

## **Partnership through Affiliation with Iron Range Historical Organizations and Other Groups**

### **Erie Mining Book Project**

Fall 2014 the Society entered into a partnership with Erie Mining Company alumni, to ultimately result in the publication of a book on that taconite mining company's activities and the lives of its employees. This project includes extensive oral history interviewing and transcription, as part of the groundwork for the book, which will be co-written by Bill Beck, notable company history author and Larry Sommer, member of the Society's Board of Governors and its former Director. This partnership and its project were formally approved by the Board of Governors on November 21, 2014.

### **Iron Range Historical Organizations**

The Society has formal relationships with six Iron Range based historical organization, known as its Affiliates. This specific relationship was mandated by a resolution (809) of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners in 1984; there are requirements for this status to be established and the relationship includes the full participation on the Society's Board of Governors by one representative from each Affiliate, who must be a duly appointed or elected board member of the affiliated organization, as well. Funding support from St. Louis County comes to the Affiliates through the Society and financial reporting is made to the Society. The Society's newsletter, *Rootprints*, which is published twice a year, regularly features news from the Affiliates and very often includes substantive articles written by people who belong to these organizations. This network of partnerships enriches all involved. The Society's Affiliates are: Ely-Winton Historical Society; Hibbing Historical Society; Minnesota Museum of Mining; Sisu Heritage, Inc.; Tower-Soudan Historical Society and Virginia Area Historical Society.

## **Enhancement of Capability to Perform Mission through Membership in Professionally Related Organizations**

The Society is a member of the following organizations:

Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce  
Association of State and Local History Museums  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minnesota Art Conservation Center  
Minnesota Council of Non-Profits  
The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums  
Minnesota Association of Museums  
Northland History Coalition  
Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian