President’s Message
Greetings Everyone!
I hope the summer has treated you all well in your personal and professional life. For those that were unable to make the summer meeting, we had a great range of speakers. Our key note was Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon. He stayed the better part of Monday at the conference, so there was plenty of face time with him and his staff. Governor Gordon is a great supporter of the coal industry. As a result of the conference, he requested a Department of Energy study to be conducted in Wyoming to assess the carbon capture potential of some coal generating units. Rocky Mountain Power is currently finalizing their most recent Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and some of the scenarios call for early closures of coal units. Several of these units are sited near an existing CO2 pipeline with capacity and could provide significant sources of CO2 for oil producers searching for additional supplies. A DOE study on this will be critical to the quality of that conversation.

A special shout out goes to Komatsu, ESCO and Wagner Equipment for donating services into our live auction. More details and the purchaser information are included in this newsletter. Our patron chairman, Clark Mosely, informed me that this was our best one-night total event for this fundraising! Clark certainly deserves great credit for his firearm donation, also included in this newsletter.

I also want to wish Scott Sturm well on his Presidency for next year. He will provide great leadership for the organization! And of course – Judy and Chelsey and Trent make everything work for all of the attendees and speakers. The rest of us just show up and enjoy their hard work!

Letter from the Executive Director
What crazy weather events at our conference in Vail! We had pouring rain, snow, sleet and beautiful sunshine. Thank you all for being patient with our location moves due to the weather. We were blessed with a sunny beautiful evening for our event on Monday night.

While it cooled off quickly, we enjoyed the beautiful outdoors with great food, great entertainment and a lively auction!

About 50 golfers braved the Sunday morning snow to play golf at Eagle Vail course. We were only delayed about ½ an hour, and after the first three holes the sun decided to come out and it was a beautiful day.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation for those who donated and purchased auction items. Our silent auction is always a fun event, and we are so grateful for those who donate and those who get great deals! The live auction surpassed anything we have done before, please look at the page in this newsletter for details, and to the participants – THANK YOU!! The support we receive during trying times is so important and impressive.

I want to thank Wendy Hutchinson, and the rest of the board for their efforts and look forward to working with Scott Sturm and new board members for this upcoming year. RMCMI Strong!
Eight teams participated in this year’s evaluation, along with a few observers from El Segundo in New Mexico. David and Cheryl Evans continue to do an excellent job of coordinating this event. We also thank the following evaluators: Danny Graham, Todd Olmstead, Robert Paslay, Charles Pankonien, Gerald Polocca, Willis Proctor 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.

This year’s evaluators include: Kevin Ray, Charles Pankonien, Willis Proctor, Todd Olmstead, Danny Graham, Robert Paslay, Gerald Polacca (not pictured).
2019 Mine Rescue Teams

Falkirk Mining Company
Kemmerer Mine
North American Coal - Bisti Fuels
North American Coal - Sabine Mine
Solvay Chemicals, Inc.
Westmoreland Absaloka Mining LLC
Westmoreland Rosebud Mining LLC
Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC
The snow was coming straight down early on Sunday morning in Vail! About 50 hearty souls braved the weather to play at Eagle Vail Golf Club. We were delayed about 30 minutes, and after the first three holes, the weather broke and it turned out to be a decent day.

1st Place:  
Frank Pagura  
Gilbert Speelman  
Tim Nice  
Tim VanWyngarden

2nd Place:  
Michael Morriss  
John Miller  
Jeremy Bowles  
Jared Rhea

3rd Place:  
Bruce Lindsay  
Kyle Lindsay  
Jeff McGovern  
Doug White

Longest drive:  
Kyle Lindsay

Thank you to those who donated prizes:  
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The annual conference began with a Welcome Reception, and entertainment by Andy Cyphert. This reception provides a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.
The technical sessions provided some of the best speakers we have had, and provided up to date information about the industry. A link to those presentations was sent to all attendees and will be on the website in the member area. Please contact the office if you have any questions about the material presented.
RMCMI congratulates the winners of the annual safety awards. 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.
Six scholars joined us this year for the 37th annual scholarship luncheon: Carlha Barreto, Naudia Davis, Brady Thompson, Travis Brammer, Gates Campbell and Jarom Gleed. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of Clark Moseley, Patron Chairman, as he thanked the patrons for the donations that helped provide the scholarships to our deserving students, and challenged the group to be part of the patron program. Bob Burnham and Morgan Malkowski, Scholarship Co-Chairs, were instrumental in reviewing the applications, interviewing the students and selecting the winners. A big thank you to Clark, Bob & Morgan! The students enjoy an expense paid trip to the conference due to the generosity of our patrons, in addition to their two year scholarship.

We also extend our gratitude to the sponsors, including Elk Ridge Mining & Reclamation, Rimpull Corporation, Trapper Mining Inc. and Peabody Energy.
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 receive a free trip to the 115th 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 $892,000 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)**
- J.C. Butler
- Tom & Pam Durham
- Russell Hardy
- LaVern Lund
- Joe & Jenni Micheletti
- Clark & Mary Jo Moseley
- Murray Energy
- North American Coal-
  Matching Gifts
- Rimpull Corporation
- Stewart Lubricants
- Wagner Equipment
- Rick Ziegler

**Sub-Bituminous ($250-$499)**
- Rich & Janie Bate
- Curt & Lona Belden
- Summer Belden
- Bob & Kathy Burnham
- Jeffrey Kukura
- Bruce & Dee Lindsay
- Tom & Mary Olive Lien
- Jim & Janiene Mattern
- Kim & Judith McCarter
- Ken & Kathy Miller
- Chris & Jesse McCourt
- Mega Corp
- Pete & Carole Nielsen
- Peabody Energy (United Way)

**Anthracite ($750-$999)**
- Gary & Linda Skaggs

**Bituminous ($500-$749)**
- John Boyd II
- Denise Dragoo
- Mike & Stephanie Moehnke
- Rick Parkins
- Ed & Barbara Pettigrew
- Gordon Shinkle
- Bill Taylor

**Lignite Level ($10-$249)**
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- Judy Colgan
- Colowyo Coal Company
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- Dale Howell
- Ta & Tu Li
- Marc Rademacher
- Tram Electric
In Memoriam

RMCMI is saddened to announce the passing of Dave Wolach (1951-2019). Dave was President of the Board of Directors in 2002, and was awarded the Life Member in 2011. He was a great friend to the Institute and to many of its members. Part of his obituary is below, you can read the full obituary in the Salt Lake City Deseret News 8/20/19.

#foreverputtingforbirdie

The nicest man in the world passed away suddenly in St. Cloud, Minnesota on August 10, 2019. He did it his way, doing what he loved best: playing golf with his wife, Sarah, and wonderful friends. While lining up a birdie putt on the 10th green, Dave suffered a massive stroke. He soon lost consciousness, fell into a coma, and passed away within 48 hours. After a great career with Savage Services, Dave retired but did not slow down. Dave and Sarah had been “living the dream” in retirement: playing golf, traveling the world, supporting the Buffs and Broncos, and giving back in various ways.

life Member Award

The Institute was pleased to present Bruce Lindsay the Life Member Award for 2019. Bruce joined RMCMI in 1991 and served on several committees and the Board of Directors, becoming President of the Board in 2015. The conference that year was held in Snowmass, Colorado. Bruce began attending the RMCMI with his parents while living in New Mexico, when the meetings were held at Glenwood Springs and Estes Park. The RMCMI has been a part of his life for a very long time as his grand uncle, Claud Heiner, was one-time RMCMI president.

Bruce began his career as a Safety Engineer/Industrial Hygienist at Southern Utah Fuel Co. (SUFCO) where he worked from December, 1976 - September, 2018. He served as Safety Manager, Employee Services Manager, HR Manager for Canyon Fuel Company, and Mountain Coal Company. He became VP of HR for Bowie Resources. He retired after almost 42 years.

Bruce is married to Denise and they have two children, Kyle and Krysta, and three grandchildren. The Lindsay’s recently purchased a second home in Washington, UT (near St. George) where they will spend colder months. He plays golf once in a while – it’s easier to get tee times now that day and time of day isn’t so critical.

We sincerely appreciate the years of service Bruce has given to RMCMI and we are proud to welcome him as a Life Member.
Monday Night BBQ

Sponsored by

Cloud Peak Energy

The weather cleared enough for us to enjoy being outdoors for our Monday night event. Party Rock Project entertained the group, and we enjoyed food, drink and fellowship in the beautiful mountain setting.
Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund a Huge Success!

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Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC)

Thank you to all who donated and purchased items from our silent and live auctions. We raised close to $80,000! A huge thank you to Komatsu, ESCO and Wagner Cat for going above and beyond. The live auction was spirited and fun, and we sincerely appreciate our generous donors and those who purchased the items. Mike Nasi served again as auctioneer, and kept the crowd energized. We sincerely appreciate his efforts.

Live Auction Donors

Dwight Kinnes- Silverthorne Condo
Clark Moseley- Benelli Ethos Semi-Auto Shotgun
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ESCO- $10,000 Parts or Services
Komatsu- $10,000 Parts or Services
Komatsu- $10,000 Parts or Services
Komatsu- $10,000 Parts or Services
Wagner Cat- $10,000 Parts/Services
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Live Auction Winners

Troy Sheldon
Randy Payne
Clark Moseley, NTEC
Scott Sturm, Westmoreland Mining LLC
Jeffrey Kukura, Westmoreland Mining LLC
Clark Moseley, NTEC
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Tim VanWyngarden
Tri-State GT

Silent Auction Winners

Aly Buxcel
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Emma Curley
Ken Damon
Gerey Dillinger
David Evans
Howard Grant
Kelly Hardy
David Hughes
Bobby Ingram
Randy Johnson
Wendell Koontz
Jeffrey Kukura
Vern Lund
Glen Megehee
Mary Jo Moseley
Dave Moss
Robbie Nieman
Richard Orf
Jason Peterson
Seth Puls
D. Simonson
Scott Sturm
Bill Taylor
Deborah Waller
Rex Waller
Doug White
RMCM held its first ever raffle for a Weatherby Vanguard Sporter 7 MM Magnum Bolt Action rifle. It was a huge success! A big thank you to Wendell Koontz for securing the rifle and taking care of the transfer. To all who sold tickets, thank you. Trent and Chelsey worked the crowd at the Monday night event and we sold over 300 tickets total! The winner was Rod Crowe.

In addition, Clark Moseley donated a Benelli Ethos Semi-Auto Shotgun to the live auction. Clark has wanted to do this for years, and was quite pleased to be able to donate the shotgun this year. Randy Payne, ASFE, was the lucky auction winner. Thank you so much to both!

Thank You to RMCM Conference Staff!

These three people are instrumental to the success of the conference! Chelsey Voglewede, Trent Colgan and Richard Orf have been RMCM conference staff for the past nine years. The continuity helps to make things run smoothly on site. Chelsey and Trent recruited a little help from Chelsey’s kiddos for the rifle raffle!
Passing the Gavel

We extend our sincere thanks for Wendy Hutchinson for the years of service to the RMCMI Board of Directors, and welcome her into the Advisory Board.

Wendy has passed the gavel to Scott Sturm, RMCMI 2019-2020 President. Scott is the Senior Vice President of Operations for Westmoreland Mining LLC, based in Englewood, Colorado. Scott was also a previous RMCMI scholarship recipient in 1991. We look forward to his leadership in the upcoming year.

New Members

Ned Begay
Bisti Fuels Company
Farmington, NM

Lawrence Henchel
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
Salt Lake City, UT

Dragan Bogunovic
Fruitland, NM

Dale Howell
The Mining Record
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Chris Cahal
Wagner Equipment Co
Aurora, CO

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North American Coal - Bisti Fuels
Fruitland, NM

Maurice Compton
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Becky Edwards
Wolverine Fuels, LLC
Centerfield, UT

Steve Kirk
North American Coal
Plano, TX

TJ Eekhoff
Komatsu Equipment Company
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Martin Messmer
US Department of Interior
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Tri-Hydro
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Salt Lake City, UT

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