



MINER COMMENTS

The Newsletter of the Mining Industry Council of MO

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2004 MINERALS EDUCATION WORKSHOP

As you know, the 2005 Workshop will be held at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO on July 24-29. If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please contact Angie Nations at the Doe Run Company by phone at (573) 518-1508 or by e-mail at anations@doerun.com.

She would love to hear from you and would be eager to put you to work!

Registration information for teachers is available on the MIC Web Site at www.mo-mic.com.

MIC LEGISLATIVE DAY SET

The Mining Industry Council of Missouri will hold an MIC Legislative Day at the Missouri State Capitol on **Tuesday, April 12, 2005**.

The day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Legislative Briefing in House Hearing Room 1 which is located in the basement of the Capitol Building. After a 15-20 minute briefing, members will proceed to meet with their legislators either in the offices or in the halls of the Capitol.

We will provide you with current legislative status reports and legislative directories so that you will be up-to-date on current issues as well as being able to locate your legislators.

Lunch is planned with members of the Missouri Senate in the office of Senator Carl Vogel. After lunch, you will once again have an opportunity to visit with your legislators.

We hope your schedule will allow you to join us. We do need to know how many will be in attendance, so please let us know if you plan to join us. For more information, please call the MIC office at (573) 635-7308. It will be a very informative day, so we know you will not want to miss it.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

On behalf of the MIC Board, Officers, members and staff, we would like to WELCOME the following company to membership in the Association.

Ron Keppel
Illinois Electric Works
Granite City, IL



MIC Representatives (from the left): Jack Hennessy (G.W. Van Keppel Company), Mary Hamilton & Johnna Huggins (Arch Coal Company) and Vic Nahlik (Winter Brothers Material Company) promoting the upcoming 2005 Teachers Workshop at the Minerals Education Booth at the Interface Conference at Tan-Tar-A in February.

MIC LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 2005 Missouri General Assembly has reached its halfway point and is enjoying a week of Spring Break. It has been an extremely productive first half of the session with tort reform and workers' comp reform on the Governor's desk, awaiting his signature. The legislature will continue to struggle with the budget woes and Medicaid reform the second half of the session.

In addition to some beneficial environmental reform legislation, another issue that is gaining some interest and attention is SB 470, establishing a Blasting Safety Act. This bill would require certification of blasters, as well as regulate blasting in Missouri. MIC has teamed up with the Missouri Limestone Producers Association to draft a piece of legislation which has some key beneficial aspects including preemption of local regulation of blasting. A very favorable hearing was held on March 16. The only opposition expressed was that of the Missouri Municipal League regarding portions of the preemption clause. If the bill receives a favorable vote in Committee, it will proceed to the Senate floor for full debate.

Below you will find a list of bills that have been introduced in the Missouri Legislature that are of interest to the mining industry.

If you would like to view any of the bills in their entirety, please visit the General Assembly web site at www.moga.state.mo.us and click on Joint Bill Tracking. At this point you can enter in the bill number and it will give you access to the bill text or a brief summary of the bill.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the MIC office at (573) 635-7308.

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| HB 130 | Establishes conditions under which certain entities that are in noncompliance with environmental regulations are protected from administrative, civil, and criminal penalties. (Bivins) |
| HB 157 | Changes the laws regarding environmental controls and plasma arc technology. (Harris, 110) |
| HB 497 | Clarifies the powers of the land reclamation commission to regulate mining. (St. Onge) |
| HB 510 | Changes the laws regarding hazardous waste regulations. (Bruns) |
| SB 7 | Modifies various provisions relating to lead poisoning. (Dougherty) |
| SB 148 | Modifies the Land Reclamation Act. (Nodler) |
| SB 470 | Creates the Missouri Blasting Safety Act. (Engler) |
| SB 482 | Modifies air contaminant source fees. (Cauthorn) |
| SB 483 | Provides a time frame for addressing non-compliance issues with the Department of Natural Resources. (Cauthorn) |
| SB 503 | Provides the opportunity for environmental audits. (Cauthorn) |

MIC 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are now underway for the 2005 MIC Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held November 30 – December 2 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri in conjunction with the MLPA Annual Meeting.

Please mark your calendar today and plan to join us.

If there are any hot topics you would like to see addressed in the sessions, please forward those topics and/or possible presenters to the MIC office. We will be meeting in the next few weeks and would like to have them for possible inclusion in the program.



MIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER HELD

As you will recall, the MIC Annual Membership Dinner was held on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Southwest and Viking Conference Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Richard Williamson of Wallis Lubricants was this year's recipient of the Extra Mile Award. In making the presentation, David Keller, MIC President and Vic Nahlik, MIC Treasurer noted that Richard goes above and beyond in promoting the mining industry. He has served on the PR Committee for a number of years and assists the committee in planning the Teachers' Workshop.

David Keller presented the Miner's Pick to Tom Rader of Buzzi Unicem USA, the 2004 President of MIC, in recognition of his unselfish service to the mining industry. Tom was unable to attend the Membership Dinner so Scott Conroy accepted the award on his behalf.

Doyle Childers, the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources was on hand to discuss with the members his visions for the Department. His comments were refreshing and MIC looks forward to working with him in his new capacity.

Below and on the next page you will find photos that highlight the major portions of the event.



MIC President David Keller of Harbison-Walker Refractories welcomes members and guests to the 2005 Membership Dinner.



Scott Conroy, Buzzi Unicem USA, shown accepting the MIC Miner's Pick on behalf of Tom Rader, 2004 MIC President, from David Keller.



Richard Williamson, Wallis Lubricants, is shown accepting the Extra Mile Award for going above and beyond in promoting the mining industry from Vic Nahlik of Winter Brothers Materials.



Randy Scherr, MIC Executive Director updates the members and guests on MIC activities.



Randy Scherr introduces guest speaker Doyle Childers to the members and guests at the Membership Dinner.



Doyle Childers, the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources, presents his visions for the Department in the upcoming months.



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