

RMCMI Reporter

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2018 Post Conference Newsletter

President's Message



President
Ron Destefano
CDG Engineers

Another annual convention is in the books and by everyone's measure that I have talked to, it was again a tremendous success. The Institute owes an immense thank you to Judy and Chelsey (and staff) for their efforts in organizing the convention as well as insuring that the events were as enjoyable as they were for the membership. Another great job!

The presentations at the convention I think provided a new measure of enthusiasm related to the coal industry. From the promotional/educational video excerpts provided by **Mr. Nasi** to comments by **Dr. Krutka** (Peabody), **Colin Marshall** (Cloud Peak), the future plans of **RAMACO Carbon**, development at **Colowyo Coal Company** and the changing regulatory environment and government initiatives being pursued, coal continues to show resilience in the market and suggests that "stories of its demise have been greatly exaggerated"! I think we also owe a great deal of gratitude for the hard work and conviction of **Mr. Robert Murry** in support of the industry. His efforts at the highest levels of industry and government have a lot to do with the optimism for coal and we would all do well to echo his thoughts and enthusiasm as we go about our daily tasks. We must all continue to do our part to promote

our industry and its place as the reliable and affordable energy component that it is. The abundance of the resource and the benefits that it can provide to the world will need to be continually supported to keep public opinion from being further eroded by the half-truths and outright lies being continuously spread by the environmental community.

I want to wish **Wendy Hutchinson** the best as she assumes the role of Board President and also **Denise Dragoo** as she steps into the Administrative Liaison position. As all of us know, our day jobs can provide enough demands on our time and I hope the membership can find ways to support Wendy, Denise, Judy and the Board as they pursue the business of the Institute in continuing to educate the public regarding the benefits of coal and coal mining. Lastly, my sincere congratulations to **Mr. David Smaldone** on his Life Membership Award. He is a wonderful individual and has been a truly helpful mentor and friend! In closing, I want to thank the Board and the RMCMI membership for their support during my Presidency. I will always continue to support the Institute as I believe it continues to serve a very definite need within our industry and provides is a rich legacy for current, past and future coal miners and the industry as a whole.

Letter from the Executive Director



Judy Colgan

We really enjoyed our time in Vail this summer. An excellent slate of speakers, and dedicated members who are proactively supporting the coal industry made it an informative meeting. Everyone always enjoys their time of fellowship with colleagues they get see in a relaxed atmosphere. We will be back in Vail at Hotel Talisa next year, and then the following year at Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs.

I have been fortunate to work with so many great people who serve on our boards and committees. **Summer Belden** and **Joe Micheletti** will be moving off of our active Board of Directors. They will still serve on the Advisory Board. **Ron Destefano** has been an important part of RMCMI for many years, and I congratulate him on a successful presidency year. I wish to thank all of the board members, past and current, for the continued support. We've had such a hard fight in the industry, I appreciate their trust in me to try to keep RMCMI as an important resource.

The generosity of the people who participated in the auction, both through donations and purchases, shows the kind of people we are fortunate to be associated with. A huge thank you to **ESCO**, **Komatsu Mining**, and **Bill Taylor** for providing live auction items, an all who donated items for the silent auction. We raised almost \$60,000 for our scholarship program!

We have held several regional meetings and golf tournaments this year. The recap of those events will be in an upcoming newsletter after the Tri-State meeting is completed. Thank you so much for continuing to support our efforts, and we hope to see you at an event soon.

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Life Member Award

The Institute was pleased to present **David Smaldone** the Life Member Award for 2018. Dave has been a member of RMCMI since 1997, and has been active on committees and the Board of Directors. He served as President of RMCMI in 2011 and the conference was in Keystone, Colorado. He currently serves as President of Friends of Coal West.

Currently, Dave is Principal Consultant-Marketing for CDG Engineers. From 2012 to 2015, he was Manager of Technical Services at Westmoreland Kemmerer. Prior to that, Dave held several positions with PacifiCorp including:

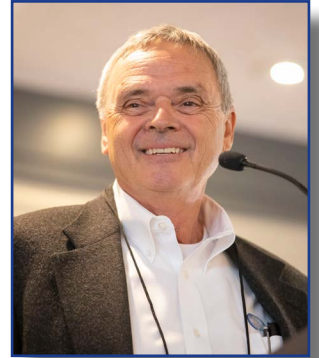
- Director of Long-term Planning at Bridger Coal
- Managing Director of Fuel Planning and Delivery for the PacifiCorp generating facilities
- General Manager positions at both Centralia Mining and Glenrock Coal
- Director of Operations and Maintenance at Bridger Coal
- Director of Fuel Supply for the generating facilities
- Director of Permitting and Compliance
- Engineering and Supervisory positions at Bridger, Glenrock and Spring Creek Mines

Dave also worked with Kaiser Coal as Director of Engineering and Mine Manager at their York Canyon Mine.

Dave holds an MBA Degree from Utah State University, and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Dave is married to Sonia, and they have six children and nine grandchildren. He is an avid fly fisherman, loves golfing, riding ATV's, and loves to keep an impeccable yard - but his greatest past-time is spending time with family.

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



Closing Luncheon



Mr. Robert E. Murray, President & CEO of Murray Energy, gave an entertaining presentation of The Evolution of the American Western Coal Industry and The Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute. Bob is a long time RMCMI member, Past President and Life Member of the Institute. He was fortunate to have some of his family members join him for the meeting. There were also several members of

Murray Energy's Utah American Energy in attendance. We are grateful for the history Bob provided to the group, and his passion for the American coal industry.



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



Mine Rescue

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We were fortunate to have 12 teams join us in Vail this summer. In addition, we had observers from Westmoreland Canada, Dakota Westmoreland and Buckingham Coal. **David and Cheryl Evans** continue to do an excellent job of coordinating this event.

We also thank the following evaluators: **Terry Davis, Danny Graham, Marland King, David Medick, Charles Pankonien, Gerald Polocca, and Kevin Ray**. The Kern Education Group provided medical classes and served as evaluators as well. The Kern Education group included: **Kristine Kern, Melanie DuBois, Donnie Zercher, Stacie Zercher, James Pierce and Kasia Kimmel, MD**. We also appreciate all who volunteered as victims to make this a successful mine rescue training opportunity.



David and Cheryl Evans



2018 Mine Rescue Teams



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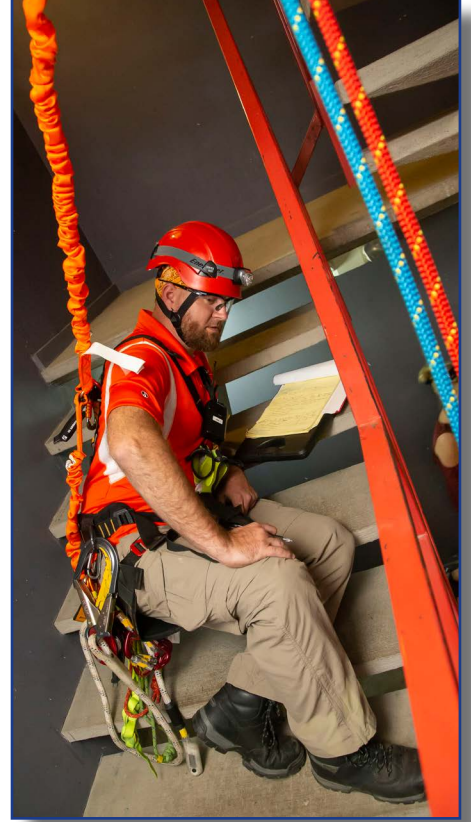
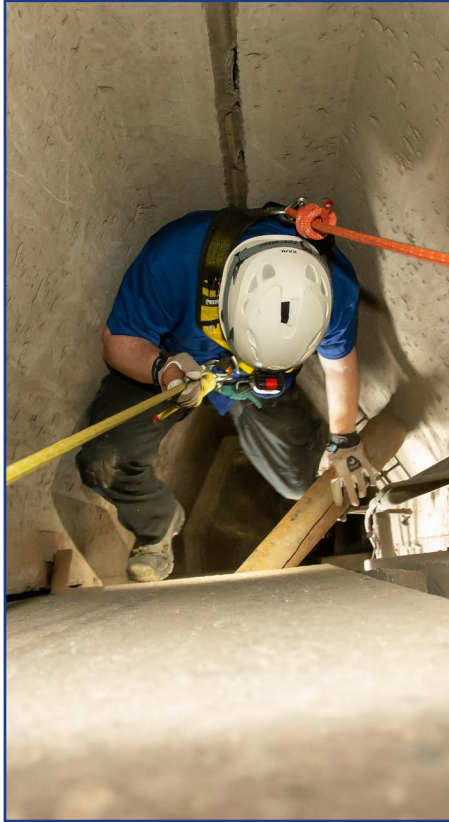
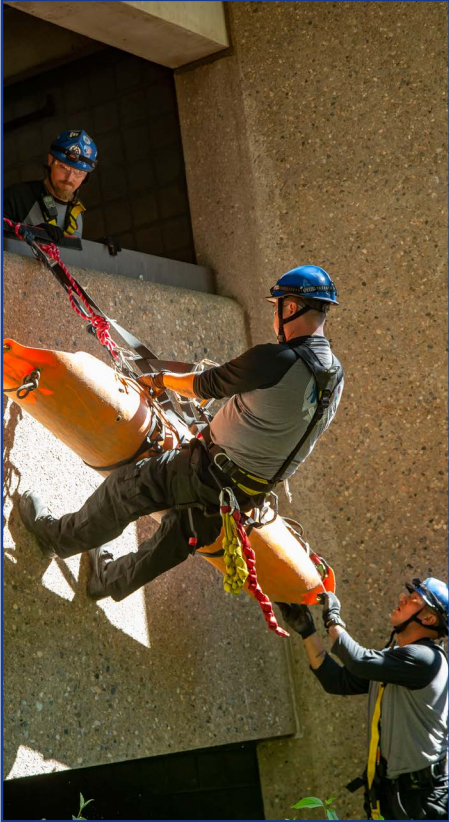


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Mine Rescue in Action



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Congratulations Bruce Lindsay!

RMCMI congratulates **Bruce Lindsay** upon his retirement from Bowie Resources in September, 2018. Bruce is a longtime RMCMI member, joining the organization in 1991. He was President of the Board of Directors in 2015, after serving for many years on the board of directors and several committees.



Welcome Reception

*Sponsored by
Bowie Resource Partners, LLC*

The Welcome Reception kicked off the annual conference with entertainment by Andy Cyphert. The casual atmosphere provided an opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.



Technical Sessions

Sponsored by
**J.H. Fletcher, Nelson Brothers,
Northstar Strategies, LLC & Rhino Resource Partners**

The technical sessions provided an excellent slate of speakers with very informative presentations. A link to those 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 any questions about the material presented.



Current Activities of the DOE Office of Clean Coal and Carbon Management
*Joseph Giove III, Director of Coal Business Operations
Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*



RMCMI 2018 Safety Awards
*Corey Heaps, General Manager
Skyline Mine, Bowie Resource Partners*



Updates from the Office of Land & Mineral Management,
*Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary
of Land and Minerals Management,
U.S. Department of Interior*



Waters of the US Implications on the Mining Industry
*Rusty Ashcraft, Partner,
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**Free Markets and Free People:
How We Can Win Over the Next
Generation Around the Ideas of Free
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Charlie Kirk, Turning Point USA



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PRB Exports Outlook
*Colin Marshall, President, CEO, COO,
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**Colowyo Mine Operations Overview:
Collom Mine Expansion Update**
*Doug White, Mine Services Manager
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**The Need for Transparency in
Electricity Markets**
Michael J. Nasi, Jackson Walker, LLP



**Coal to Products...A Carbon Valley
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*Randall W. Atkins, Chairman & CEO
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Low-Emissions Coal Technologies
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**Coal and Coal Mine Wastes,
a Resource for Rare Earths?**
Tom Gray, Tetra Tech

Safety Awards

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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 worked 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

Bull Mountains Mine No 1
Signal Peak Energy LLC



Small Underground Mine

Dugout Canyon Mine
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Small Surface Mine

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2018 Contractor Safety Award

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36th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

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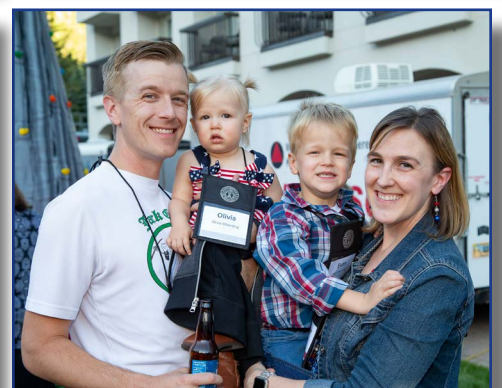
Eight scholars joined us this year for the annual scholarship luncheon: **Kayleigh Alme**, **Bradford Clark**, **John Durica**, **Hunter Fowles**, **Camden Fraser**, **Lukas Masseth**, **CJ Spencer** and **Chris VanPelt**. **Jocelyn Clark** accepted the award for **Bradford Clark**, who was unable to attend the luncheon. We sincerely appreciate **Bob Burnham** and **Jill Nelson** for their efforts in interviewing and selecting the award winners. The proceeds from the patrons donations and silent/live auctions help to fund the annual scholarships and the expense paid trip for each student to the conference. Thank you all for making a difference in these student's lives! We have past scholars who are in prominent positions in mining companies, and even serve on the Board of Directors for RMCMI.



Monday Night BBQ

Sponsored by
Cloud Peak Energy and Komatsu Mining Corp

Everyone looks forward to the Monday night party! It's a great time for attendees and families to get together for fun and laughter. With children's activities, a photo booth, food and drink – a good time was had by all!



Auctions a Huge Success!

A big thank you to all who donated and purchased items from our silent and live auctions. We raised close to \$58,000! 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. We had more scholars be able to attend this year than we have had in a while.

Mike Nasi served again as a lively auctioneer, who kept the crowd energized and helped increase the bids. We appreciate his efforts!

Live Auction

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Randy Eminger, Energy Policy Network
Tri-State GT
Mill Man Steel

Silent Auction Winners

Summer Belden
Mike Burke
Emma Curley
Jocelyn Clark
Terry Davis
Tim Fagley
Ernie Flippo
Kelly Hardy
Dustin Jackson
Randy Johnson

Don Kollekowski
Erin Mager
Kendall Mager
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Golf Tournament – Sunday, June 26, 2018 – Eagle Vail Golf Course

*Sponsored by
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65 players enjoyed a beautiful day at Eagle Vail Golf Course. We sincerely thank Phillips 66 and all of the hole and prize sponsors listed below.

1ST PLACE (not pictured):

**Bob Kulina
Matt Guptill
Ken Damon
Mitch Knapton**

2ND PLACE (not pictured):

**Jeremy Bowles
Jared Rose
Andy Leslie sub**

3RD PLACE:

**Frank Pagura
Tim Nice
Gilbert Speelman
Johnny Rainey**

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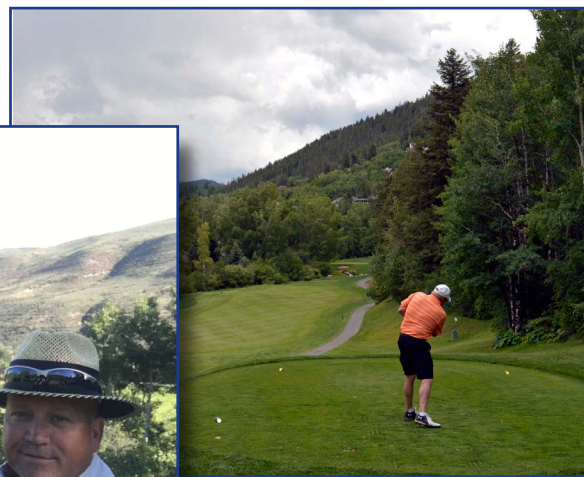
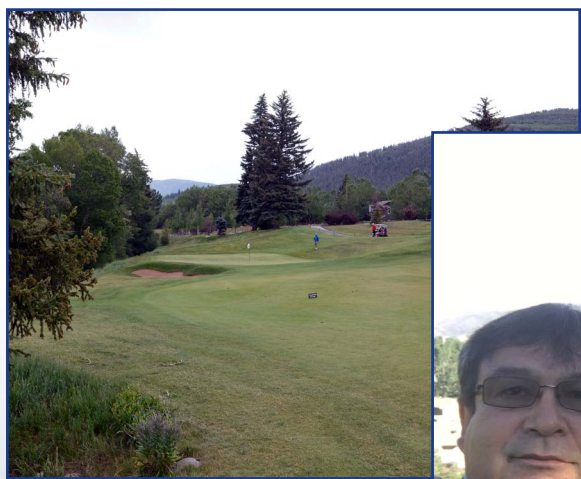
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Passing the Gavel

We sincerely appreciate the years of service **Ron Destefano** has provided to the RMCMI Board of Directors, and welcome him into the Advisory Board.

Ron has passed the gavel to **Wendy Hutchinson**, RMCMI 2018-2019 President. Wendy is the Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Millennium Bulk Terminals, an operating bulk materials port on the Columbia River in Washington. We look forward to her leadership in the upcoming 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 114th Annual Meeting and Conference in Vail 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 \$858,000 to 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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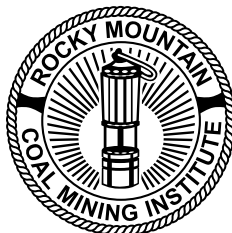
Navajo Transitional Energy Company
Farmington, NM



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