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2019 Post Conference Newsletter



President
Wendy Hutchinson
Lighthouse Resources

President's Message

Greetings Everyone!

I hope the summer has treated you all well in your personal and professional life. For those that were unable to make the summer meeting, we had a great range of speakers. Our key note was **Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon**. He stayed the better part of Monday at the conference, so there was plenty of face time with him and his staff. Governor Gordon is a great

supporter of the coal industry. As a result of the conference, he requested a Department of Energy study to be conducted in Wyoming to assess the carbon capture potential of some coal generating units. Rocky Mountain Power is currently finalizing their most recent Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and some of the scenarios call for early closures of coal units. Several of these units are sited near an existing CO2 pipeline with capacity and could provide significant sources of CO2 for oil producers searching for additional supplies. A DOE study on this will be critical to the quality of that conversation.

A special shout out goes to **Komatsu, ESCO and Wagner Equipment** for donating services into our live auction. More details and the purchaser information are included in this newsletter. Our patron chairman, **Clark Mosely**, informed me that this was our best one-night total event for this fundraising! Clark certainly deserves great credit for his firearm donation, also included in this newsletter.

I also want to wish **Scott Sturm** well on his Presidency for next year. He will provide great leadership for the organization! And of course – Judy and Chelsey and Trent make everything work for all of the attendees and speakers. The rest of us just show up and enjoy their hard work!



RMCMI
Executive Director
Judy Colgan

Letter from the Executive Director

What crazy weather events at our conference in Vail! We had pouring rain, snow, sleet and beautiful sunshine. Thank you all for being patient with our location moves due to the weather. We were blessed with a sunny beautiful evening for our event on Monday night.

While it cooled off quickly, we enjoyed the beautiful outdoors with great food, great entertainment and a lively auction!

About 50 golfers braved the Sunday morning snow to play golf at Eagle Vail course. We were only delayed about ½ an hour, and after the first three holes the sun decided to come out and it was a beautiful day.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation for those who donated and purchased auction items. Our silent auction is always a fun event, and we are so grateful for those who donate and those who get great deals! The live auction surpassed anything we have done before, please look at the page in this newsletter for details, and to the participants – THANK YOU!! The support we receive during trying times is so important and impressive.

I want to thank **Wendy Hutchinson**, and the rest of the board for their efforts and look forward to working with **Scott Sturm** and new board members for this upcoming year. RMCMI Strong!



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Technical Sessions

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The technical sessions provided some of the best speakers we have had, and provided up to date information about the industry. A link to those presentations was sent to all attendees and will be on the website in the member area. Please contact the office if you have any questions about the material presented.



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