

## AWG DELEGATE REPORT

REGION: Rocky Mountain

Date: September 5, 2008

Delegate Name(s): Holly Brunkal and Debra Hanneman

Alternate(s): Jackie Holt and Sally Potter

### Summary of delegate activities:

- Holly Brunkal and Debra Hanneman attended the Spring 2008 AWG Board meeting in Dublin, CA
- Holly Brunkal attended the 2008 CVD events in Washington D.C.
- Debra Hanneman began AWG international liaison activities
- Debra Hanneman helped with Gaea for the late spring/summer issues
- Debra Hanneman assisted Laurie Schueing in CVD promotion
- Debra Hanneman gave talks on geology at the Whitehall School system and on map reading at the Jefferson Valley Search and Rescue meetings in Whitehall, Montana

**Number of regional members:** As of Sept 1, 2008, there are 156 Members in the Rocky Mountain region.

**Chapter activities:** There are 2 chapters in the Rocky Mountain region: Laramide and Salt Lake.

### Salt Lake Chapter (SLC)

The SLC hosted its 19th Annual Silent Auction and Wine Tasting this past spring and raised \$4,858. Monies raised from this event funds scholarships for outstanding female geoscience students. This year the awards went to:

1. The \$1500 Susan Ekdale Memorial Field Camp Scholarship went to **Alysen Pedersen**, U of U undergraduate.

2. The Spring Research Scholarship, worth \$800, was awarded to **Erin Tainer**, Utah State University graduate student.
3. The Outstanding Female Geoscience Student scholarship for \$500 went to **Courtney Neuffer**, U of U undergraduate.

## **Laramide Chapter**

Highlights of Laramide Chapter (LC) activities include:

1. The LC held its annual Student Awards Banquet in April at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Golden, Colorado. 35 students were nominated for awards: (18) awardees were from a Bachelor of Science or Arts program, 11 were in a Master of Science program and 6 were from a Doctor of Philosophy program. LC members and guests donated \$805.00 to the event and these donations were passed along to the AWG Foundation, which in turn also helps sponsor the event through a grant.
2. The LC will host “Rocks and Roles” on 10/4/2008 at Dinosaur Ridge. Using rock examples of Mesozoic sediments, scientists and engineers will show Girl Scouts and their families how to study natural history. 800 to 1000 visitors are expected at this event. AWGF has sponsored “Rocks and Roles” for four years.