

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

- 9:00-9:05**      **Welcome & Introductions**  
Chris Hamilton, President, WVCA  
Jason Bostic, Vice-President, WVCA
- 9:05 – 9:30**      **Opening Remarks**  
Michael Day, Chairman, WVCA
- 9:30 – 10:00**      **Outlook for the Appalachian Coal Industry**  
Jimmy Brock, CEO, Consol Energy
- 10:00 – 10:30**      **Central APP Challenges and Opportunities**  
Charlie Bearse III, COO, Blackhawk Mining
- 10:30 – 11:00**      **US Electric Grid & Reliable Electricity**  
Michelle Bloodworth, President/CEO, America's Power
- 11:00 – 11:30**      **World Energy Markets and West Virginia**  
Ernie L. Thrasher, CEO, XCoal Energy & Resources
- 11:30 – Noon**      **National Coal Priorities**  
Emily Arthun, CEO, American Coal Council
- Noon – 2:00**      **Mountaineer Guardian Award Luncheon Presentation**  
Jim Justice, Governor of WV  
Frank Foster, Director, Office of Miners' Health, Safety & Training
- 2:00 – 2:30**      **WV's Legal Challenges**  
Patrick Morrissey, Attorney General, State of WV
- 2:30 – 3:00**      **WVU's Mining & Engineering Programs**  
General, James A. Hoyer, WVU, VP of Economic Innovation
- 3:00 – 3:15**      **"Current Status and Activities of WVU Mining Extension"**  
Josh Brady, Director, WVU Mining & Industrial Extension
- 3:15 – 3:30**      **"Experiences on Moving from Industry to Academia/ Research"**  
Amy McBrayer, Professor, WVU Mining Engineering Facility
- 3:30 – 4:00**      **"Friends of Coal" Update**  
Brian Osborne, Executive Vice-President, The Strategy Group  
Bryan Brown, President, Brown Communications  
Jamie Summers-Brown, President, Bricks Without Straw
- 4:00 – 4:30**      **EPA's Assault on Coal**  
Michael Nasi, Partner, Jackson Walker

- 5:30 – 6:30**      **Hall of Fame Reception**
- 6:30 – 8:30**      **WV Coal Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony**

**2024 WV COAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:**

**WALT SCHELLER**

Chief Executive Officer, Warrior Met Coal

**NICK CARTER**

Retired President/CEO, Natural Resource Partners

**DOUG CONAWAY**

Vice-President, Safety at Arch Resources

**TODD MOORE**

Vice-President, Safety at Consol Energy

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2024***

- 7:00 – 8:30**      **Continental Breakfast**  
Atrium outside of Technical Sessions
- 8:30 – 8:35**      **Welcome & Introductions**  
Gary Hartsog, President, West Virginia Coal Mining Institute
- 8:35 – 9:00**      **WV's Energy Strategy**  
Nick Preservati, Director, WV Public Energy Authority
- 9:00 – 9:30**      **WV Public Service Commission Actions**  
Charlotte Lane, Chair, WV Public Service Commission
- 9:30 – 10:15**      **MSHA's New Surface Mobile Equipment Final Rule**  
Patricia Silvey, Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Operations, MSHA
- 10:15 - 10:45**      **Environmental Legal Update**  
Robert McLusky, Council, Jackson Kelly, PLLC
- 10:45 – 11:15**      **Saving Coal in the Carolinas**  
Randy Eminger, Executive Director, Energy Policy Network

- 11:15 – Noon**      **Panel Discussion – WV Legislation Today**  
Senator, Michael Stuart, Vice-Chair, WV Senate Transportation & Infrastructure  
Senator, Randy Smith, Chairman, WV Senate EIM  
Senator, Rupie Phillips, WV Senate Finance  
Delegate, Daniel Linville, Chair, Technology & Infrastructure
- Noon – 1:30**      **Environmental Excellence Awards Luncheon**  
Harold Ward, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
- 1:30 – 2:00**      **OSM Regional Initiatives**  
Mike Castle, Director, WV Field Office OSM
- 2:00 – 2:30**      **WV DEP Update**  
Jonathan Rorrer, Director, WV Division of Mining & Reclamation
- 2:30 – 3:00**      **“Three Fork Creek Crossing” Mining under streams with very low cover.**  
Kermitt Melvin, Manager of Engineering, Arch Leer Mine
- 3:00 – 3:30**      **“NIOSH – Mining Health & Safety Research Overview”**  
Steve Sawyer, Director, NIOSH Mine Research
- 3:30 – 4:00**      **“Safety and Cost Efficiencies Associated with the Sealing of Completed Longwall Districts”**  
Kevin Rakes, Director of Engineering, ACNR
- 4:00 – 4:30**      **“Climate Change” is doubtful. “Green Energy” brings more climate change.**  
Bo (Larry) Lan, Ph.D., WVU Assistant Professor of Supply Chain Management
- 4:30 PM**      **Concluding Remarks**