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MINEXCHANGE Returns to Salt Lake City This Coming February

Annual gathering of industry's foremost leaders and innovators is where technical excellence meets real-world collaboration



From February 22-25, 2026, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) will host the mining industry's premier annual conference, the MINEXCHANGE 2026 SME Annual Conference & Expo. The event will bring together thousands of professionals, students and exhibitors for over 100 technical sessions covering all aspects of the industry, countless networking opportunities, an Expo Hall featuring 590 unique exhibitors, student competitions and poster contests, a must-see awards ceremony, and much more.

In addition to a compelling keynote session and a roster of expert luncheon speakers, MINEXCHANGE offers a technical program unmatched in depth and breadth of information. The 2026 program will showcase the exciting future of mining including critical conversations on mineral exploration, cutting-edge water management strategies, and the evolving landscape of permitting. This year's spotlight: the Resilient Energy in Mining – Balancing Tradition and

Transformation Symposium, is where legacy practices meet the urgent call for sustainability and renewable energy integration.

“MINEXCHANGE is where students and professionals, regardless of industry experience level, join forces for remarkable individual and collective advancement,” said Tara Davis, SME Content Development & Program Director. “We look forward to welcoming you to Salt Lake City to be part of the conversations shaping the future of mining.”

Other MINEXCHANGE 2026 highlights include:

- 15 unique short courses offering 7 (one-day), 14 (two-day) and 21 (three-day) Professional Development Hours (PDHs) per course
- 2026 SME Foundation Annual Gala Dinner and Auction benefiting the future of mining
- Field trips to regional mining sites

For more information and to register for the MINEXCHANGE 2026 SME Annual Conference & Expo, visit smeannualconference.org.

About SME

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) brings together the mining and mineral industry’s brightest and most dedicated professionals. Over 14,000 global members advance their careers with the world-class technical resources, educational programs, networking opportunities and professional development tools from SME. Our members are focused on sharing best practices for safety, environmental stewardship and moving mining forward. SME. *Inspiring mining professionals worldwide.*