

RMCMI Reporter

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2017 Post Conference Newsletter

President's Message



**President
Summer Belden**
Peabody Coal

As we wrapped up the convention this year, I couldn't help but look out at the crowd and feel like the host of Saturday Night Live (SNL), thanking all of the cast and crew for a life-changing week and wishing everyone a good night, at which point the band begins to play a peppy farewell tune and everyone on stage hugs as if it were the season finale. The feeling I was having was of overwhelming gratitude and pride. Much like a typical week for the cast and crew of SNL who pitch ideas, write sketches, sew costumes, construct sets and rehearse, the RMCMI Board, committees and staff begin, as soon as one convention ends, to prepare for the next year's convention. They pitch ideas for topics and speakers, prepare for the mine rescue scenarios, interview potential scholarship students, reach out to Patrons for donations and conduct general business on behalf of the RMCMI membership. Again, as it is with SNL, it all culminates into a live show that appears to go off without a hitch. This year was no exception.

-Cast and Crew-

I'd like to start by thanking our dedicated Board of Directors. It is a team effort to come up with such amazing speakers and develop the programming that our

membership wants. Our committee chairs and members are also hard at work throughout the year making sure that we offer a one-of-a-kind mine rescue experience and deliver on our promise to educate the public through public relations initiatives and scholarships. Finally, our Executive Director, **Judy Colgan**, and her team have once again done a phenomenal job planning, organizing and running an excellent convention. They work tirelessly to make sure the rest of us don't experience any of the hiccups that inevitably happen.

ON AIR

-Sketches-

Whether it was an old favorite like **Mike Nasi**, newcomers to the convention or existing RMCMI members, we had a mix of excellent speakers delivering messages complementary to this year's theme of *"Coal: Delivering Tomorrow's Clean Energy Future Today."*

However, as I think back on the week, one moment in particular stuck with me the most: the standing ovation for our speaker, **Lori Shaw**, from Colstrip United. Her inspirational words hit home for most everyone in the room. She reminded us that being an environmentalist and a pro-coal activist are not mutually exclusive. It's not always easy to publicly stand up for what you believe in, but I hope that our show of support helps keep her in the fight that much longer.

-Cue Tears-

Congratulations to our Life Member, **Mr. Tom Durham**. His dedication to the industry and to RMCMI has not gone unnoticed and we are grateful to have him continue his passion for "the people" well into retirement.

Also, thank you to **Curt Belden** for his many years of dedicated service as he steps down from the Scholarship Committee. He is not only a Life Member, but after being President, he continued to serve the Institute as co-chair of the Scholarship Committee for 15 years.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Remember to follow both RMCMI and Friends of Coal West on Facebook and Twitter, and while you're at it, add Colstrip United to your newsfeed. When you see a post that speaks to you and speaks to the positive impacts of the industry, share it with your friends and family.

-Wrap-up-

I wish the best to **Ron Destefano** as he becomes the President of RMCMI for the 2018 convention year. I look forward to serving under Ron as he leads us into what I suspect will be another year full of surprises!

Thank you!
Summer Belden

-Fade to Black-

Letter from the Executive Director



Judy Colgan

I would like to extend a big thank you to all who joined us in Colorado Springs for our annual meeting. The quality of speakers at our meetings is impressive. We strive to provide the best up to date information, and present it in an interesting and informative way. I sincerely hope that you not only learned a few new things, but came away with a desire to do

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your part to educate the general public about coal and carry the flag of being an “energy ambassador”.

While the industry is seeing some relief from regulatory issues, now is not the time to let up. I sincerely hope that the industry as a whole learned a valuable lesson about being proactive. We cannot and should not let our guard down, but continue to move our message forward about the importance of coal. We are counting on all of you to help with that – talk to your neighbors, schools, civic groups and more. We are working on providing some shareable videos that will be very high quality, engaging and informative tools.

Save the date for the **Tri-State meeting to be held in Sheridan, Wyoming September 20-21**. Details will be posted soon. For those who can't always attend our annual meeting, the regional meetings provide an excellent way to participate in networking, mentorship and education.

Thank you to the RMCMI
Conference Staff!
**Chelsey Wilson, Trent Colgan,
and Richard Orf**



The week after we left Cheyenne Mountain Resort, a lady drove a car into the resort pool! We were so fortunate it did not happen when we were there, but we did have plenty of rescue professionals on hand! The link to the article about the car in the pool is below.

<http://www.9news.com/news/local/suv-drives-into-pool-at-cheyenne-mountain-resort/453864045>

Life Member Award



The Life Member Award was presented to **Thomas G. Durham**. Tom joined in 1996 RMCMI and was a member of the Board of Directors for several years, serving as President 2013-2014. The Durhams were fortunate to have many family members in attendance to celebrate this honor. According to the RMCMI bylaws, the Life Member Award is given to an individual who has devoted long and dedicated service to the Institute and to its goals and purposes. Thank you, Tom, for your dedication to RMCMI. Congratulations!



**RMCMI offices will move as of
September 1, 2017.**
Our new address will be
**3900 S Wadsworth Blvd, Suite 365,
Lakewood, CO 80235**



Mine Rescue

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North American Coal and Westmoreland Coal

Eight teams participated in the Mine Rescue Training & evaluation this year at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. **David & Cheryl Evans** co-chaired the event, and Kern Education Group once again did classes on medical training. We would like to extend our thanks to the sponsors of this event: **North American Coal** and **Westmoreland Coal Company**. **Bisti Fuels** also provided an evaluator sponsorship.

A special thank you to the evaluators for this year: **Danny Graham, Marland King, David Medick, Bob Pasley, Gerald Polacca, Willis Proctor, and Kevin Ray**. Also evaluating with Kern Education Group was **Kristine Kern, Sylvia Gallegos, Melanie DuBois** and **Helen Treon**.



David and Cheryl Evans



Smoky Canyon won the Mine Rescue Rodeo, and took home a custom trophy from Westmoreland Kemmerer.



2017 Mine Rescue Teams



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Victims

Welcome Reception

*Sponsored by
Bowie Resource Partners, LLC and J.H. Fletcher*

We began our annual conference with a Welcome Reception and Dinner on the Cheyenne Terrace. It is always a great time to reconnect with friends and colleagues to get the meeting started. Kid's Night Out provides an opportunity for the children to enjoy their time while the parents attend the Welcome Reception.



Technical Sessions

*Sponsored by
Rhino Energy*

An excellent group of speakers provided thought provoking presentations to our group this year. We are thankful for their time and attention to give us the most current and update information on issues important to the industry.



Telling Our Story: Creating a Connection Between Mining and the American Experience

Bruce Watsman, Senior VP Regulatory Affairs,
National Mining Association



Wyoming's Coal Research and Development Strategy

Jason Begger, Executive Director, Wyoming
Infrastructure Authority



A Whole New Ballgame: Ending the War on Coal and Keeping it from Happening Again

Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker, LLP



Updates on Komatsu America

Daniel Funcannon, VP Komatsu America



Asian Thermal Coal Supply and Demand

Don Drabant, President, Global Coal Sales
Group, LLC



Beyond CPP - Proactive Steps for Promoting Coal at the State Level

Randy Emminger, Executive Director, Energy
Policy Network



Permitting a Port on the Left Coast **Wendy Hutchinson**, Vice President Government & Public Affairs, Millennium Bulk Terminals



Enhancing the Sustainability of Coal

Don Collins, Chief Executive Officer, Western
Research Institute



RMCMI Safety Awards

Corey Heaps, General Manager
Skyline Mine, Bowie Resource Partners



Pro-Coal Activism: Speaking Up for Our Energy Future

Lori Shaw, Co-founder & Director, Colstrip United
Movement



Making It Happen: Safety Leadership Best Practices

Paul Balmert, Principal, Balmert Consulting



Underground Noise Mitigation

Sekhar Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, New
Mexico Tech



Cyber Threats: Considerations From the Data Room to the Board Room

Mike Whatley, Chief Technical
Officer, Statewide Internet Portal
Authority

Safety Awards

*Sponsored by
Bisti Fuels Company*

RMCMCI was honored to present the following safety awards. These companies are recognized for outstanding safety practices for 2016. The awards are based on data received from MSHA and the number of man hours worked. Congratulations to these companies and the employees who strive to always put safety first.



Large Underground Mine
Bull Mountains Mine No 1
Signal Peak Energy LLC



Small Underground Mine
GCC Energy, LLC
King II Coal Mine



Large Surface Mine
North American Coal
Freedom Mine



Small Surface Mine
Coal Creek Mine



2017 Contractor Safety Award
Rimpull Corporation

33rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Sponsored by
**Peabody Energy, Rimpull Corporation, Trapper Mining Inc. and
Tri-State Generation & Transmission**

Seven scholars joined us this year for the conference. **Jordan Crane, Brian Gray, Derrick Markel, Evan McCombs, Joel Mork, Joaquin Roibal** and **Colton Vinnola**. Joaquin was the Charles Margolf award winner. Unfortunately, we lost Charlie this year, so the fact that it was awarded this year was extra special. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of **Curt Belden** and **Bob Burnham** in their continued work in selecting the scholarship winners. This year will be Curt's last year to participate on this committee, and **Joe Micheletti** (on behalf of RMCMI) presented him an award for his long and faithful service to the Institute.

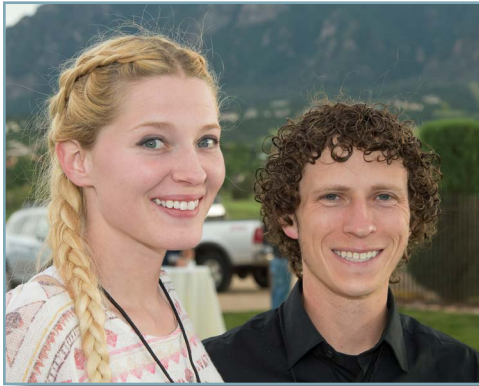
The proceeds from the patron donations and silent/live auctions help to fund the annual scholarships and the student trips to the meeting. Thank you all for making a difference in the student's lives! Some of our past scholars are now mine managers, or in prominent positions in the industry, and still members of RMCMI. They will tell you that the "leg up" was a great boost in starting their careers in mining.



Monday Night Beach Party

*Sponsored by
Cloud Peak Energy and Komatsu Mining Corp*

The weather didn't fully cooperate for our beach party, but a little rain did not dampen the spirits of the attendees! The family event is always a highlight of the conference, and sets our meeting apart from others. Food, fun, fellowship and a beautiful rainbow after the rain. We were fortunate to enjoy another great evening together.



Silent Auction a Huge Success!

A big thank you to all who donated and purchased items from our silent and live auctions. We raised a whopping \$50,665! This really helps supplement our patron donations so that we can continue to provide the scholarships we do and allow the scholars to attend the annual conference.

Mike Nasi stepped up as auctioneer extraordinaire, and has our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Live Auction

Donors:

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Winners:

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Navajo Transitional Energy Corp and Westmoreland Coal
Laura Beverage
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Silent Auction Donors

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Tom & Pam Durham
Horseshoe Bay Resort
Wendy Hutchinson & Kelly Hardy
Jackson Kelly, LLP
Liebherr
McLanahan
Ken & Kathy Miller

Mill Man Steel
Navajo Transitional Energy Corp
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Rick Parkins
Rimpull Corporation
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Silent Auction Winners

Summer Belden
Aly Buxcel
Troy Clawson
Trent Colgan
Don Collins
Mark Compton
Ken Damon
Ron Destefano
Gerey Dillinger
David & Cheryl Evans

Shane Gant
Kelly Hardy
Dustin Jackson
Randy Johnson
Luke Klemke
Sarah Loomis
Clark Moseley
Matt Palmer
Rick Parkins
Bob Paslay

Lori Shaw
Walter Shaw
Deanne Sledge
Phil Sledge
David Simonson
Matt Smith
John Wayhart
Matt Willeford
Lyal Workman
Rick Ziegler



Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Colorado Springs, CO

68 players joined us on Sunday morning for a beautiful day of golf at the Colorado Golf Club at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. We extend a special thank you to **Phillips 66** for sponsoring the tournament, and a list of hole sponsors and prize donors is on page 12.

1ST PLACE:

Matt Palmer
Jeff Minden
Jesse Noel
Bob Kulina

2ND PLACE (not pictured):

Tommie Breeden
Rodney Howery
Yvonne Damon
Randy Payne

3RD PLACE:

Steve Ford
Rick Ziegler
Jeff McGovern
George Sidney

LONGEST DRIVE, WOMEN: Sarah Loomis

LONGEST DRIVE, MEN: Jeremy Bowles

CLOSEST TO PIN, WOMEN: Sarah Loomis

CLOSEST TO PIN, MEN: Tim VanWyngarden

We sincerely appreciate prize donations from the following:

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Bob Kulina, Jesse Noel, Matt Palmer, Jeff Minden



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Passing the Gavel

Summer Belden has passed the gavel to **Ron Destefano**, RMCMI 2017-2018 President. We look forward to Ron's leadership in the upcoming year, and give sincere thanks to Summer for her leadership this past year.



Thank you to our Generous Scholarship Program Sponsors

Thank you to the individuals and sponsors who continue to support the RMCMI Scholarship Program. The selected students not only receive a \$5,500 tuition credit over two years, but also receive a free trip to the 113th 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 \$815,000 to 319 college students pursuing careers in the industry. A special thank you to **Joe Micheletti**, Patron Chair. Please help RMCMI continue this important program. **Please don't forget to ask your companies to match your personal donations!**

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