

Longwall USA Exhibition & Conference 2015

The 2015 edition of Longwall USA Exhibition & Conference was held June 16-18, 2015 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Longwall USA is presented by Mining Media International, *Coal Age*, *Engineering and Mining Journal (E&M)*, *Equipo Minero*, and *The Asia Miner*.

This year, Longwall USA took place against a background of an embattled coal industry, but the show did include 29 new companies to make up the total of 128 exhibitors. There are now 44 longwall installations at 42 coal mines in this country producing 207 million tons of coal per annum. While surface mining and continuous mining productivity is declining, longwall mining productivity is continuing to increase providing a lower cost per ton and greater safety.

The conference included five sessions comprising: Health and Safety; Update on Policy and Technology; Longwall Operations, Design and Management; Panel Discussion: Where We Are, and Where We Go from Here? and Removing Production Impediments. John Murphy, Research Professor, University of Pittsburgh, is Chairman of the Longwall USA Committee, which comprises sixteen prominent members of the coal industry. Longwall USA draws attendees from most coal-producing states, as well as from Australia, China, Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland, Russia, and South Africa.

A major feature of the conference is the Keynote Luncheon. This year, it featured Hal Quinn, President and CEO, National Mining Association (NMA), who spoke on ***The Changing Political Landscape in Washington and its Impact on U.S. Coal***. Quinn discussed the impact for U.S. coal operators on the political tide, as well as NMA's efforts to fight federal regulatory over-reach. The complete text of his speech can be found [here](#).



Welcome to Longwall USA



Dick Stahura, Sr. with the Martin Team



Lauren Bilohlavek, CWW Conveyor Systems



Syd Peng and Mike Shook



Dennis Richards and Perry Huggins, Jenmar



Ronnie Holbrook and the ESCO Team



Brian Jones, Matrix



Steve Mercer, RM Wilson Co.



Phoenix



Dan Almond



David Lantz, GMS and Pioneer Conveyor



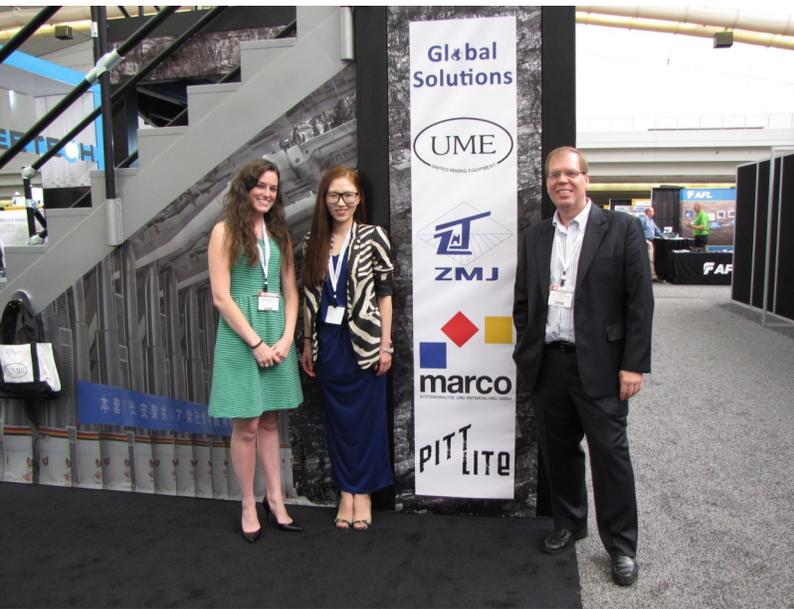
Calvin Kidd with Quaker Team



Jeanine Rainone, PCA



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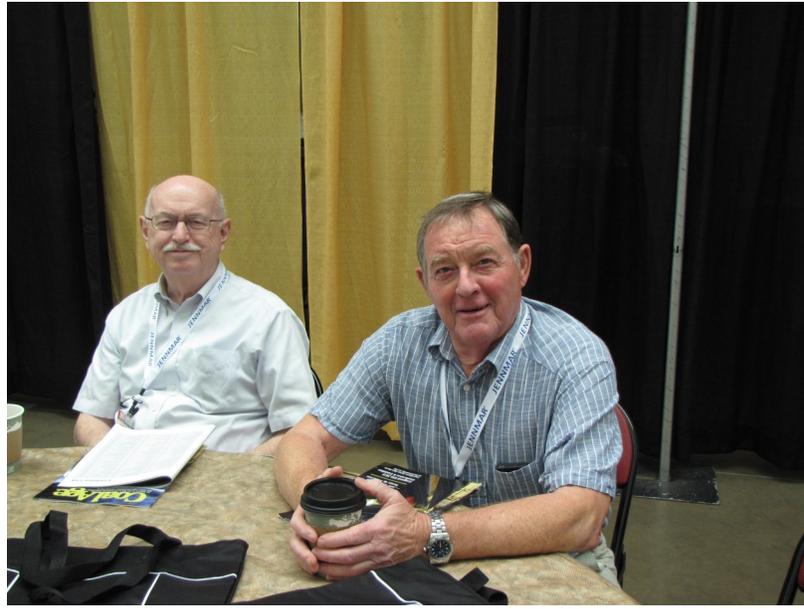
Don Simms, UME



Joy Global



George Schuller, Peabody Energy Australia



Alan Peacock and Ken Dunn