

# RMCMI Reporter

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2019 Post Conference Newsletter



**President**  
**Wendy Hutchinson**  
*Lighthouse Resources*

## 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!



**RMCMI**  
**Executive Director**  
**Judy Colgan**

## 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!



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# Mine Rescue

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*Westmoreland Mining LLC, North American Coal,*

*Bisti Fuels, R Construction*

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 Polacca, 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.



David & Cheryl Evans



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**



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# Golf Tournament

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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:**  
ACZ Labs, All State Fire Equipment, Dick Bailey, Bisti Fuels-NAC, Dyno Nobel, Liebherr, McLanahan, Nelson Brothers, Sabine Mining, and SWCA Environmental.





# RMCMI

## Golf Tournament

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## Welcome Reception

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.



## Technical Sessions

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*CDG Engineers, J.H. Fletcher & Company, Nelson Brothers, North Star Strategies, LLC*

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.



**Governor Mark Gordon**  
State of Wyoming



**Michael J Nasi**  
Partner,  
Jackson Walker, LLP  
*"Market and Regulatory  
Updates"*



**The Honorable Lou Hrkman**  
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of Clean Coal and Carbon  
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*"Directional Drilling and Mining"*



## 2019 Safety Awards

*Sponsored by  
Liebherr USA, Mountain Coal Company, LLC - West Elk Mine*

RMCMCI 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 RMCMCI Safety Chairman, **Corey Heaps**, for collecting and evaluating the data.



### **Large Underground Mine**

*Mountain Coal Company, LLC - West Elk Mine*



### **Small Underground Mine**

*Dugout Canyon Mine, Canyon Fuel Company -  
Wolverine Fuels*



### **Large Operator Surface Mine**

*Luminant Kosse Mine*



### **Small Operator Surface Mine**

*Coyote Creek Mine*



### **2019 Contractor Safety Award**

*Benchmark Industrial Services, Inc.*



## Scholarship Luncheon

*Sponsored by  
Elk Ridge Mining & Reclamation, Rimpull Corporation,  
Trapper Mining Inc., and Peabody Energy*

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 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 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  
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Wagner Equipment  
Rick Ziegler

### **Anthracite (\$750-\$999)**

Gary & Linda Skaggs

### **Bituminous (\$500-\$749)**

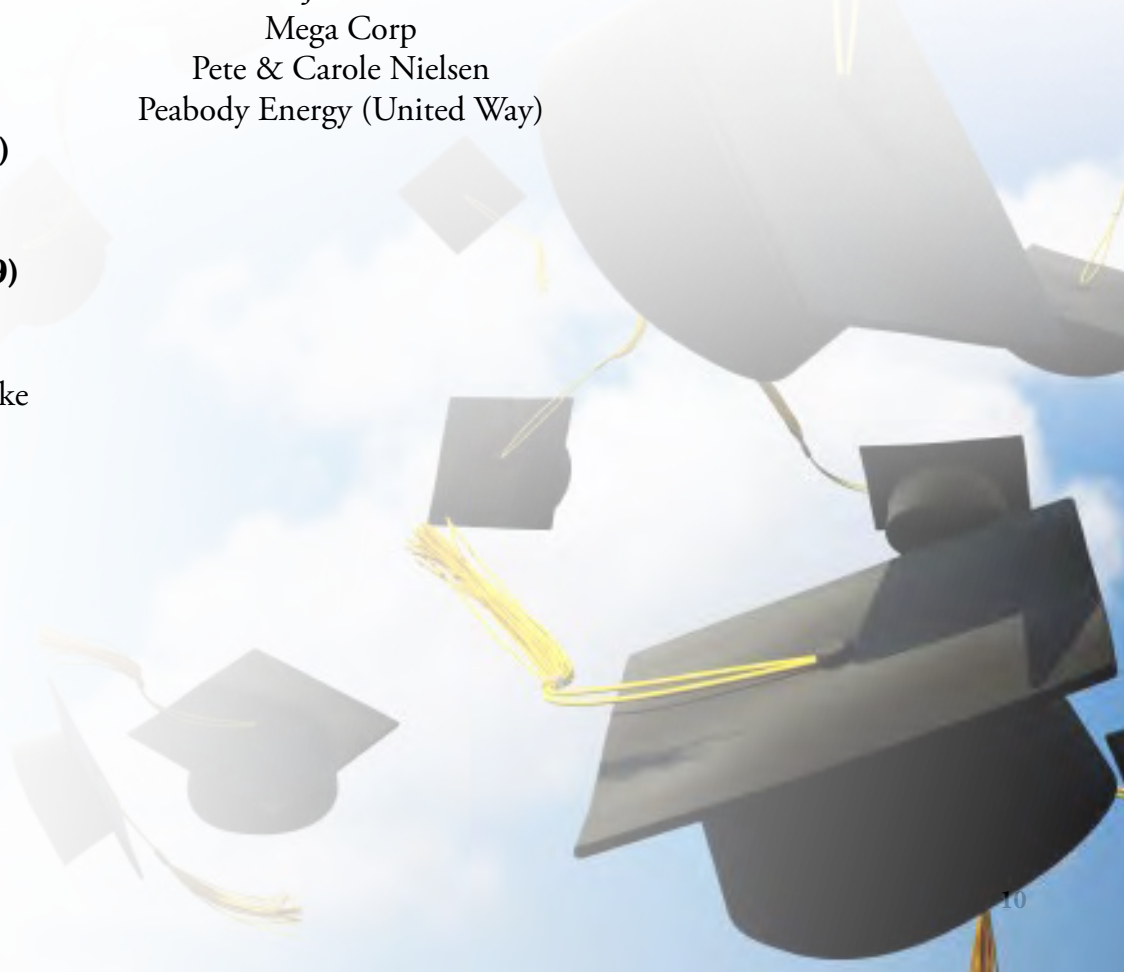
John Boyd II  
Denise Dragoo  
Mike & Stephanie Moehnke  
Rick Parkins  
Ed & Barbara Pettigrew  
Gordon Shinkle  
Bill Taylor

### **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  
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Pete & Carole Nielsen  
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### **Lignite Level (\$10-\$249)**

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Jon & Beth Coen  
Judy Colgan  
Colowyo Coal Company  
Al & Sally Czarnowsky  
Draglines Worldwide  
Dean & Jayne Honey  
Dale Howell  
Ta & Tu Li  
Marc Rademacher  
Tram Electric





## 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.



## 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.





# 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!

*Sponsored by  
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  
ESCO- \$10,000 Parts or Services  
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Komatsu- \$10,000 Parts or Services  
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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  
Scott Sturm, Westmoreland Mining LLC  
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## Silent Auction Donors

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Travis Deti	Randy Johnson	Ta & Tu Li
Gerey Dillinger	Jackson Kelly	Bill Taylor
Empire Cat	Wendell Koontz	Tim VanWyngarden
EPN	McLanahan	Tri-State GT
Mike Glen	Denna Miller	

## Silent Auction Winners

Aly Buxcel	Bobby Ingram	Jason Peterson
Jeff Cook	Randy Johnson	Seth Puls
Emma Curley	Wendell Koontz	D. Simonson
Ken Damon	Jeffrey Kukura	Scott Sturm
Gerey Dillinger	Vern Lund	Bill Taylor
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	Richard Orf	



## Gun Raffle

### COAL GUNS FREEDOM

RMCMCI 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 RMCMCI Conference Staff!

These three people are instrumental to the success of the conference! **Chelsey Voglewede**, **Trent Colgan** and **Richard Orf** have been RMCMCI 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

### **Dragan Bogunovic**

Fruitland, NM

### **Chris Cahal**

Wagner Equipment Co  
Aurora, CO

### **Maurice Compton**

Student  
San Antonio, TX

### **Becky Edwards**

Wolverine Fuels, LLC  
Centerfield, UT

### **TJ Eekhoff**

Komatsu Equipment Company  
Gillette, WY

### **Loren Eldridge-Looker**

Tri-Hydro  
Golden, CO

### **John Gefferth**

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### **William Halley**

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North American Coal - Bisti Fuels  
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### **Rick Kallenborn**

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NACoal- Sabine Mine  
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### **Tom Pekarik**

Certified Labs  
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### **Alex Ponomarew**

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### **Mark Rose**

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### **Meri Sandlin**

Western Fuels Association, Inc.  
Westminster, CO

### **Dustin Sersland**

NTEC  
Farmington, NM

### **Brian Somers**

Utah Mining Association  
Salt Lake City, UT

### **Danielle Todacheene**

NTEC  
Waterflow, NM

### **John Ward**

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Salt Lake City, UT

### **Josh Yager**

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Farmington, NM

### **Gavin Yuill**

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