As I reflect back on the past year, I would like to offer some words of thanks, encouragement and commitment.

Thanks:
To every member of RMCMI for your support this past year, years past, and please continue on with RMCMI. Thanks to my fellow board members for volunteering your time, and the commitment you make to RMCMI and our industry. I can’t thank our Executive Director, Judy Colgan, and Chelsey Wilson enough for everything they do for RMCMI. Judy has been persistently visible on representing RMCMI and Friends of Coal West at numerous events this past year, overseeing day-to-day operations, and they delivered an exceptional annual convention. When we share our message including our story on coal, what the impacts coal have on our communities, states, nation, and the world, we will Win, Win, Win the War on Coal. Each time I advocate for coal, and discuss the facts of coal’s importance with a neighbor, acquaintance, friend, anyone, I most commonly hear “I did not know that”. They did not know how important coal is, did not know how safe coal miners work, did not know how well coal mines reclaim, did not know the wealth of coal our country has, did not know….. (fill in the words)….. We simply need to educate. Please make sure to tell our story, coal’s story. RMCMI’s website www.rmcmi.org is well stocked with the positive facts of coal.

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President's Message

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Letter from the Executive Director

Our time in Steamboat Springs was close to perfect. Everything went very smoothly, everyone was in a great mood and it was a great time for all. I am very appreciative of the efforts of David & Cheryl Evans and the Kern Education Group for an excellent Mine Rescue Training and Evaluation. The weather was very cooperative for all of our events. From our golf tournament, to the Monday night

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Letter from the Executive Director, continued

One of the highlights of the conference? Learning that our fearless leader, Joe Micheletti, has moves!

Life Member Award

The Institute was pleased to present Robert (Bob) Burnham with the Life Member Award during our Scholarship Luncheon. Bob has been a member of RMCMI since 1979, and has served on several committees. Most recently, he has been a Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and the head of our Welcome Committee.

Bob graduated from Colorado School of Mines in 1958 with an Engineer of Mines degree. He received his MBA from the University of Denver in 1979. He has more than 40 years’ experience in the coal industry, working with Sunnyside Coal Company, BXG, Inc., Consolidation Coal Company, and Rocky Mountain Energy. He was a consultant for Wood Mackenzie, Inc., which was acquired by Hill & Associates. He retired in 2011, and began his own consulting company in 2012, Burnham Coal Company, LLC.

Bob has been married to his wife, Kathy for 47 years. Kathy has been very helpful on committee work with Bob as well. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

We sincerely appreciate the years of service Bob has provided to RMCMI, and we are proud to welcome him as a Life Member.

We so appreciate the support of everyone who participated in our auctions, it is so important in funding the scholarship program. It is such a great experience for the students to be able to attend the meeting and learn more about the industry and how to network with colleagues.

We will have a booth at MINExpo this year. Please stop by the Friends of Coal booth in the North Lobby. If you have some time to work a short shift, please let us know.

We will be in Colorado Springs next year at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. It’s a great venue for us, and we hope to see you there!
We also thank the following evaluators:

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Victims
The annual conference began with a Welcome Reception and Dinner, with the Welcome Committee attending the entrance. We had an extra member this year, Tobie Bate. Entertainment was provided by Todd Musselman.
We had an excellent line up of speakers this year. A link to the presentations has been sent to all attendees, and the presentations will be on our website for members to access. Please contact the office if you have questions about any of the presentations.

**Reclaiming the American Republic**
The Honorable Gregory S. Casey, Two LLC, former President BIPAC

**Light at the End of the Tunnel? A Call to Action: Let’s Be Energy Ambassadors**
Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker, LLP

**21st Century Coal: Sustainable Mining, Energy Access and Clean Coal Solutions**
Kimball Rasmussen, President & CEO, Deseret Power

**Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives - Update on first 18 months performance of BD3**
Ian Yeates, SaskPower

**RMCMI Annual Safety Awards**
Corey Heaps, General Manager
Skyline Mine, Bowie Resource Partners

**Navigating the Environmental Assessment Process in an Anti-Coal Environment**
Drew Kramer, Senior Advisor of External Affairs, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association

**Coal: Affordable Electricity & Tremendous Improvements in Air Quality**
Jacob Williams, Vice President of Coal Emmissions and Conversion Technologies, Peabody Energy

**When Drones Attack: Implications of Regulatory Inspections Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems**
Laura Beverage, Jackson Kelly, PLLC

**Climate Hustle: A Shakedown on Global Warming Science & Politics**
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RMCMI would like to congratulate this year’s safety award winners. The selection for the awards are compiled from MSHA data. The contractor safety award is calculated by man hours work and no lost time incidents. We sincerely thank RMCMI Safety Chairman, Corey Heaps, for collecting and evaluating the data and making the presentations.

Large Underground Mine
West Elk Mine (Mountain Coal Company LLC)

Small Underground Mine
King II Mine (GCC Energy LLC)

Large Surface Mine
Three Oaks Mine (Luminant Mining Company LLC)

Small Surface Mine
Coal Creek Mine (Thunder Basin Coal Company LLC)

2016 Contractor Safety Award
SLS West, Inc.
Five scholars joined us this year for the conference: Matthew Coen, Stephanie Panza, Arthur Kukowski, Connor Candrian, Joshua Munoz, Annaleigh Seeley, Schuyler Hamilton. We sincerely appreciate the effort of Curt Belden and Bob Burnham for their continued work in selecting the award winners. The proceeds from the patron donations and silent/live auctions help to fund the annual scholarships. Thank you all for making a difference in these student’s lives!
The Monday night family event was one of the best parties we have ever had! Plenty of activities, a great band, and lots of fun. Mud Puppy provided the entertainment.
Once again, our silent and live auctions were a big success! It makes a huge difference in our ability to award the scholarships each year. Our silent auction raised just over $6,500. The live auction raised a whopping $35,600! The buyers and donors are listed below, and both have our endless gratitude.

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Over sixty players enjoyed a perfect day at Rollingstone Ranch Golf Club in Steamboat Springs. We sincerely thank Phillips 66 for sponsoring the event, and all of the hole sponsors and prize sponsors listed below.

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Matt Palmer
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Ken Damon
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Brett Krage
Rachel Krage

3RD PLACE:
Shane Gant
Jason Todd
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Tim VanWyngarden

LONGEST DRIVE, MEN: Jeff Minden
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A special thank you to Millcreek Engineering for providing goodie bags on the carts for each player. Thank you to Matthew Palmer, Rimpull Corporation, for helping to solicit prizes and coordinate the awards luncheon.

Bruce Lindsay took this photo of a bear and her cub on the course just the day before!

Jeff Minden, Matthew Palmer, Denny Kingsley, Bob Kulina

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We thank the individuals and companies who continue to support the RMCMI Scholarship Program. Please encourage your colleagues and friends to participate in this outstanding opportunity. The selected students not only receive a $5,500 tuition credit over two years, but also receive a free trip to the Annual Meeting & Conference. Technical scholars receive $1,000, for those hoping to work in the industry in a technical field. Please help RMCMI continue this important program that has already given over $758,000 to student education. Don’t forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!

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