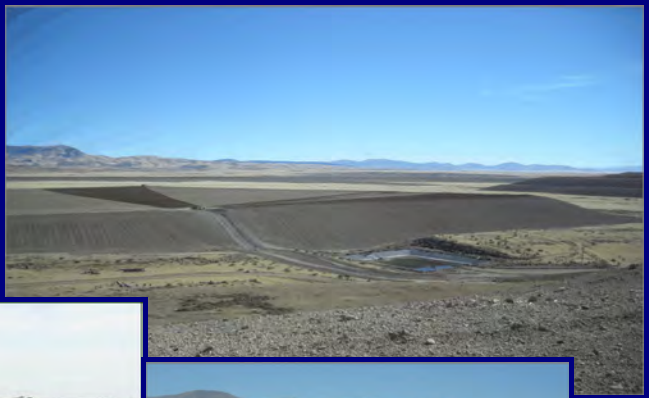
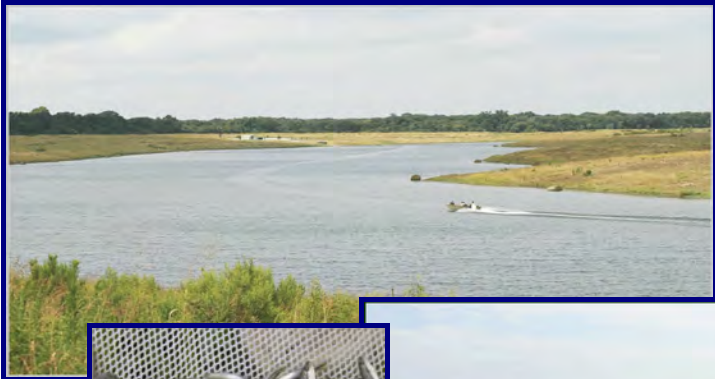


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Executive Director's Message

It is my pleasure to present the 2014 annual report of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC). A good portion of the year was dominated by the mid-term elections which saw significant gains by Republicans in the House of Representatives and a shift in power from Democratic to Republican in the Senate. Unlike years past, between the importance of this election and the polarization that has characterized Capitol Hill, many federal government initiatives in the Executive branch simply stalled – often to avoid potential political fallout. Nonetheless, the states, working in concert with IMCC staff, were able to secure funding for state regulatory grants under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and state assistance grants under the Mine Safety and Health Act (Mine Act). Despite the Administration's proposed cut of 15% for SMCRA grants and the proposed elimination of funding for MSH Act state grants, Congress rejected both and approved full funding for both grant programs.

IMCC continued its active involvement in the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI), a voluntary, global effort designed to increase transparency and strengthen the accountability of natural resource revenue reporting by building public trust for the governance of these activities. As a member of the Multi-Stakeholder Group that oversees the implementation of EITI in the U.S., IMCC has played a vital role in representing the interests of state governments, particularly with respect to the development of the U.S. application for candidacy, which was approved in December.

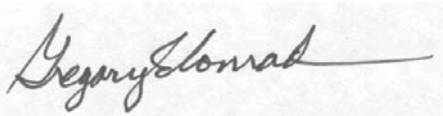
Another major initiative for IMCC throughout the year was its work with the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML) as both organizations moved forward in developing a strategy for reauthorization of the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program under Title IV of SMCRA. This included responding to several Administration proposals that would amend Title IV in significant ways and expand funding for new types of AML projects related to economic development.

Finally, IMCC helped to facilitate a joint state/federal initiative aimed at identifying and recommending a variety of programmatic changes under SMCRA that would save money and result in program efficiencies.

During the year IMCC met with Congressional staff regarding Good Samaritan and Critical Minerals legislative efforts and monitored Endangered Species Act and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) actions that have the potential to impact state regulatory programs, such as the EPA/Corps proposed "Definition of the Waters of the U.S. Rule" and an EPA initiative regarding financial assurance regulations for hardrock mining.

IMCC remained in the vanguard of activity on behalf of the member states throughout 2014 as it sought to advance the purposes and goals of the compact as set forth in the strategic plan of the organization. I urge the member states to continue their strong support of the compact and their active engagement in our work.

Sincerely,



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History and Purpose of the Compact

The Southern Governors' Conference Meeting in San Antonio, Texas in 1964 recognized and came to grips with the problems of surface mining. Governor Edward R. Breathitt of Kentucky and Governor Bellmon of Oklahoma sponsored a resolution which in part read: "Whereas the Council of State Governments sponsored an interstate conference, in which surface mining problems of the states were reviewed, and whereas such conference underlined the desirability of action by industry to utilize techniques designed to minimize waste of our natural resources and the desirability of action by the states to assure adherence to sound standards and procedures by the mining industry: Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Southern Governors' Conference that the Council of State Governments be requested to assist representatives of the states in which surface mining takes place in exploring the possible role of interstate action, through Compact and otherwise, in this field."

The Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) was thus conceived and Kentucky became its first member followed by Pennsylvania and North Carolina. With the entry of Oklahoma in 1971, the Compact was declared to be in existence and operational. In February 1972, permanent headquarters were established in Lexington, Kentucky and an executive director was retained. Since that time, twenty-two additional states — West Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, Alabama, Virginia, Ohio, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Alaska, Colorado, Nevada, and Mississippi — have become members. New Mexico withdrew from the Compact in 1991 as a full member but rejoined as an associate member in 2000. New York joined the Compact as its first associate member state in 1994. Since then the following states have also joined as associate members: North Dakota (2000), Utah (2004), Wyoming (2005), Alaska (2006), Colorado (2007), Nevada (2012), and Mississippi (2013).

Mississippi, New York, North Dakota, Utah, and Alaska are now all full members.

The Mining Compact is designed to be advisory, not regulatory in nature, and its defined purposes are to:

- ▶ Advance the protection and restoration of the land, water, and other resources, affected by mining;
- ▶ Assist in the reduction or elimination or counteracting of pollution or deterioration of land, water, and air attributable to mining;
- ▶ Encourage (with due recognition of relevant regional, physical, and other differences) programs in each of the party states which will achieve comparable results in protecting, conserving, and improving the usefulness of natural resources, to the end that the most desirable conduct of mining and related operations may be universally facilitated;
- ▶ Assist the party states in their efforts to facilitate the use of land and other resources affected by mining, so that such may be consistent with sound land use, public health, and public safety, and to this end study and recommend, wherever desirable, techniques for the improvement, restoration, or protection of such land and other resources; and
- ▶ Assist in achieving and maintaining an efficient and productive mining industry and increasing economic and other benefits attributable to mining.

Report of the Executive Director

Two significant events defined the year 2014 for the Interstate Mining Compact Commission: budget impasses and struggles early in the year, mostly related to a divided Congress, and the Mid-term elections in November, which brought both legislative and regulatory activity to a crawl throughout the summer and fall. Even with these circumstances, which seem to be unique to Washington, DC, the Compact saw considerable activity around several key issue areas, including the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA); the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative; a Government Efficiencies Initiative between the states and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM); and a variety of issues related to reclamation bonding.

As is typically the case near the end of a federal fiscal year and then again at the beginning of the New Year with the release of the Administration’s budget proposal, funding issues took center stage for IMCC. Following a protracted battle and a partial federal shutdown, Congress passed a budget resolution in December 2013 and eventually an Omnibus Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 in early January of 2014. State assistance grants under the Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), which were forecast to be completely eliminated in FY 2014, were restored to the FY 2012 level of \$8.4 million. Congress also rejected a 15% cut for state regulatory grants under Title V of SMCRA and instead approved a reinstatement of \$68.6 million based on FY 2012 funding levels. Much of this turn around can be attributed to a concerted effort by IMCC to inform Congress about the debilitating impacts resulting from such drastic cuts to state programs.

On the heels of this effort came the Administration’s proposed budget for FY 2015 in March, which once again included significant cuts for state program grants under both SMCRA and the Mine Act. IMCC submitted a statement regarding OSM’s proposed FY 2015 budget to the

House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as the SMCRA committees of jurisdiction, on April 7. IMCC also prepared and submitted statements on behalf of the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML), for whom IMCC serves as legislative and regulatory affairs counsel. IMCC sent several e-memos to the IMCC and NAAML member states providing updates on grant funding for FY 2014 and the budget for FY 2015. IMCC also submitted a statement to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on March 28 regarding MSHA’s proposed FY 2015 budget, requesting that Congress reject the proposed elimination of funding for state assistance grants and restore them to the FY 2014 level of \$8.4 million. In the end, a continuing resolution for FY 2015 was passed by Congress in late September, followed by an Omnibus Appropriations bill in December, which included full funding for state grants under SMCRA and the Mine Act.

In a related matter, IMCC helped to facilitate discussions between the states and OSM regarding funding priorities for the agency’s budget. This “Government Efficiencies Initiative” consisted of three work groups made up of state and federal representatives – SMCRA Program Financial Stability, Training/TIPS Sustainability, and Program Efficiencies. IMCC served as executive sponsor for the state sector of each work group and participated in meetings and conference calls of each work group. A total of 25 conference calls and two in-person meetings were held between January and August in which IMCC participated. IMCC also distributed two surveys to states with primacy programs under SMCRA on behalf of the work groups – one on financial requirements and workload trends and another on key program efficiency issues. Following completion of the work group reports and recommendations, IMCC distributed them to the states and sent a letter to OSM Director Pizarchik regarding next steps associated with the reports. IMCC also participated in a set of briefings for the Director on August 20 and 21. Reports from each of the work group state leads were presented at the

IMCC Annual and Mid-Year meetings during the year.

IMCC was heavily involved in representing the interests of the states as a member of the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) that is responsible for implementing the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI). This international effort seeks to strengthen the accountability of natural resource revenue reporting and build public trust for the governance of this activity. IMCC is one of four state representatives on the MSG and is also actively involved on several Subcommittees, including Candidacy, Implementation (and its Contextual Narrative Work Group) and State and Tribal Opt-in. The potential opportunities for state involvement in this effort are substantial and IMCC has been working to secure an option for states that will limit the nature and type of reporting and reconciliation requirements that otherwise attend the full implementation of USEITI. The U.S. application for candidacy was approved by the international EITI Board in March and the balance of 2014 was spent preparing for the submission of the first U.S. report next year, including hiring an Independent Administrator to work with the MSG in preparing the report. During the year, IMCC attended four meetings of the MSG in Washington, DC (April 23 and 24; June 10 and 11; September 9 and 10; and December 10 and 11). IMCC also participated in two briefings sponsored by the MSG: one for the International EITI Board members on January 31 and one for congressional staff on February 20. IMCC also sponsored a conference call to brief potential state participants on March 27 and another to brief state tax administrators on August 7. During the period, IMCC participated on a total of 33 conference calls of the various work groups and attended two in-person meetings of these groups. Following input from the member states, IMCC sent a letter to Assistant Secretary of the Interior Rhea Suh on April 16 expressing the concerns of the member states regarding the “opt-in” process and expectations for the collection and analysis of state revenue data.

Abandoned mine land (AML) issues continued to occupy the spotlight during the year, particularly the states’ efforts to seek an exemption from sequestration cuts for mandatory AML payments under SMCRA. A briefing was held by IMCC and NAAMLPLP with an official from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on September 12 at OSM’s offices regarding the states’ position on exemption. A follow up letter was sent to the Director of OMB on October 17 along with a resolution adopted by IMCC on the matter. A copy of the letter was sent to key congressional staff contacts on October 30. In preparation for the OMB briefing several conference calls were held. Work also began in the latter part of the year on the development of a strategy for reauthorization of the AML fee and program under Title IV of SMCRA. Several conference calls were held with the NAAMLPLP officers and/or the newly established NAAMLPLP Reauthorization Subcommittee to discuss the matter.

In that regard, IMCC continues its working relationship with NAAMLPLP on these two important matters, as well as other legislative and regulatory priorities. IMCC participated in the NAAMLPLP Winter Meeting from February 26 - 28, providing an update on key issues impacting the states. IMCC also participated on a panel discussion regarding AML reauthorization issues during the plenary session of the NAAMLPLP Annual Meeting from September 21 - 24 in Columbus, Ohio, as well as an extended discussion during the regular speaker session. IMCC also provided a regulatory and legislative issues briefing at the business meeting on September 24. IMCC also met with members of the NAAMLPLP Reauthorization Committee and its various work groups on several occasions to discuss strategies for legislative action.

IMCC presented a paper entitled “Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation: Progress, Pitfalls, and the Importance of Partnerships” to the Pennsylvania AML Conference on June 27 in State College, Pennsylvania. IMCC also participated in a congressional staff briefing on AML sequestration and reauthorization issues on

September 9 sponsored by Trout Unlimited. IMCC participated in a meeting with Pennsylvania watershed groups on December 12 in Juniata, Pennsylvania and provided an update on budget issues and reauthorization efforts.

IMCC continues its work on “Good Samaritan” legislation that would provide protections from liability under the Clean Water Act for those who undertake AML reclamation work. Meetings were held with staff from the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee throughout the year to discuss pending and potential legislation.

Critical minerals policy saw considerable attention during 2014. IMCC testified at a hearing on January 28 before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on behalf of the organization and the state of Alaska concerning S. 1600, the Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013. IMCC also worked with the state of Alaska to prepare testimony presented by Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of Alaska and IMCC before the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee at a hearing on October 10 entitled “EPA v. American Mining Jobs: The Obama Administration’s Regulatory Assault on the Economy.” IMCC also presented a paper entitled “The Interstate Mining Compact Commission: Seeking to Secure State Sovereignty in the Minerals Arena” before the Alaska Support Industry Alliance’s “Meet Alaska” Conference in Anchorage on January 9. IMCC also spoke at the monthly government affairs breakfast of the Alaska Miners’ Association the same day and presented a legislative and regulatory update.

On March 13, IMCC held its semi-annual meeting with officials from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) at the agency’s headquarters in Arlington, Virginia with approximately ten member states in attendance. A states-only meeting was held on March 12 to prepare for the meeting. On June 30, IMCC met with Assistant Secretary Joe Main to sign an extension of the IMCC/MSHA Memorandum of Understanding. IMCC and MSHA met once again

on October 16 during IMCC’s Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, DC. IMCC facilitated a conference call with MSHA and the states on October 30 to discuss the potential of interim state assistance grants during the time that a continuing resolution is in place for funding the federal government, as well as a process for expediting grant approvals. IMCC also facilitated a conference call with MSHA and OSM officials on October 27 to receive an update on a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the respective roles of OSM, MSHA and the states for the regulation of coal waste impoundments. IMCC also held a conference call on December 15 with MSHA and several interested states to discuss the potential of using MSHA “light duty” personnel to assist the states with their individual mine mapping efforts. IMCC also conducted two surveys of the member states: one related to mine mapping efforts and another on accident notification requirements.

IMCC interacted with OSM on several occasions throughout the year to discuss a variety of issues, including our Mid-Year and Annual Meetings. IMCC attended and provided briefings on both Title IV (AML) and Title V (active mining) issues at three OSM/State meetings: one on August 12 and 13 in Roanoke, West Virginia for the Appalachian states; one on November 19 and 20 in St. Louis for the Mid-Continent states; and one on December 16 and 17 in Denver for the Western states. IMCC attended a meeting of the Appalachian Regional Technology Transfer Team on February 18 and 19 in Beckley, West Virginia and provided an overview of legislative and regulatory issues that impact technical transfer. Other topics that were addressed with OSM during the year included permit termination requirements and the implications of potential bankruptcies in the coal industry, particularly with respect to bond forfeitures, and the use of alternative enforcement options.

IMCC continued its work as a member of the OSM/State National Technology Transfer Team and as a member of the Steering Committees that are planning a technical forum regarding protection of bats and a technical forum

on mine placement of coal combustion residues. IMCC also serves as a member of the executive management team overseeing development of the range-wide Indiana Bat Guidelines and several conference calls were held throughout the year to discuss protection issues. IMCC also serves on the Geomine Pilot Project Steering Committee.

The topic of reclamation bonding began to see additional interest during the year, beginning with a presentation by IMCC at the Winter Energy Workshop of the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation in February entitled “Mine Reclamation Bonding: From Dilemma to Crisis to Reinvention.” The paper provided an overall assessment of the current and evolving issues in the bonding arena from a state regulator’s perspective. In crafting the presentation, IMCC staff consulted with many of our member states in order to gain a picture of contemporary bonding challenges and the approaches our states are utilizing to address those challenges. IMCC conducted a survey of the member states on the status of self-bonding programs, a copy of which was provided to the member states in August. IMCC also continues its working relationship with the Western Governors’ Association regarding EPA’s rulemaking on financial assurance responsibility requirements for the hardrock mining industry under Section 108(b) of CERCLA.

IMCC initiated action on behalf of the member states concerning a proposed rule by EPA concerning the definition of the “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act and coordinated its action with the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA). IMCC submitted formal, written comments to EPA on November 12.

IMCC assisted in coordinating the support of several states in signing on to an amicus curiae brief prepared by the state of West Virginia regarding a petition for certiorari before the U.S. Supreme Court seeking review of a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Mingo Logan v. EPA* in which EPA for the first time issued a final

determination under the Clean Water Act retroactively vetoing an existing Section 404 permit that had been issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

IMCC welcomed its newest full member state with the entry of Mississippi in March following the enactment of legislation bringing the state into the compact. IMCC continued to work with the states of Wyoming, New Mexico and Colorado on proposed legislation to bring them into the compact as full members. IMCC also continued discussions with the states of Montana, Arizona and Michigan regarding membership in the compact. IMCC continued its contract with NAAMLPA to provide legislative and regulatory affairs support to the Association.

IMCC’s newly constituted Executive Committee (consisting of IL, AL, VA, ND, OK, KY and CO) met on two occasions to review and approve a proposal for expanding the IMCC staff. Following that action, IMCC hired our intern from the summer of 2013, Ryan Ellis, to serve as Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist effective January 1. IMCC also promoted Beth Botsis to the position of Deputy Executive Director. Ryan is the first new hire for IMCC since it moved to northern Virginia from Lexington, Kentucky in July of 1988 and brings the total staff to three FTE’s and one part-time bookkeeper (Phyllis Plummer). IMCC also completed renovations on its office space in Herndon, Virginia in December, including a revamping of its filing system.

Given the integrity and credibility of the member states’ participation in and contribution to the work of our organization, IMCC continues to be sought out by many in Washington, DC for our insight and input on a range of policy, regulatory and legislative issues. Every week sees IMCC contacted by congressional staff, Administration officials, the press, and other organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences for assistance with or information on a plethora of issues that impact the states. With our expanded staff, we have been able to enhance our involvement in several new initiatives of

importance to the member states and anticipate being able to do so going forward. We greatly appreciate the commitment of our member states and their dedicated civil servants to the accomplishment of our work and look forward to new and ongoing opportunities to represent the interests of the states in the future.

[NOTE: For expanded versions of the most recent Executive Director's Report prepared on a semi-annual basis in preparation for IMCC's Annual and Mid-Year meetings, see the IMCC website at www.imcc.isa.us.]

2014 Standing Committees

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Coal Section

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Noncoal Section

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Craig Kennedy, South Carolina, Vice Chairman

Abandoned Mine Lands Committee

Ed Larrimore, Maryland, Chairman

Eric Cavazza, Pennsylvania, Vice Chairman

Mine Safety and Health

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Butch Lambert, Virginia, Chairman

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Resolutions Committee

Scott Fowler, Illinois, Chairman

Tom Surtees, Alabama, Vice Chairman

Awards Committee

Jim Stephens, Arkansas, Chairman

Judi Stoute, Alabama, Vice Chairman

(Members of the 2014 Awards Committee: Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, New Mexico, Virginia)

Legal Advisor

Alaska

Minerals Education Work Group

Wendy Hamilton, South Carolina, Chairman

Activities of the Standing Committees

Finance and Administrative Committee

The committee met on three occasions during 2014. The committee met via conference call on April 18 to discuss and tentatively approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, and to prepare recommendations for staff compensation and benefits. On April 30 the committee met in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with the Compact's Annual Meeting. The committee reviewed the Compact's current financial condition; reviewed and approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 budget; were updated on membership status and dues assessments; were presented with an update by current associate member states regarding their membership status; and discussed several administrative matters. The committee also approved a resolution allowing for IMCC staff to maintain their health insurance policies upon retirement, at their own expense and no cost to the organization. (See *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report.)

On October 17, the committee met in Washington, DC. The committee reviewed the Compact's current financial condition; reviewed and approved the Compact's Fiscal Year 2014 Audit; were presented with an update by current associate member states regarding their membership status and legislative initiatives to pursue full membership; and were updated on IMCC's membership outreach efforts.

Resolutions Committee

The committee met jointly with the Finance and Administrative Committee twice in 2014. On April 30 in Reno, Nevada, the committee recommended approval of three resolutions of appreciation and two more resolutions recognizing the retirements of Loretta Pineda of Colorado and Stan Thieling of

Mississippi. (See *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report.)

On October 17 in conjunction with the IMCC Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, DC, the committee met and recommended adoption of four resolutions, including one resolution of appreciation, a resolution regarding mine mapping, a resolution regarding abandoned mine land sequestration, and a resolution urging Office of Surface Mining (OSM) implementation of recommendations made by the Government Efficiency Work Groups composed of the states and OSM. (See *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report.)

Environmental Affairs Committee — Coal Section

The Coal Section of the Environmental Affairs Committee met on April 29, 2014 in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with the Compact's Annual Meeting. Among the topics discussed were: the Office of Surface Mining's (OSM) budget and appropriations issues; current expenditures and future needs of state Title V regulatory grants; IMCC's testimony submitted to Congress regarding the 2015 proposed budget; pending OSM rulemakings; follow-up efforts to the OSM/states Government Efficiency Work Groups; a litigation update; bat protection guidelines and pending listing decisions; a Geomine Pilot Project update; and a bonding issues update.

On October 16, 2014, the committee met in conjunction with the IMCC Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, DC. Among the topics discussed were: OSM's budget and appropriations issues; OSM pending rulemakings; cooperating state agency involvement in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process related to a pending OSM Stream Protection Rulemaking; a proposed draft resolution urging OSM to move forward with recommendations made by the

OSM/States Government Efficiencies Work Groups (The resolution was adopted the following day by IMCC’s Resolutions Committee – see *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report); an update on results of an IMCC self-bonding survey; an update on developments related to protections for the Greater Sage Grouse; an update on bat protection issues and pending listing decisions; discussion on an OSM communication regarding treatment of species proposed for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings; timbering issues; an update on OSM actions on petitions for rulemaking on blasting and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance; and a proposed resolution regarding funding and personnel for mine mapping efforts in the states (The resolution was approved by the Resolutions Committee the next day – see *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report.)

Environmental Affairs Committee — Noncoal Section

The Noncoal Section of the Environmental Affairs Committee met twice in 2014. On April 28 in Reno, Nevada, the committee met in conjunction with the Compact’s Annual Meeting. The committee met again on October 16 in Washington, DC in conjunction with the Mid-Year Meeting. Topics discussed at the April 28 meeting included: an update on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI); an update on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/U.S. Corps of Engineers proposed rule regarding Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS); an update on EPA’s rulemaking on financial assurance requirements under Section 108(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA); hardrock mining legislation and Good Samaritan legislation; a hardrock abandoned mine land (AML) program proposal in the Administration’s FY 2015 budget; an update on a Department of Energy (DOE) report to Congress on uranium AML sites; and a petition for rulemaking received by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) regarding protections of the Greater Sage Grouse.

Topics of discussion at the committee meeting held on October 16 included: an update on the EPA/Corps proposed rulemaking on the “Definition of the Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) and IMCC’s efforts to develop comments; an update on EPA’s rulemaking on financial assurance requirements under Section 108(b) of CERCLA; an update on Good Samaritan legislation; and an update on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

Abandoned Mine Lands Committee

The Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Committee met jointly with the Coal Section of the Environmental Affairs Committee on two occasions — April 29 in Reno, Nevada and October 16 in Washington, DC. At the April 29 meeting, the committee discussed the following topics: state Title IV (AML) grants; sequestration impacts on AML programs and the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC)/National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML) joint efforts to secure exemption for AML under sequestration; legislative proposals in the FY 2015 budget; and IMCC/NAAML AML reauthorization efforts and strategy.

At the October 16 meeting, topics discussed included: an IMCC briefing with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding exemption of the AML Fund from sequestration; a joint letter and resolution to OMB from IMCC and NAAML regarding exemption of the AML Fund from sequestration (the resolution was adopted during the next day’s Resolutions Committee meeting – see *Resolutions* section of this Annual Report); and ongoing IMCC/NAAML AML reauthorization efforts.

Mine Safety & Health Committee

The Mine Safety & Health Committee met jointly with the Noncoal Section of the Environmental Affairs Committee on two occasions in 2014 – on April 28 in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with the Compact’s Annual Meeting, and on October 16 in Washington, DC in conjunction with IMCC’s Mid-Year Meeting. Topics of discussion at the April 28 meeting included: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) state training grants; the status of the FY 2014 state assistance grants; a report on an MSHA/states meeting held on March 13, 2014; a report on an MSHA conference call on April 14, 2014 focusing on MSHA’s new respirable dust final rule; and the potential for personnel and financial assistance from MSHA and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) for ongoing underground mine mapping efforts in the states.

Topics discussed at the October 16 meeting included: the status of MSHA’s FY 2014 state assistance grants; coal waste impoundments and OSM/MSHA interaction; underground mine mapping personnel assistance from MSHA; and MSHA jurisdiction at Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) abandoned mine land (AML) sites.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee met via conference call on March 4, 2014 to select winners of the 2014 Kenes C. Bowling National Mine Reclamation Awards. The Education Work Group met via conference call on February 6, 2014 to select winners of the 2014 IMCC National Minerals Education Awards.

The reclamation award recipients are listed elsewhere in this Annual Report. The awards were presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on April 29, 2014, which was held in conjunction with IMCC’s Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

The National Mineral Education Awards were also presented at the April 29 Awards Banquet. The education award recipients are also listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Committees and Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for 2015

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Legal Advisor

Steve Alder, Utah

Minerals Education Work Group

Beth Wilson, Ohio, Chairman

Yearly Commission Meetings

2014 Annual Meeting — Reno, Nevada

The 2014 Annual Meeting was held at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno, Nevada from April 27 - 30, 2014. Twenty-two of the 26 member states were in attendance. A representative from the state of Montana was also in attendance. Attendees included approximately 67 persons consisting of IMCC members, other state representatives, federal officials, and industry representatives. The meeting was highlighted by a general session, committee meetings, the annual commission business meeting, the annual awards banquet, an opening reception, and a day trip including a stop in Virginia City, a gold mine site field trip, and a social dinner.

The meeting began with welcome remarks by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval who opened the General Session on April 28. Richard Perry, Administrator of the Nevada Division of Minerals, served as the moderator. Speakers and topics covered during the session included: “Mining’s Contributions to Nevada” by Tim Crowley, President of the Nevada Mining Association; and “Sage Grouse: The Bird That Could Change the American West” by Allen Biaggi of A. Biaggi & Associates, LLC

IMCC’s Standing Committee meetings commenced during the mid-morning of April 28 (see *Activities of the Standing Committees*). At Noon, attendees departed by bus for a short visit to Virginia City en route to a tour of the active Comstock Gold Mine site and the historic Virginia City Comstock Gold Mill. Following the site tour, a social dinner was held at the nearby Gold Hill Hotel. The featured dinner speaker was Ron James, Executive Director of the Comstock Foundation for History and Culture who spoke on “History and Mining on the Comstock.”

The Standing Committee meetings resumed on the morning of April 29 and continued throughout the afternoon. At a banquet that evening, the IMCC presented its 2014 National Reclamation and Minerals Education Awards. (see *Awards* section later in this report for details.)

The Commission’s annual business meeting was held on April 30. The meeting was chaired by Scott Fowler on behalf of the Compact’s Chairman, Governor Pat Quinn of Illinois. Subjects of action and discussion included: approval of minutes of the Compact’s October 3, 2013 Mid-Year Business Meeting in San Anotnio, Texas; the Executive Director’s Report (see *Report of the Executive Director*); standing committee reports (see *Activities of the Standing Committees*); approval of standing committee action items; the potential for state/federal discussions to be held in conjunction with the 2014 Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, DC; and future IMCC meetings.

2014 Mid-Year Meeting – Washington, DC

The Mid-Year Executive Commission Meeting of the IMCC was held in Washington, DC at the Westin Georgetown Hotel, October 16 - 17, 2014. Twenty of the 26 member states were in attendance. A representative from the state of Montana was also in attendance. A day of Federal and State Meetings was held prior to the start of the Mid-Year Meeting on October 15. Four separate sessions were held with panelists including state representatives, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Roundtable meetings with the states and federal officials from the Office of Surface Mining and the Mine Safety and Health Administration were held prior to the committee meetings on October 16. A luncheon and a social reception were also held on October 16.

Timothy Charters, Staff Director for the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Committee meetings resumed the morning of October 17. They were followed by the commission's business meeting which concluded the meeting. The business meeting was chaired by Scott Fowler on behalf of the Compact's Chairman, Governor Pat Quinn of Illinois. Among the topics addressed at the meeting were: approval of minutes from the April 30, 2014 Annual Business Meeting in Reno, Nevada; an Executive Director's Report (see *Report of the Executive Director*); reports from standing committees of the Compact (see *Activities of Standing Committees*); approval of standing committee action items; petitions regarding NPDES permitting authority in several Appalachian states; the Environmental Protection Agency preemptive veto of Pebble Mine in Alaska; hydrology issues and a potential IMCC benchmarking workshop on cumulative hydrologic impact assessments (CHIAs); third party disturbance on abandoned mine land; the role of cooperating agency states in the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process related to OSM's stream protection rulemaking; election of officers for 2015; appointment of committee chairs for 2015; the state/federal agency discussions held on October 15; a litigation overview presented by attorney Karen Bennett of Hunton & Williams; and future IMCC meetings.

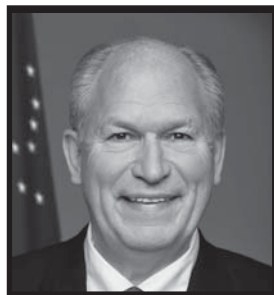
Officers Elected for 2015



Chairman:
Governor Robert J. Bentley
Alabama



Vice Chairman:
Governor Terry McAuliffe
Virginia



Treasurer:
Governor Bill Walker
Alaska

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, The Interstate Mining Compact Commission's (IMCC) Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada was honored by the presence of The Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor of the state of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sandoval presented the Welcoming Address at the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting on April 28, 2014; and

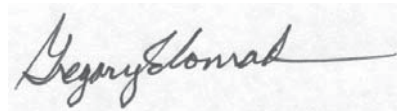
WHEREAS, Governor Sandoval was instrumental in leading the effort to bring the state of Nevada into the Interstate Mining Compact Commission as an associate member in 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission expresses its gratitude to Governor Sandoval for his participation in making this year's Annual Meeting an outstanding success and for his strong support of IMCC.

Issued this 30th day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission has been privileged to hear many excellent speakers at its meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is through these speakers that the Commission is able to keep abreast of new developments, new policies, and new technology in the fields of mining and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the speakers who addressed the Commission's Annual Meeting on April 28, 2014 in Reno, Nevada are men of outstanding ability in their respective fields, and the benefits of their advice and experience are a valuable contribution to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is most appreciative of the time and effort the speakers have expended in the preparation and presentation of their remarks;

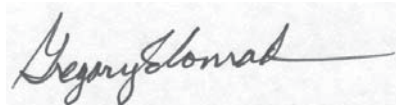
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission expresses its sincere gratitude to:

Tim Crowley
Allen Biaggi
Ron James

Issued this 30th day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, Rich Perry, Mike Visher and their staff arranged an informative and interesting annual meeting for the Interstate Mining Compact Commission in Reno, Nevada from April 27 - 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry also served as the Moderator for the Opening Session on April 28 and as the Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Banquet on April 29; and

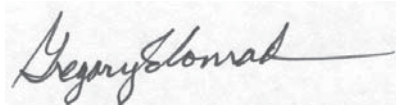
WHEREAS, our hosts warmly welcomed and generously extended their Silver State hospitality to all attendees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission expresses its deep appreciation to Rich Perry, Mike Visher and all of the other state officials who assisted IMCC staff to assure a successful meeting.

Issued this 3^{0h} day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, Loretta Pineda has served as an active member of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) on behalf of the state of Colorado for many years and most recently as the Governor's official representative to the Compact; and

WHEREAS, Loretta's leadership skills and dedicated public service during these years have been a positive and important force in the growth, direction, credibility, and influence of the IMCC; and

WHEREAS, Loretta has also served as a leader of the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs (NAAML) and, through NAAML's association with IMCC, has helped to guide the states' advocacy for AML funding and legislative priorities; and

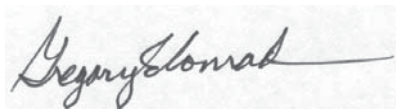
WHEREAS, Loretta's positive personality and dedication to government service have been appreciated by all those who have had the privilege of knowing and working with her;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the member states of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, who have had the honor and privilege of working closely with Loretta Pineda over the years, express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to her for all she has done on behalf of the states and IMCC and wish her all the best in her retirement from state government service.

Issued this 30th day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, Stan Thieling has participated in the work of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) on behalf of the state of Mississippi for many years and most recently as the Governor's official representative to the Compact; and

WHEREAS, Stan's leadership skills and dedicated public service during these years have contributed greatly to the important natural resource and environmental protection issues before the state of Mississippi and IMCC; and

WHEREAS, Stan was instrumental in bringing the state of Mississippi into the Compact as both an associate and a full member state following gubernatorial and legislative approval, both within record time; and

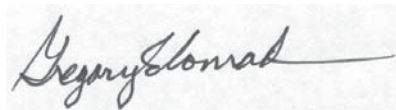
WHEREAS, Stan's positive personality and dedication to government service have been appreciated by all those who have had the privilege of knowing and working with him;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the member states of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, who have had the honor and privilege of working closely with Stan Thieling over the years, express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to him for all he has done on behalf of the states and IMCC and wish him all the best in his retirement from state government service.

Issued this 30th day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) provides all full-time employees with medical health insurance through a health insurance plan offered through the Local Choice Benefits Program administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter “the Plan”; and

WHEREAS, IMCC has the option to provide employees retiring from IMCC service the ability to purchase health care insurance through the Plan until such time as they become eligible for Medicare health coverage as determined by the federal government. At that time, retiree coverage will end or the retiree will elect a Medicare Supplement from the Plan; and

WHEREAS, only those employees who meet the eligibility requirements for retiring after 50 years of age and ten years of service with IMCC or 55 years of age and 5 years of service with IMCC may participate in this Plan. Age and service requirements are waived if the retiring employee is documented to be disabled; and

WHEREAS, the participating former employee will pay all of the premium cost at regular intervals as determined by the Plan. Failure to timely pay the premium due will result in the immediate cancellation of the former employee’s plan; and

WHEREAS, the option is available only to those retiring on or after July 1, 2014; and

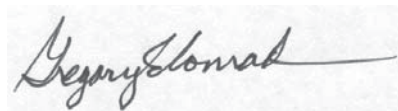
WHEREAS, IMCC reserves the right to modify or discontinue health care plans and third party providers at its discretion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission does hereby extend the option for retired employees to purchase health care insurance coverage through the Plan.

Issued this 30th day of April, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) is a national multi-state organization representing the natural resource, environmental protection and abandoned mine land (AML) remediation interests of its 26 member states; and

WHEREAS, Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) established the AML reclamation program and pursuant thereto IMCC member states administer AML programs funded and overseen by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, SMCRA, Title IV, establishes a reclamation fee on each ton of coal mined in the United States to pay for abandoned mine land reclamation and these fees are deposited into the AML Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, SMCRA, Title IV requires that OSM make mandatory disbursements from the AML Trust Fund to states and tribes with approved programs during each fiscal year under a specific allocation method; and

WHEREAS, since FY 2013, OSM has been sequestering a percentage of the annual mandatory payments to the states and tribes pursuant to the requirements of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) and to date, the state programs have lost \$39,448,478 and will, by the forecasted end of the sequestration period, stand to lose another \$136 million, given current sequestration rates; and

WHEREAS, the BCA provides the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the authority to determine on an annual basis which mandatory accounts are exempt from applicable sequestration cuts in a particular fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the BCA requires that OMB apply the specific exemptions listed in Sec. 255 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (BBEDCA) and abide by the special rules listed at Sec. 256 regarding which accounts are to be exempted from sequestration; and

WHEREAS, several stipulations of BBEDCA Sec. 255 and 256, including the even application rule and the dedicated trust and private donations exemptions, require that the AML Trust Fund be deemed exempt from sequestration, as further elaborated in the attached briefing paper; and

WHEREAS, certain payments under SMCRA Sec. 411(h) require corresponding transfers to the historic coal share, and as a result of this payment structure, sequestration reductions have the effect of causing further, cascading reductions (double sequestration), as further elaborated in the attached briefing paper; and

WHEREAS, due to the vagaries of the budget process, including impacts related to sequestration, state AML programs have in recent years received grants late in the fiscal year, and as a result have lost an entire construction season by the time the necessary administrative procedures are complete; and

WHEREAS, this reduced funding severely complicates the states' ability to efficiently undertake construction projects, thereby constraining their ability to meet the stated goals, objectives, and priorities under SMCRA, as further elaborated in the attached briefing paper; and

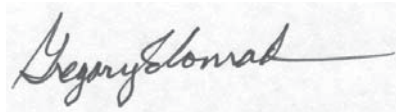
WHEREAS, sequestration cuts to AML grants do not simply represent a programmatic inconvenience to be temporarily endured through belt-tightening, but rather, due to the structure of the AML program, the cuts have caused profound impediments to the program's essential function, i.e. the elimination of hazardous AML sites to the benefit of public safety and environmental health.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission urges Congress and the Administration to deem mandatory payments to the states and tribes from the AML Trust Fund exempt from sequestration, as is required by the BCA pursuant to the relevant sections of the BBEDCA.

Issued this 17th day of October, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) is a national multi-state organization representing the natural resource, environmental protection and abandoned mine land (AML) remediation interests of its 26 member states; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) and the Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (Mine Act), each of the Compact's member states implement programs for 1) the regulation of active surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operations, 2) the elimination of health and safety hazards and the reclamation of land and water resources adversely affected by past mining left in an abandoned or inadequately restored condition, and 3) ensuring the health and safety of our Nation's miners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these programs under both SMCRA and the Mine Act, the states have developed robust mine mapping programs for both underground mines and the surface impacts of underground mines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these programs, the states have over 30 years of experience in developing, designing, and administering effective mine mapping programs, including the location, digitization, geo-referencing, cataloging and storing of mine maps; and

WHEREAS, in the course of their work, the states have worked cooperatively with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, including the receipt of grants from both agencies to enhance state mine mapping efforts and jointly presenting several benchmarking workshops on mine mapping; and

WHEREAS, IMCC recently conducted a survey of its member states to determine the current status of mine mapping efforts and found that, in most instances, those efforts have been significantly stymied due to limited resources and manpower to support the effort; and

WHEREAS, key areas of need include map identification and collection, scanning into a digital image (ideally meeting a 400 dpi and 24-bit RGB depth), geo-referencing, and, where possible vectorizing; and

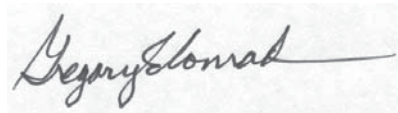
WHEREAS, without additional, dedicated manpower to undertake these mapping efforts, along with new, updated mapping equipment and the funding to support both, mine mapping efforts are likely to stall, thereby impacting the health and safety of both our Nation's miners and the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission urges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the Mine Safety and Health Administration to provide additional, supplemental funding for state mine mapping efforts and to work with the states to seek additional appropriations from Congress for these efforts where agency resources are unavailable.

Issued this 17th day of October, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) provides for the vesting of exclusive jurisdiction with the states for regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations within their borders following approval of a state program by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, over the past 35 years, the states have established and been recognized for their commitment to implementing the goals and objectives of SMCRA; and

WHEREAS, under the primacy regime envisioned by Congress under SMCRA, a stable, consistent and effective state/federal partnership is anticipated based on principles of comity and federalism; and

WHEREAS, the member states of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) have sought to work cooperatively and in collaboration with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) to advance the purposes and objectives of SMCRA, particularly through the use of state/federal work groups and task forces; and

WHEREAS, proposed cuts to state regulatory grants under Title V of SMCRA are resulting in a significant drain on limited state resources for the implementation of regulatory programs and often eroding the state/federal working relationship under SMCRA; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to address this debilitating trend, as well as the overall impacts attributable to other budget and deficit reduction actions by the Administration, including sequestration, IMCC has engaged in a joint state/federal government initiative focused on financial stability and program efficiencies under SMCRA; and

WHEREAS, following six months of extensive discussion and negotiation, the three work groups established under this initiative released final reports on July 31 that include a range of options, approaches and recommendations to address the impacts of budget cuts and deficit reduction for state and federal programs under SMCRA

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

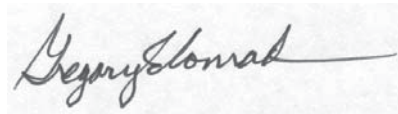
That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission reasserts its commitment to the principles of primacy and federalism that underlie implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977; and

That IMCC urges OSMRE to move forward in an expeditious and deliberate manner to review and then implement the actions and recommendations developed by the three Work Groups under the Government Efficiencies Initiative; and

That IMCC remains committed to working cooperatively and collaboratively with OSMRE to implement these actions and recommendations.

Issued this 17th day of October, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Resolution

Interstate Mining Compact Commission

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

WHEREAS, The Interstate Mining Compact Commission's (IMCC) Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, DC was honored by the presence of Tim Charters, Staff Director of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charters presented the Keynote Address at the IMCC Luncheon on October 16th; and

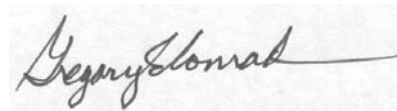
WHEREAS, Mr. Charters and his staff have been strong supporters of state primacy under the various federal laws that attend mineral development in the United States, particularly the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission expresses its gratitude to Tim Charters for his participation in making this year's meeting an outstanding success and for his ongoing support of IMCC and its state members.

Issued this 17th day of October, 2014

ATTEST:



Executive Director

Financial Reports

*Interstate Mining Compact Commission
Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ended June 30, 2014*

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 139,312.00
Certificates of deposit	400,000.00
Accounts receivable, net	11,979.00
Interest receivable	6,033.00
Prepaid expenses and deposits	6,638.00
Property and equipment, net	1,788.00
Total assets	565,750.00

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accrued vacation	50,290.00
Deferred revenue	14,139.00
Total liabilities	64,429.00
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	501,321.00
Total net assets	501,321.00
Total liabilities and net assets	565,750.00

Financial Reports

*Interstate Mining Compact Commission
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014*

Unrestricted revenue and support	
Assessments	\$542,679
Government grants and contracts	15,000
Conferences and meetings	25,515
Interest income	5,464
Other income	472
Total revenue and support	589,130
Expenses	
Government programs	15,000
Administrative and general	618,357
Total expenses	633,357
Change in net assets	(44,227)
Net assets, beginning of year	545,548
Net assets, end of year	\$501,321

Financial Reports

**Interstate Mining Compact Commission
Schedule of Comparison of Expenses and Budget
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Description	Government Programs	Admin. & General	Totals	Budget	Variance Over (Under)
Salaries	\$15,000	\$363,505	\$378,505	\$342,500	\$ 36,005
Employee benefits	-	97,989	97,989	100,000	(2,011)
Rent	-	40,068	40,068	40,100	(32)
Conference and meetings	-	28,234	28,234	25,000	3,234
Travel	-	20,212	20,212	22,000	(1,788)
Legal	-	12,977	12,977	-	12,977
Publications	-	3,276	3,276	3,500	(224)
Telephone	-	6,833	6,833	9,000	(2,167)
Auditing	-	4,800	4,800	5,500	(700)
Postage	-	2,188	2,188	2,500	(312)
Equipment expenses	-	3,525	3,525	2,500	1,025
Office supplies	-	3,877	3,877	3,000	877
Other expenses	-	1,889	1,889	2,500	(611)
Insurance	-	3,517	3,517	5,000	(1,483)
Printing	-	2,423	2,423	1,500	923
Registration fees/ subscriptions	-	445	445	1,500	(1,055)
Utilities	-	1,238	1,238	1,500	(262)
Depreciation	-	895	895	-	895
Bad debt	-	20,466	20,466	-	20,466
Total expenses	\$15,000	\$ 618,357	\$633,357	\$567,600	\$65,757

Member State Permitting Data

PERMITS ISSUED AND ACRES OF LAND DISTURBED AND RECLAIMED JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014 FOR COAL SURFACE MINING

State/Enforcement Agency	# Permits Issued	# Acres Permitted	#Acres Disturbed	# Acres Reclaimed
Alabama Surface Mining Commission	3	808		
Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land & Water	13 (cumulative); 1 (new)	13,244 (cumulative); 847 (new)	2,483 (cumulative); 51 (new)	355 (cumulative); 0 (new)
Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality, Surface Mining and Reclamation Division	3	1,436	815	0
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, Coal Program	0	173,577	19,220	11,056 ²
Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Mines & Minerals, Land Reclamation Division	2	2,407.36	1,510.94	545.31
Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation	6	8,229.4 ³	2,453.4 ³	2,453.4
Kentucky Dept. for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement	446 ⁴	37,563 (new); 2,026,515 (total)	235,319	12,094.83 (phase III bond release)
Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation	0	0	22,366	0
Maryland Bureau of Mines ⁵	4	41	2,427	231
Mississippi Dept. of Environmental Quality	0	8,389 (total)	3,917 (total)	
Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Land Reclamation Program	1	111	50	60
New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Res. Dept., Coal Mine Reclamation Program ⁶	0	0	830	0
North Dakota Public Service Commission	3	17,525	1,815	1,950
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management	9 (new); 7 (adjacent)	3,732.4 (surface) 11,594.8 (underground)	32,311.18 ⁷ (1,298.1)	2,532.7 ⁸
Oklahoma Dept. of Mines	⁹	22,057	10,487	519
Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection	50	8,297	3,648	1,699
Texas Railroad Commission	2 (renewals and revisions)	- 108.2 ¹⁰	6,021.0 ¹¹	2,485.9 ¹²
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	0 (new); 27 (total)	85 (new); 123,629 (total)	10.5 (new); 3,016 (total)	47 (phase III bond release)
Virginia Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation	30 (8 new; 22 transfers)	79,774.38	55,541.11; 65,740.98 (acres bonded)	1,692.64; 31,273.56 ¹³
West Virginia Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Mining and Reclamation	48 (2014 new and amendments)	6,242 (2014); 338,841 (total)	126,535 (total) ¹⁴	2,047 (2014 released - Phase III)
Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division	0	447,038 (total); 0 (new)	165,277 ¹⁵	75,222 ¹⁵

See footnotes on following page...

¹ “Acres Reclaimed” are those acres for which final bond release was approved.

² Surface Acres 4,357.40 + Underground Shadow Acres 3,872.0 = 8,229.4 Acres.

³ Acres Mined 2,012.4 + Acres Disturbed 441.0 = 2,453.4 Total Acres Disturbed.

⁴ These numbers reflect all the permitting activity that occurred in CY 2014; however a great deal of this permitting activity occurred on existing permits. Only 24 (5.4%) were newly permitted coal mining operations.

⁵ Acres permitted reflects number of acres for which bond was posted during the reporting period. Acres disturbed reflects number of actual disturbed acres that have not been approved for phase III bond release as of 12/31/2014. Acres reclaimed reflects number of acres for which phase III release was approved during the reporting period.

⁶ The numbers shown are for permitting and mining/reclamation activity taking place during calendar year 2014. These numbers do not represent cumulative acreage. Reclaimed lands mean full bond release has been approved.

⁷ Sum total of coal “reclamation due” plus “to be affected” through 12/31/2014 (the 1,298.1 figure indicates new coal acres bonded 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014).

⁸ Phase III acres released 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014.

⁹ 1 permit issued; 58 permits on IUL; 26 revisions approved.

¹⁰ Total permit acreage as of 12/31/2014 (324,724.23) minus total permit acreage as of 1/01/2014 (324,832.43) = - 108.2 acres.

¹¹ 2,651.7 acres mined and 3,369.3 acres non-mined disturbed = 6,021.0 acres.

¹² Phase III bond release approval (may not have been removed from permitted acreage).

¹³ 31,273.56 reflects total reclaimed and currently permitted.

¹⁴ “Disturbed Acres – Total” means the total number of disturbed acres, including acreage disturbed and reclaimed but not yet receiving final bond release, associated with permits that as of 12/31/2014 were not final release or revoked.

¹⁵ Total for all currently permitted coal mines.

Member State Permitting Data

PERMITS ISSUED AND ACRES OF LAND DISTURBED AND RECLAIMED JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014 FOR NONCOAL SURFACE MINING

State/Enforcement Agency	# Permits Issued	# Acres Permitted	#Acres Disturbed	# Acres Reclaimed
Alabama Department of Labor	28 (new); 293 (renewals)	12,190 ¹	15,260	611
Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water	5	854	854	0
Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality	252	23,369	10,108	272
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Minerals Program	33	186,577	110,786	3,643 ²
Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Mine Safety & Training Div., Blasting and Explosives Unit	14	731.8	549.61	400
Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation	7	635.6	15.0	5
Kentucky Dept. for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement	79 ³	788 (2014); 50,376 (total)	22,518.72	293.70
Maryland Minerals, Oil & Gas Division ⁴	99	6,167.44	2,189.26	534.01
Mississippi Dept. of Environmental Quality	30	1,214.28	N/A	1,144
Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Land Reclamation Program	350 (permits); 779 (sites) ⁵	35,710	35,710	309
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ⁶	268	199,387	134,911	16
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept., Mining Act Reclamation Prog. ⁷	27	76	123	681
New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Div. of Mineral Resources	28 (new in 2014); 1,952(total active)	148,644 (total) ⁸	60,464 (total) ⁸	935 (2014); 36,288 (total) ⁸
North Carolina Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources	826	74,833	43,267	1,488
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management	8 (new); 21 (amended)	1,384.2	934.2 ⁹	416.4 ¹⁰
Oklahoma Dept. of Mines	¹¹	137,953	56,948	1,405.52
Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection	66	1,880	739	521
South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control	20	908.4	204.8	158.8
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Mining Unit	14	5,121	4,097	85
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining	614 (total); 28 (new)	67,337 (total)	67,337 (total)	306
Virginia Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mineral Mining	12(new); 8 (transfers)	31,481.33	16,711.52	236.89
West Virginia Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Mining and Reclamation	0	0 (new); 12,492 (total)	5,411 (total)	0
Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division	7	1,486.6 (new)	N/A	N/A

See footnotes on following page...

¹ Acres permitted do not include limestone, dolomite, or marble.

² "Acres Reclaimed" are those acres for which final bond release was approved.

³ These numbers reflect all the permitting activity that occurred in CY 2014. However a great deal of this permitting activity occurred on existing permits. On the noncoal sites 17 (21.5%) were newly permitted operations.

⁴ Acres permitted reflects number of acres for which bond was posted during the reporting period. Acres disturbed reflects number of actual disturbed acres that have not been approved for phase III release as of 12/31/2014. Acres reclaimed reflects number of acres for which phase III release was approved during the reporting period.

⁵ For noncoal permits, many sites can be on one permit, therefore the distinction between permits and sites.

⁶ The extraction of aggregate is not regulated as mining in Nevada

⁷ The majority of permits issued represent Minimal Impact Mining (3), Exploration (3), and General Permits (21). General Permits include recreational miners. Noncoal does not include sand and gravel operations. Acres reclaimed means regrading and seeding has occurred, not necessarily bond release. The numbers shown are for permitting and mining/reclamation activity taking place during CY 2014. These numbers do not represent cumulative acreage.

⁸ Total statewide acreage figures since New York State Mined Land Reclamation Law enacted in 1975.

⁹ Noncoal mineral acres bonded 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014.

¹⁰ IM-7 acres released 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014.

¹¹ 41 permits issued; 78 revisions; 16 transfers; 49 limited use permits issued; 622 annual reviews of permits; 729 permits on IUL.

Member State Reclaimed Land Use Data

USE OF LAND FOLLOWING RECLAMATION (PERCENT)
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014 FOR COAL SURFACE MINING

State	Pasture	Wildlife	Forest	Commercial	Other
Alabama	0	2	46	0	52
Alaska	0	100	0	0	0
Illinois	5	17	0	0	78 ¹
Indiana	< 1 (8.3 acres)	8 (232.5 acres)	21 (553.0 acres)	< 1 (3.7 acres)	69 ² (1,798.3 acres)
Kentucky	30	47	20	1.6	1.4
Maryland	54	0	45	1	0
Missouri	60	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	34	3	1	6	56 (cropland)
Ohio	90.5	1.8	0	1.3	6.4 (cropland/PFL)
Oklahoma	96	1	0	1	2 (water)
Pennsylvania ³	30	5	50	2	13
Texas	1,183.5 acres	645.1 acres	273.0 acres	327.1 acres	57.2 acres (water resources)
Utah	0	0	0	0	100 (grazing & wildlife habitat)
Virginia	11.27 (206.70 acres)	2.50 (45.60 acres)	76.37 (1,397.39 acres)	9.47 ⁴ (173.24 acres) (indus./commercial)	0.39 ⁵ (7.15 acres)
West Virginia	4	23	43	9.0	21.0 ⁶
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	95 (grazing & wildlife habitat)

¹ "Other" includes: 27% cropland; 19% water; and 32% recreational.

² For coal, "Other" includes: 61% (1,584.7 acres) cropland; 4% (101.9 acres) water; 3% (76.5 acres) other; 1% (31.6 acres) roads; and < 1% (3.6 acres) residential.

³ Land use percentages are estimates based on observations.

⁴ Industrial/commercial includes – 45.95 acres commercial; 85.27 acres industrial – gas wells; and 42.02 acres industrial manufacturing.

⁵ "Other" includes: 1.72 acres residential; and 5.43 acres public roads.

⁶ "Other" includes: of the 21% "other", 13% is combined use (i.e. two or more land uses on one permit) with the remaining 8% being a category other than listed above.

Member State Reclaimed Land Use Data

USE OF LAND FOLLOWING RECLAMATION (PERCENT)
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2014 FOR NONCOAL SURFACE MINING

State	Pasture	Wildlife	Forest	Commercial	Other
Alabama	60	10	30	0	0
Alaska	0	100	0	0	0
Arkansas	88.6	4.4	1.9	0	5.1
Illinois	70	0	0	20	10 (water)
Indiana	0	100 (5 acres)	0	0	0
Kentucky	63	2	13	5	17
Maryland	60	10	5	20	0
Mississippi	70	0	20	10	0
Missouri	34.5	3.2	0	51.5	10.8 (water)
Nevada	0	100 ¹	0	0	0
New Mexico ²	0	100	0	0	0
New York	1.6	55.5	0.3	2.4	40.2 ³
Ohio	⁴				
Oklahoma	89	0	0	8	3 (water)
Pennsylvania ⁵	10	5	10	15	60
South Carolina	50.3 (79.9 acres)	0	0.3 (0.5 acres)	3.2 (5.0 acres)	46.2 (73.4 acres) (lakes/ponds)
Tennessee	10	75	15	0	0
Utah	0	100	0	0	0
Virginia	14.8	42.5	30.9	11.3	.5
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	95 ⁶

¹ The 16 acres reclaimed in 2014 were completed to establish a post-mining land use of wildlife habitat.

² The percentages for use of land following reclamation are for mined lands reclaimed in 2014.

³ Includes 16.1% agricultural farmland and 24.1% wetland/lake.

⁴ The majority of releases are pasture and private recreational. Noncoal use percentages are not tracked in Ohio.

⁵ Land use percentages are estimates based on observations.

⁶ "Other" = 95% grazing and wildlife habitat. Not sure of the other 5% – a mix of commercial, agricultural, and pasture.

2014 Kenes C. Bowling Reclamation Award Winners

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The following companies were winners of the Compact's 2014 national reclamation awards and were presented with plaques at the 2014 awards banquet:

Coal Category Winner:

Luminant Mining Company, LLC – Big Brown Mine (Texas)

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Newmont Mining Corporation – Twin Creeks Mine (Nevada)

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Coal Category: *United Minerals Company, LLC/Peabody Midwest – Somerville East Mine (Permit #S-354) (Indiana)*

Noncoal Category: *Hanson Material Service – Fairmont Quarry (Illinois)*

2014 Minerals Education Award Winners

2014 Winners

The Compact's annual minerals education award was presented during the awards banquet held in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Annually, the mining educator awareness award is presented to a teacher or school from one of the Compact's member states. The winner receives an engraved plaque and a \$500 award to go toward teaching materials. The public outreach award is presented to an industry, environmental, citizen, or other group from one of the Compact's member states, or to a member state government body. The public outreach award winner is presented with an engraved plaque of recognition.

Mining Awareness Educator Category Winner:

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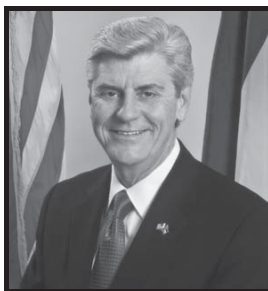
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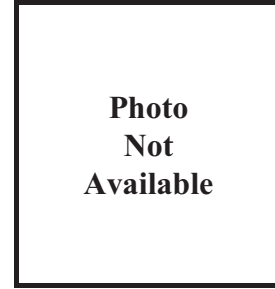
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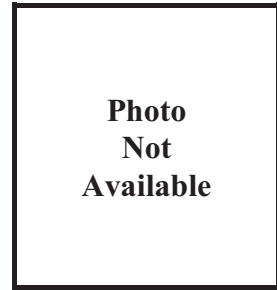


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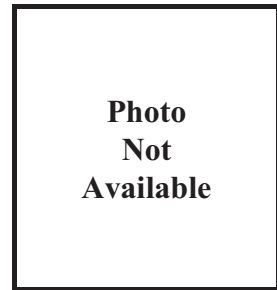


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