

Colorado School of Mines Alumni Association
Social Media Policy

Terms of Use for Minesonline.net, the online community for Mines alumni, and Colorado School of Mines Alumni Association (CSMAA)-managed social media pages. These terms also apply to any message boards and class notes functionality that are provided by minesmagazine.com or mines.magazine.edu as another means of alumni communication.

Online community pages or forums exist to facilitate communication both among individual members of the Mines alumni community and between the alumni community and the CSMAA for personal or CSMAA-related purposes. All alumni information is strictly reserved for use by individual alumni and CSMAA for personal and CSMAA-related purposes only.

I. Policy and Guidelines for Proper Use

To safeguard the operation of Minesonline.net or CSMAA pages managed on LinkedIn, Facebook or other social media, CSMAA has adopted some basic policies to govern proper use and conduct, particularly conduct that occurs in an online environment. Users must abide by the following specific policies:

A. You may download or copy any downloadable materials displayed on Minesonline.net for home, noncommercial and personal use only; provided, however, that you maintain all copyright, trademark and other notices contained in such material and you agree to abide by all additional copyright notices or restrictions contained in any material accessed through Minesonline.net. Unauthorized copying, reproduction, republishing, uploading, downloading, posting, transmitting or duplicating of any of the material is prohibited.

B. Information available through Minesonline.net may be used for personal and CSMAA-approved purposes only. Use of information or communications available through Minesonline.net for any commercial, public or political purposes is strictly prohibited. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to: (1) activities that are illegal or fraudulent; (2) use that inaccurately implies endorsement, approval or sponsorship by CSMAA (or any individual officer, employee or agent of CSMAA); (3) use that can be confused with official communications of CSMAA, its officers, employees or volunteers; (4) print or electronic mass mailings (sometimes known as "spamming"), solicitations for commercial services or cold-calling.

Posting of obscene or vulgar materials or use of obscene or vulgar language, or use of abusive, defamatory, profane or threatening language of any kind, will constitute a violation of these policies. Determination of whether specific postings violate these policies shall be at the sole discretion of CSMAA. Users shall also not upload, transmit, distribute or otherwise publish any materials containing a virus or any other harmful component. CSMAA may deny further access to these services to those who engage in these or similar practices.

C. User accounts may not be shared, transferred or sold to other parties, nor are they to be used by or made available to any person or entity except the registered user. Additionally, users shall not restrict or inhibit any other user from enjoying any service on Minesonline.net.

D. CSMAA is not responsible for screening communications in advance. CSMAA cannot and will not routinely monitor the use of the Minesonline.net community or CSMAA-managed social media pages. However, CSMAA reserves the right to reorganize or delete any postings or add and remove message board topics. Users may report any abuses or misuse of Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages by contacting csmaa@mines.edu. CSMAA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to expel a user and deny further access to Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages.

II. Liability and Indemnity

The reliability of the information available through Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages is dependent upon the actions of its users. CSMAA makes no representations about the accuracy, reliability, completeness or timeliness of this information.

CSMAA does not warrant that the Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages will operate error-free or that the sites and their servers are free of computer viruses or other harmful material. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CSMAA disclaims all warranties, including the warranties of merchantability, non-infringement, and fitness for particular purpose. In no event shall CSMAA be liable for any damages whatsoever, including, without limitation, incidental, consequential or punitive damages, resulting from the use of or inability to use information or materials available on Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages. By registering with and/or using Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages, each user agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CSMAA from any and all damages, liability, claims, causes of action, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising from or related to the user's violation of any of these policies or terms of use.

Please note that CSMAA may revise these policies and your continued use of the site constitutes your agreement to comply with such modifications. You should review the policies periodically to ensure that you are familiar with them.

CSMAA expects users to exhibit the same level of respect for others in these forums as in any other CSMAA-related venue (such as at a reunion event on campus or at a section event).

CSMAA may deny access to Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages to any individual at any time. Participation is a privilege.

III. Commenting Terms of Use

CSMAA cannot and will not review every comment posted on the site, and is not responsible for the content of the posts. CSMAA reserves the right to delete, move or edit comments that it deems abusive, defamatory, obscene, in violation of copyright or trademark laws, or otherwise unacceptable. CSMAA reserves the right to cancel a user's account; we reserve the right to ban any individual from further participation in the future.

You acknowledge that any submissions you make to Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages may be edited, removed, modified, published, transmitted and displayed by CSMAA. By posting a comment, you are consenting to its display on the site and for related online and offline promotional uses.

Online Code of Conduct:

- **Be courteous.** Do not: threaten or verbally abuse other users; use obscene, profane or defamatory language; post sexual innuendo; or deliberately disrupt discussions with repetitive messages, meaningless messages or spam.
- **Use respectful language.** Do not use language that abuses or discriminates on the basis of race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, age, region, disability or any other grounds. Hate speech of any kind is grounds for immediate suspension of commenting privileges.
- **Debate, but don't attack.** CSMAA encourages active discussion and welcomes debate and differences of opinion. However, personal attacks and harassment are a direct violation of this agreement and are grounds for immediate suspension of your commenting privileges.
- **Your comments must be truthful.** You may not impersonate or represent that you are any other person, whether real or invented, or imply any connection with any person or organization with which you are not in fact associated.
- **Do not post inappropriate material.** You cannot post, distribute, or publish any libelous, defamatory, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise illegal material.
- **Do not post commercial material.** You cannot distribute or otherwise publish any material containing any solicitation of funds.
- **You are solely responsible for the content of your messages.** You cannot knowingly post content that violates the copyright, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and you must remove the same should you discover that you have violated this provision. Likewise, you cannot post content that is libelous, defamatory, obscene, abusive, that violates a person's right to privacy, that otherwise violates any applicable local, state, national or international law, or that is otherwise inappropriate.
- **Report others.** We ask that you report content that you in good faith believe violates the above rules to csmaa@mines.edu.

Any violation of this Code of Conduct is grounds for immediate suspension from commenting privileges. We reserve the right to remove any content at any time from Minesonline.net or CSMAA-managed social media pages, including without limitation, if it violates the above rules.