

RMCMI Reporter

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2020 Post Conference Newsletter



President Scott Sturm
Westmoreland Mining

President's Message

As we are heading into fall of this year like no other, I personally want to thank everyone who helped us make the best of our 2020 Annual Convention. To my knowledge, everyone made it home from Colorado Springs safe and healthy. It was a small group, but none the less it was great to be able see friends and colleagues for the first time in months for many of us. As always **Judy, Chelsey** and team did a great job of pulling things together, under the new rules. The Mine Rescue Evaluation, while conducted under modified practices, was smaller this year, but on the bright side, Covid actually enabled a few new teams to participate, who were very pleased with the program and will likely return next year. Our speakers were top notch as always and for the first time ever we had a couple of virtual presentations.

As always special thanks to **Komatsu, Wagner Equipment, Wyoming Machinery/DSS**, and **ESCO** for their live auction service donations and to everyone else who sponsored or donated to the Institute in this challenging time. Also, special thanks to **Wendell Koontz**, for pulling together (for the second year) the Friends of Coal Gun Raffle.

Lastly, I want to wish **Matt Palmer** well on his Presidency for next year. He will provide great leadership for the organization as we move forward – fully acknowledging that the coal industry continues to change and that our organizations will need to change too.

Best, Scott



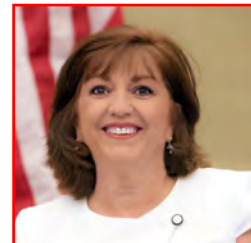
A Letter from the Executive Director

I want to express my gratitude for all who have continued to support RMCMI during this extremely difficult time. An association depends on membership dues, sponsorships and meeting income to survive. When you take away the ability to hold those meetings, it cuts deep into the budget and ability to continue. We were lucky to have three very successful events. Our joint meeting with TMRA in Texas, the Friends of Coal West golf tournament in Gillette, and our annual meeting in Colorado Springs. Throughout those three meetings, we heard many comments about people being happy to be out again, even if we had to have restrictions. I also want to thank those who accepted those restrictions without complaint, and took precautions necessary to make the events we did have an enjoyable experience without any incident.

Our thanks go to **Scott Sturm**, RMCMI President for 2019-2020. It's not always easy to juggle Board of Director duties with your full time job, and then throw in a pandemic in on top of it! Scott passed the gavel to **Matthew Palmer**, RMCMI President for 2020-2021, and we look forward to his leadership in the upcoming year. I also want to thank my conference staff, **Chelsey Voglewede, Trent Colgan and Richard Orf**. This was our 10th meeting together, and I appreciate the fact that they hang in there year after year.

Many attendees of our meetings and short courses are looking to fulfill their continuing education credits. We are looking at trying to do a few half day virtual classes that would provide those hours this fall. Stay tuned for what those options might be. Also, if you did attend our annual meeting and need hours, please contact Chelsey in the office.

Continue to stay safe and well, and we are looking forward to better days next year!



Judy Colgan
RMCMI Executive Director

Meetings in the Time of COVID

We were very fortunate to be able to hold a meeting during a time of extreme restrictions. We were limited in the amount of people we could have in an indoor meeting space, masks were required to navigate around the building, and our seats were properly socially distanced. During outdoor activities, we could be less restricted due to the outside settings. Everyone was very respectful of trying to do things safely, and we managed to have a meeting that was productive and gratifying to our attendees. We offer our sincere thanks to those who joined us, and appreciate the continued support of the Institute.



Technical Sessions

Sponsored by: CDG Engineers, Jackson Walker, Nelson Brothers, North Star Strategies, LLC

RMCMI provided an excellent slate of speakers at the Annual Conference in Colorado Springs. We appreciate the time and effort each speaker put into their presentations to bring you the most updated information available about the coal industry.



Clark Moseley
President & CEO, Navajo Transitional Energy Company *"Who is NTEC? The Story of America's Largest Native American Owned Coal Producer"*



Randy Eminger
Energy Policy Network
"The Truth About Water"



The Honorable Lou Hrkman
Deputy Asst. Secretary, Office of Clean Coal and Carbon Management, U.S. DOE *"21st Century Coal"*



Mike Nasi
Jackson Walker, LLC
"Update of Regulatory Reforms, Electric Markets and National Educational Efforts"



Emily Medine
Principal, EVA
"U.S. Coal - Where 2020 Trends are Taking Us"



Dave Goddard
Senior Industry Expert, McKinsey & Company
"Post-COVID: Lessons from the Past and Strategies for Survival"



Christian Palich
US Department of Interior, OSMRE
"Office of Surface Mining Updates & Accomplishments"



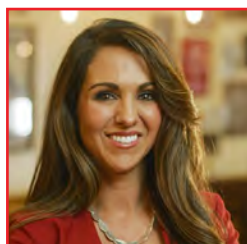
Mike Walling
General Manager - Americas, Strata Worldwide
"HazardAvert Proximity Detection for Mobile Equipment & Belt Conveyors"



James Vicini
Senior Advisor, MSHA
"MSHA Update"



Ron Bowling
National Sales Manager, FGX SepTech, LLC
"The Application of Dry Separation Technology in the United States"



Lauren Boebert
Candidate for Congress



Helen Schuster
Owner, HMS Technical Development, LLC
"Capping and Reclamation of Tailings Piles for Reduction of Acid Drainage"

Safety Awards

Sponsored by Mountain Coal Company & Big Horn Tire

RMCMCI congratulates the winners of the annual safety awards. The selection for the awards are compiled from MSHA data. We sincerely thank RMCMCI Safety Chairman and Board Member, **Wendell Koontz**, for collecting and evaluating the data.



Small Underground Mine

Emery Mine, Bronco Utah Operations



Large Surface Mine

Navajo Mine, Navajo Transitional Energy Company



Large Underground Mine

West Elk Mine, Mountain Coal Company, LLC



Small Surface Mine

Calvert Mine, Walnut Creek Mining Company

**Accepted by Scott Sturm*

Mine Rescue

Sponsored by Bisti Fuels, Dakota Coal Company, North American Coal Corp

Due to several corporate travel restrictions still in place, only four teams were able to participate in this year's evaluation. That being said, we were thrilled to welcome three new teams to our program! **David and Cheryl Evans** continue to do an excellent job of coordinating this event. We also thank the following evaluators: **Todd Olmstead, Robert Paslay, Charles Pankonien, Gerald Polacca, and Kevin Ray**. The effort required for an event like this takes months of prior planning, and we appreciate their dedication to provide great training scenarios. With the presence of COVID-19, the planning for this year's evaluation involved extra care to ensure the safety of all participants.



Evaluators: Taryn Sloane, Todd Olmstead, Kevin Ray, Cheryl Evans, David Evans, Charlie Pankonien
Not Pictured: Gerald Polacca & Bob Paslay



Cheryl & David Evans



Black Thunder Mine



NTEC- Antelope + Cordero Rojo

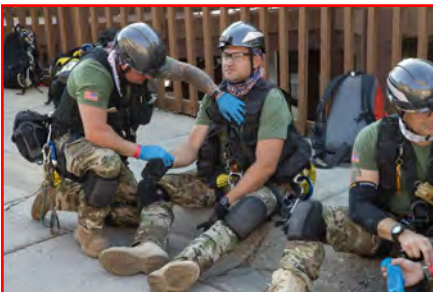


North American Coal- Bisti Fuels



El Segundo Coal Company

Mine Rescue Scenarios



Golf

44 people enjoyed a day of golf at the Colorado Golf Club at Cheyenne Mountain Resort, with lunch and prizes following the tournament.

We would also like to thank our hole sponsors, and those who provided prize donations.

Hole sponsors:

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1st Place

Alex Destefano, Ron Destefano,
Mike Reinsma, Matthew Ranker



2nd Place

Jeff Minden, Matt Palmer, Jack Atwater,
Mitch Knapton (not pictured)



3rd Place

Frank Pagura, Johnny Rainey, Robert Richens,
Casey Curtis



Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Komatsu

The Welcome Reception is the official kick off of the Annual Meeting. A warm evening on the deck at Cheyenne Mountain Resort provided an opportunity for colleagues to reconnect and catch up. The outdoor setting provided an opportunity to relax and enjoy the event.



Scholarship Recipients

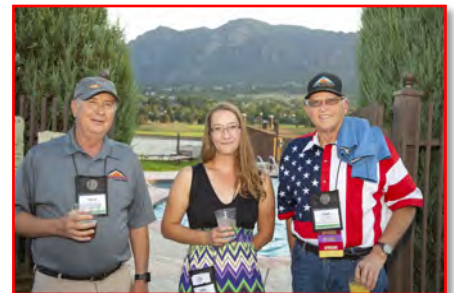
Only two of our five scholars were able to attend the conference in Colorado Springs, due to Covid-19 quarantine restrictions with some of the other schools and students. We were happy to have **Coby Kison** and **Andrew Schaefer** join us, along with Andrew's mother Nola. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of **Bob Burnham** and **Morgan Malkowski** in contacting schools and interviewing students to determine the scholarship winners.

The annual Scholarship Luncheon was sponsored by **Peabody Energy**, **Rimpull Corporation** and **Trapper Mining**. Thank you for your continued support!



Monday Night

Having our conference in August instead of June certainly gave us warmer temperatures. The Monday night event provided perfect weather, and having an outdoor location provided an opportunity for all to enjoy the fun and fellowship.



Live and Silent Auctions a Big Success!

Sponsored by Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC)

In spite of a smaller crowd, we had successful silent and live auctions. We raised close to \$50,000 between the two! A huge thank you to **ESCO, Komatsu, Wyoming Machinery/DSS, and Wagner Equipment**. As always, the live auction was fun and we appreciate our generous donors and those who purchased items. **Mike Nasi** served again as the auctioneer and greatly appreciate his efforts.



Live Auction Donors

ESCO: \$10,000 Parts or Services
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Komatsu: \$5000 Parts or Services
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Wagner Equipment: Punta Cana Vacation
Wyoming Machinery/DSS: \$5000 Parts or Services
Wyoming Machinery/DSS: \$5000 Parts or Services

Live Auction Winners

Scott Sturm, Westmoreland Mining LLC
Clark Moseley, NTEC
Rick Ziegler, North American Coal– Bisti Fuels
Michael Morriss, Trapper Mining Inc.
Scott Sturm
Michael Morriss, Trapper Mining Inc.
Clark Moseley, NTEC

Silent Auction Donors

ASFE	Michael Morriss	Rimpulll
Bill Taylor	Michael Reinsma	Seth Puls
Dwight Kinnes	North Star Strategies	Tim VanWyngarden
Gerey Dillinger	Original Creations	Tom Durham
Jeff McGovern	Randy Eminger	Trent Colgan
Johnny Rainey	Randy Johnson	Wendell Koontz
Ken Miller	Rick Zeigler	
Cheyenne Mountain Resort	Morgan & Jordan Malkowski	The Steamboat Grand

Silent Auction Winners

Shane Adams	David Evans	Dave Moss	Scott Sturm
Jack Atwater	Tim Fraser	Richard Orf	Don Swartz
Trent Colgan	Randy Johnson	Charles Pankonien	Harry Tipton
Yvonne Damon	Vern Lund	Seth Puls	Chelsey Voglewede
Ken Damon	Morgan Malkowski	Mike Reinsma	Lyall Workman
Gerey Dillinger	Michael Morriss	David Simonson	Bill Taylor
Cheryl Evans	Clark Moseley	Kathe Stevens	
Aly Buxcel	Robert Gentry	Matt Palmer	

Thank you to Our Generous Patron Program Donors!

Thank you to the individuals and sponsors who continue to support the RMCMI Scholarship Program. The selected students not only received a \$5,500 tuition credit over two years, but also received a free trip to the 116th Annual Meeting and Conference in Colorado Springs this summer. Technical scholars receive \$1,000 for those hoping to work in the industry in a technical field. Since the awards were first given in 1985, we have presented scholarships totaling almost \$942,000 to college students pursuing careers in the industry. A special thank you to **Clark Moseley**, Patron Chair. Please help RMCMI continue this important program. Please don't forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!

Diamond (\$1,000-\$2,999)

Russell Hardy

JH Fletcher

Joe & Jenni Micheletti

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Joshua Johns

Steven Kirk

Wendell Koontz

Jay Kost

Ulrich Lang

Ta & Tu Li

John & Denna Miller

Bob Murray

Robert Scharp

Dustin Sersland

Scott Sturm

Tres Tipton



Life Member Award

This year's life member award goes to **Richard M. Davis**, Chairman of Rimpull Corporation. Mr. Davis founded Rimpull Corporation in 1971 in the Kansas City Metro. He joined RMCMI in 2001, and has supported and sponsored RMCMI events each year, either directly or indirectly by supporting participation of Rimpull employees. This includes our regional and annual meetings. He is a Patron of the Institute year after year, and is passionate about the Patron program. He loves to see the potential in young people and believes in giving back through education within our industry and outside of it as well.

Rich is married to Cheri, a staunch supporter of Rimpull and its employees. They have two sons Porter and Marcel, and one grandson, Barclay.

As Rimpull closes in on 50 years of business in the mining industry, Mr. Davis continues to give back in support of our industry. He and his wife Cheri are true believers in giving back to the industry and its people.



Passing the Gavel

We extend our sincere thanks to **Scott Sturm** for his years of service to the RMCMI Board of Directors, and welcome him on to the Advisory Board. Scott has passed the gavel to **Matthew Palmer**, RMCMI 2020-2021 President. Matt is President of Rimpull Corporation, based in Olathe, Kansas. We look forward to his leadership in the upcoming year.





RMCMI held a gun raffle again for a Weatherby Vanguard Camilla .308 Bolt Action rifle. We thank **Wendell Koontz** for securing the rifle and taking care of the transfer. **Sue Bradley**, from Hotchkiss, Colorado, was the lucky winner. To all who purchased and sold tickets – thank you!

Loren Boebert, pro Second Amendment Candidate for Colorado Congress, represented the idea of Coal Guns Freedom during her speech to the technical sessions.



Thank You to the RMCMI Conference Staff!

A huge thank you to the steadfast conference crew! **Chelsey Voglewede**, **Trent Colgan** and **Richard Orf** have served as RMCMI conference staff for 10 years. The consistency of having the same staff year after year helps things to run smoothly on site, and we are grateful for their continued efforts.



In Memoriam



It is with regret that we announce the passing of Al Inzano on May 23, 2020. Al was such a big part of RMCMI, always supporting Karen in her role of Executive Director for 10 years. You can contact Karen at klinzano@gmail.com, or her address is 28 Kai Ani Lane 14-102; Kihei, HI 96753. Karen plans to remain in Maui, where she and Al got an extra 10 years together. You can view his obituary here: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/obituary.aspx?n=albert->



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