or challenge you are currently working on?

Probably the most challenging thing we are managing right now is trying to weather the global economic turmoil. The challenge we are faced with is in being successful at converting a high volume operation to a lower volume one, while continuing to be successful. Inherent in this challenge is that we seem to be dealing with a long term "temporary" situation.

Where do you see as the future opportunities or challenges for your organization?

The challenges for the future are technological and economic change. National Gypsum is under siege by two main things - economic downturn, especially in the housing sector, and the replacement of natural gypsum with synthetic gypsum. Traditionally, Nova Scotia has been the biggest importer to the United States, but synthetic gypsum has displaced significant volumes of natural rock. As the housing industry dropped, the synthetic gypsum became more prominent - our challenge is to learn new ways to compete with the synthetic producers.

What is the best thing about being a member of MANS?

The best benefit is that MANS is providing a voice for mining to all the external communities - economic, political and environmental. The mining industry now has a voice and we are learning to use it effectively.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2009

The last board meeting was held on September 17, 2009. Several items were discussed, but since quorum was not achieved, business has been moved forward to the next scheduled board meeting.



The Items discussed included:

Presentation on survey of industrial archaeology in Nova Scotia

Report from DNR on Open House and Mining Matters conference

Discussion on appointment of Board Committee and Task Force Chairs

Update on nuclear conference

Public consultation on NS wetland Conservation policy

Review of current financial statements

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