



PCMIA/SME Pittsburgh Section Annual Joint Meeting 2015

Day 2

The SME Business Meeting took place with Heather Trexler, TetraTech, and Chairperson, SME Pittsburgh Section presiding. This was followed by the Opening Session and remarks by Heather M. Dougherty, PE, NIOSH, and PCMIA President. The Keynote Address, ***State of the Industry and Federal Regulations***, was presented by John Pippy, CEO, Pennsylvania Coal Alliance.

The SME Pittsburgh Section Awards Presentation followed carried out by Heather Trexler. The SME Pittsburgh Section Distinguished Member Award was presented to Edward F. Zeglen, Jr., PE. A second SME Pittsburgh Section Distinguished Member Award was presented to Brian Shaffer, PG.

The John T. Boyd Memorial Young Engineer Award was won by Nikky LaBranche, MBA, PMP, PE, RPEQ, who could not be present.

The George V. Weisdack Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to Zachary Saylor, West Virginia University.

SME Pittsburgh Section Student Grant Awards were won by Katie Hutton, the Pennsylvania State University, and Laura Nugent, West Virginia University. Nugent's award was accepted by Yi Luo.

A Fifty-Year SME Member Recognition was presented to George Desko. A Twenty-Five-Year SME Member Recognition was presented to George Watson. A number of Chairpersons Appreciation Awards were also presented.

Session IV: Health of the Coal Industry followed with Session Chair Dr. Barbara J. Arnold, Prep-Tech, Inc. The first presentation was ***In Defense of the Coal Economy: Can We Count on Coal Again?*** by Bill Reid, Publisher and Managing Editor, CoalZoom.com. The second presentation was ***Mining Matters: A Legislative Perspective*** by Senator Camera Bartolotto, Pennsylvania's 46th District. The third presentation in the Session was ***The Future of Coal Mining...Where Do We Go From Here?*** Was given by Dr. George Luxbacher, Consultant.

The lunchtime Keynote Address entitled ***Aries: Science for Energy and Environment*** was presented by Dr. John R. Kraynon, Director of Environmental Programs, Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research.

Session V: Engineering Projects II then followed with Session Chair Rich Wagner, PA DEP. The first presentation was ***Mine Rescue Communications*** by John E. Urosek, Chief Mine Emergency Operations, MSHA. This was followed by ***Updates and Clarifications for Mine Seal Water Drainage Systems*** by Dr. Stephen G. Sawyer, Jr., Supervisory Engineer, and Eric J. Glisan, Civil Engineer, MSHA. This concluded the meeting.



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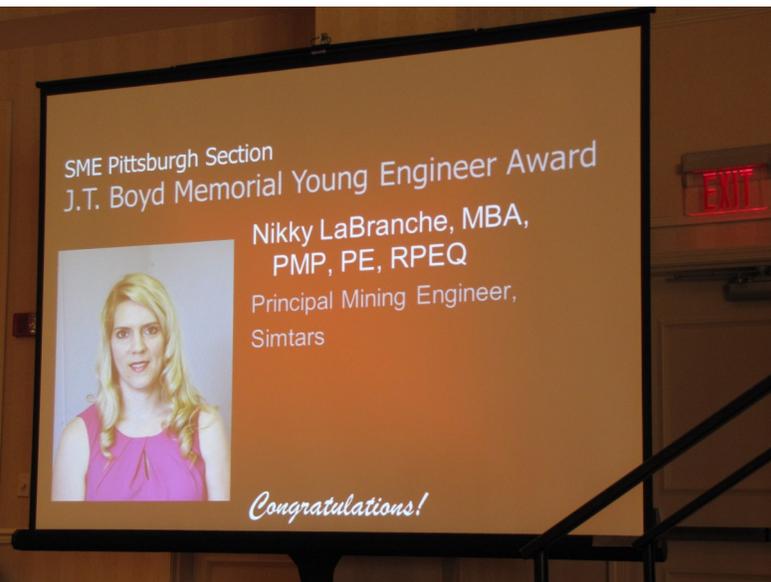
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Katie Hutton, Student Grant Award



Laura Nugent, Student Grant Award



George Desko with Heather Trexler



George Watson with Heather Trexler



SME Chairpersons Appreciation Awardees



Laura Nugent's Award Was Accepted by Yi Luo