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Theodore B. Comstock



William H. Dresher

We have created the Comstock-Dresher Club to recognize alumni, friends, and industry partners who have given cash donations of \$1,000 or more to the department, material donations exceeding \$1,000 in value, or volunteer service to the department of 100 or more hours since 2000. A large copper plaque in the Department commemorates the Club. New inductees have their names added to the plaque at the annual spring BBQ at the San Xavier Mine each year.

Theodore B. Comstock was the first director of the University of Arizona School of Mines. He was the Assistant State Geologist of Texas before coming to Tucson in 1891. Comstock purchased the equipment for the School of Mines and toured the Territory assessing mineral resources and recruiting students. He established the first Assay Lab and planned the mineral and geological surveys for the Territory. In 1893 Comstock became president of the faculty and in 1894 he became the first president of the University of Arizona. He resigned in 1895 and moved to Los Angeles to pursue commercial interests until his death in 1915.

William H. Dresher has over 30 years experience in corporate and academic management in R&D, in the fields of extractive metallurgy of base and refractory metals, copper processing, products and marketing, as well as expertise in the environmental aspects of copper in health and ecotoxicity. In his career he has been Assistant Director of Research for Union Carbide Corporation's Mining and Metals Division, Dean of the College of Mines of the University of Arizona, President of the International Copper

Research Association, Inc. and most recently, the Vice President of Technology of the International Copper Association, Ltd. He is a graduate of Drexel University in Philadelphia with a BS degree in Chemical Engineering and of the University of Utah with a Ph.D. in Metallurgy.

In his retirement, in addition to consulting for the copper industry, he is Chairman of SciEnTeK-12, Inc. a not-for-profit organization whose purpose it is to promote science, engineering and technology in grades K – 12. The major operation of SciEnTeK-12, Inc. is the operation of the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair that is held every year in the Tucson Community Center.

He is a distinguished member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) as well as a member and past director of the Society for Minerals, Metals and Materials (TMS). He has been a member of the Mining Foundation of the Southwest and its antecedent, The Mining Club of the Southwest since 1971. He has served on the Board of Directors numerous times and was Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee in 1999. He also serves as Chairman of the External Affairs Committee of the University of Arizona, Department of Mining and Geological Engineering Industry Leadership Board.