Join SME and Get Involved
A Proud History: Over 100 Years of Service

In 1916, on Ladies Night at the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers (AIME) meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, the women passed the hat for money to assist the fighting men in the trenches of World War I. By 1917, 50 women formed the Woman’s Auxiliary to AIME and continued their charitable war efforts. WAAIME continued to grow and expanded their sections throughout the United States as well as internationally with sections in Chile, Peru and Mexico. In 2008, WAAIME became a division of SME where they have continued their tradition of providing scholarships and supporting humanitarian causes.

A Passion for Service

The WAAIME objectives, as written by First Lady Lou Henry Hoover in her letter to her membership in February 1959, remain:

To render service to the country and to the community through all that pertains to the interest of the professions of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineering.

To promote philanthropic work and the interchange of ideas amongst its members.

To devise and promote ways and means of procuring a fund and to maintain such fund for the purpose of assisting promising students to obtain a technical education in Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineering and their allied subjects.
The WAAIME Scholarship Fund

WAAIME has provided millions of dollars in scholarship money to students pursuing earth science degrees including mining, geological sciences, metallurgy, petroleum, mineral sciences, materials science and engineering, mineral economics, chemical engineering and other related studies.

Find out more about the WAAIME scholarship program at https://www.waaime.org/ApplicationGuidelines.aspx

More than a Division: A Community

The WAAIMEs have continued their philanthropic endeavors throughout the years, including: purchasing books for mining camps, building libraries, awarding scholarships, providing emergency funding for university students, and supporting programs for teacher’s education.

WAAIME members enjoy their time together, from working on a Scholarship Committee, to awarding the WAAIME Founders Award, to touring a new city. Various social events at both the SME Annual Conference and Midyear meetings combine work with pleasure. Join WAAIME and become part of a group dedicated to the extractive industries with a rich 100-year legacy.

Find more information about WAAIME online at www.smenet.org/membership/groups/divisions
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Mineral & Metallurgical Processing (MPD)
Mining & Exploration
Underground Construction Association
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