

one representing the miners and the other the operators. Each appointee serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. The Board examines applicants for the rating of first-class mine foreman and fire boss and issues "certificates of competency" to each successful applicant upon payment of the stipulated fee.

#### **Maryland Commission on Mining Laws**

**Chairman: Donald E. Moran**  
**Kenneth A. Bray, Chelsie A. Liller**

The Maryland Commission on Mining Laws, created by Chapter 36, Acts of 1950, consists of three members, one of whom represents the mine operators, one the mine employees, and one a representative of the minority party. The Governor designates the Chairman.

The Commission reviews the mining laws from time to time and recommends any necessary changes. The Commission also has the authority to make recommendations as to personnel, equipment and mining safety.

#### **Land Reclamation Committee**

**Chairman: Kenneth N. Weaver, Director**  
**Maryland Geological Survey**

Robert O. Glotfelty, Chairman, Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Garrett County; Wilbert Paul, Chairman, Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Allegany County; Ralph A. Bitely, Wildlife Administration; Adna R. Bond, Forestry Service; Herbert M. Sachs, Water Resources Administration; Harry Buckley, Bureau of Mines.

Appointed members: Robert C. Harvey, 1975; Donald E. Moran, 1976.

The Land Reclamation Committee, originally established by Chapter 144, Acts of 1967, had its functions expanded by Chapter 414, Acts of 1969 and by Chapter 6, Acts of the Special Session of 1973. The Committee consists of nine members. The Director of the Maryland Geological Survey serves as Chairman. The remaining members include the Chairman of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Garrett County, the Chairman of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Allegany County or their representatives, two members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three-year terms to represent the mining industry, the Director of the Bureau of Mines and three additional members of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Secretary.

The Land Reclamation Committee studies, recommends, and approves procedures for reclamation, conservation, and revegetation of areas affected by open-pit mining within the State. The Committee also reviews all mining and reclamation plans, progress reports and final reports. The Committee is further to establish plans and methods of procedure as well as practical guidelines for the prompt and adequate reclamation conservation and revegetation of all lands disturbed by open-pit mining of bituminous coal within the State (Natural Resources Article, secs. 7-501, 7-2050, 7-504 to 7-505, 7-509, 7-510, 7-515).

#### **MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS**

**Chairman: Benjamin E. Beavin, Sr., 1974**  
**Vice Chairman: Edgar R. Kauffman, 1974**