UAF Mining Extension Advisory Committee  
Regular meeting, December, 2014

Members present: Travis Hudson, Sharmon Stambaugh and Jon Wehde  
Others present: Meg Burgett, CES UAF Mining Program assistant; DeShana York, CES Anchorage District Director

Quorum was met and meeting convened at 1:40 p.m. by Extension Program Assistant Meg Burgett.

1. UAA-Mining and Petroleum Training Services  
Meg and DeShana met with Bill Beiber, director of MAPTS, to discuss connections to UAF Mining Extension and relationship with Delta Mine Training Center. Although MAPTS has purchased the facilities of DMTC in Delta Junction, they will not be taking over educational/outreach programs and DMTC (Whit) will continue to function as before. MAPTS programs reach a different audience than Mining Extension, but can and would like to share any resources and/or take advantage of opportunities for collaboration. Committee members are interested in organizing a site visit to Delta facilities next spring in conjunction with AMA conference in Fairbanks. Given this information, Meg will contact Whit to confirm availability and cost of Basic Prospecting and Introduction to Placer Mining workshops for this spring.

2. Identifying and Prioritizing Workshop topics  
Most popular workshops are the Rock and Mineral, Basic Prospecting and Intro to Placer Mining; two are taught by DMTC contractors, (Prospecting and Placer Mining) and the third by CES faculty. Travis suggested contacting Steve Nelson, an Adjunct Faculty at UAA, retired USGS geologist as a substitute/additional instructor for the Rock and Minerals class. Meg will follow up with both. For this year, will need to work with DMTC (Whit) for the other two workshops. Meg will contact Whit to schedule workshops.

Going forward, the committee recommends that this program develop and owns the curriculum for all workshops provided. Currently, only curriculum for Rock & Minerals clearly exists and could be transferable among instructors. Workshop curricula for an introduction to Placer Mining could easily be developed from the content gathered for the online class; much of it could also apply to a Basic Prospecting workshop also. A priority in upcoming years should be to create these two workshops and contract directly with Adjunct Faculty and Instructors to deliver the courses.

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3. **FY15 budget:**
   FY15 budget total has been restored to $52,100.00. Meg will adjust budget to reflect this total, prioritizing workshops, especially rural workshops, and completion of online placer mining course. The Committee also supports using funds to begin development of workshop curriculum, if available.

4. **UAF Mining Extension webpage**
   A few final edits before going live:
   - Add credits and permissions for images from American Geological Institute.
   - Add link to MAPTS youtube video provided by Bill Beiber.
   - Add link to DNR powerpoint, after Travis gets permission.

5. **Online Placer Mining Course:**
   Has been reviewed by Tom Buntzen and sent to UAF eLearning for estimate of cost and time line.

6. **Committee Membership:**
   - Tom Buntzen, retired geologist from Fairbanks, has been suggested as an additional member to the Advisory Committee. Bylaws allow for up to 7 members. Without a quorum on the phone, the vote will be conducted online. Meg will send around Tom’s information; if a majority of the committee respond positively to his addition to the Committee, Meg will request a letter of invitation from Dr. Schlutt to Tom.
   - Sharmon reminded the committee that she would likely retire, and resign from this committee, before the end of this fiscal year. Jennifer Keys, a geologist from DNR, still has an interest in joining the committee.

7. **Next Meeting** – after progress on the online class – Happy Holidays!