The 72nd Annual off-the-Record Meeting of the Pittsburgh Section, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc. (SME) and 131st Annual Meeting of the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America (PCMIA) was held October 19-20, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA. For the first time, the meeting was held in collaboration with the Central Appalachian Section of SME.

The attendance on Thursday included registration of 240 professionals and 40 students. Friday’s registration was 220 professionals and 6 students. As usual, an interesting and varied program was arranged over two days.

The Chairperson of SME Pittsburgh Sections is Edward F. Zeglen, Jr. The President of the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America is Richard A. Wagner. Michael Shook is the Chairperson of the Joint Meeting Organizing Committee.

Some two dozen manufacturers exhibited their products and services at the meeting. Meeting arrangements were made as always by Mary E. DelRosso and AV arrangements were by Lorrie Barton and Candace Wolf of NIOSH.