The 45th Annual West Virginia Mine Symposium presented by the West Virginia Coal Association was held at the Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV on January 30 – 31, 2018. There were 388 attendees. The meeting comprised four Technical Sessions which were well-attended as well as the traditional Mountaineer Guardian Safety Awards Luncheon and Annual Reclamation Awards Luncheon. The program appears below.

Tuesday, January 30

**Welcome/Introduction**
Bill Raney, President WVCA

**State of the State -- 2018**
James C. Justice, Governor WV

**WV’s Metallurgical Coal & The Global Marketplace**
Deck Slone, Sr. VP Strategy & Public Policy Arch Coal

**Shelley Moore Capito, U.S. Senator (video)**
Joe Manchin, U.S. Senator (video)

**Break** sponsored by Steptoe & Johnson

**Fighting the Fight**
Patrick Morrisey, WV Attorney General

**National Mine Health & Safety Enforcement Programs**
Dave Zatezalo, Assistant Secretary --- MSHA
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Mountaineer Guardian Safety Awards Luncheon sponsored by Jackson Kelly
Awards Presentation: Greg Norman, Director, and Eugene White, Deputy Director, WV Office of Miners' Health, Safety & Training

West Virginia Legislature Today
Mitch Carmichael, Senate President
Tim Armstead, Speaker of the House

West Virginia’s Financial Picture
Dave Hardy, WV Secretary Tax & Revenue

Harassment in the Workplace 2018
David Morrison, Steptoe & Johnson

Break sponsored by Steptoe & Johnson

Mine Safety Legal Issues
Chris Pence & Eric Silkwood
Hardy & Pence

Politics vs Reality -- Which Factors Will Likely Drive MSHA’s Enforcement Narrative in 2018
Kelby Gray
Dinsmore & Shohl

Coal Legislative Leaders
Senator Randy Smith
Delegate Rupie Phillips

Legislative Reception sponsored by Austin Powder & Greer Lime Company

Wednesday, January 31

Registration

Breakfast sponsored by Walker Machinery and Dinsmore & Shohl

Welcome & Introductions
Chris Hamilton, Senior Vice President WVCA

Congressional Coal & Energy Update
David McKinley, Congressman (Video)
Chairman, Congressional Coal Caucus

National Energy Challenges and Coal’s Role
Doug Matheney, Special Advisor to the Secretary Office of Fossil Energy

Break sponsored by Appalachian Power & FirstEnergy

Washington Climate Change
Evan Jenkins, U.S. Congressman
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WV Mining & Reclamation Q & A and Roundtable
Harold Ward
Lewis Halstead
John Vernon
Jeff Parsons
Dustin Johnson

Annual Reclamation Awards Luncheon sponsored by Babst Calland
Speaker: Austin Caperton, Secretary WV DEP
Awards Presentation: Harold Ward, Director, DMR WV Department of Environmental Protection

SMCRA Primacy Update
Christopher Power, Babst Calland

WV Coal in the World Energy Market
Matt Warder, Energy Price Bulletin

Mine Safety Update
Mark Heath, Spilman, Thomas & Battle

Break sponsored by Appalachian Power Co. & FirstEnergy

Environmental Litigation Update
Robert G. McClusky, Jackson Kelly

Military Training & Post-Mining Land Use
Col. Joe Peal (Ret.), WV National Guard

Federal Tax Update
Bob Kiss, Bowles Rice

Closing Remarks

At the Wednesday morning Technical Session there was a roundtable question and answer discussion by members of WV Mining & Reclamation.
There were a large number of attendees from Arch Coal, who were collecting a number of awards, and they had their photos taken by CoalZoom. In addition, there were some 28 mining engineering students present from WVU and they had their photos taken with Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia.

The 2017 Mountaineer Guardian Awards were won by:
Eustace E. Frederick Milestones of Safety - ACI Tygart Valley, Leer Mine.
Special Recognition - Tunnel Ridge, LLC., Tunnel Ridge Preparation Plant

The 2017 Reclamation Awards were won by:
Greenlands Award - Southeastern Land LLC., Twin Branch Surface Mine.
Good Neighbor Award - ICG Tygart Valley LLC., Leer Mine Complex.
National Wild Turkey Federation - Coal-Mac, LLC., Phoenix #5 Surface Mine.
Ducks Unlimited - American Bituminous Power Partners, Barrackville Surface Mine.
There were 17 exhibitors showing their products and services. They were set-up in the eating area to maximize traffic and let as many people as possible visit their booths. All audio visual production was carried out by VMI Productions.

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Leer Mine Complex

National Wild Turkey Federation - Coal-Mac, LLC.
Phoenix #5 Surface Mine

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Mark Jenkins, NEXANS