The 70th Annual Off-the-Record Meeting of the Pittsburgh Section, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc., and 129th Annual Meeting of the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America was held October 22-23, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA.

Due to the state of the industry and the various challenges faced, the attendance was down a little. Thursday’s registration was 212 professional and 44 students. Friday’s registration was 184 professional and 8 students. An interesting and varied program was arranged over two days.

The Chairperson of SME Pittsburgh Section is Heather Trexler. The President of the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America is Heather Dougherty. Nicole Iannacchione is the Chairperson of the Joint Meeting Organizing Committee.

Some 20 manufacturers exhibited their products and services at the meeting. The meeting arrangements were made by Mary E. DelRosso and her daughter Diana. AV arrangements were by Tim Stewart.