



**Women's Mining Coalition
Annual Meeting
September 1, 2017 12:00pm PDT
Minutes**

I. Welcome

- A. Webinar Instructions – Betsy Monseu, WMC Advisory Committee
- B. Roll Call Board of Directors, Executive Comm, & Advisory Comm – Becky Oliver, WMC Secretary

In attendance: Cathy Suda, Betsy Monseu, Wanda Burget, Julie Lucas, Wendy Hutchinson, Sue Stacy, Betty Gibbs, Debra Struhsacker, Terah Burdette, Ruth Carraher, Teresa Conner, Barbara Coppola, Carolyn Turner, Becky Oliver, Cami Prens

Absent: Ann Carpenter, Anne Wagner, Debbie Laney, Ingrid Myers, Jim Collord, Laura Skaer, Thomas Altmeyer, Jean Bustard, Ann Couwenhoven, Jason Bostic, Maggie Lansing, Karen Yost, Rebecca Blackburn

- C. Safety Share – Carolyn Turner, WMC Vice President
Roundabouts- safe or unsafe? They are safer for major accidents/injuries; unknown for minor accidents; approach with caution, may be new and people may not know how to navigate them yet.

- D. Welcome – Barbara Coppola, WMC President

Thank you to American Coal Council for sponsoring webinar.

II. 2017 Fly-In Summary

Carolyn Turner

Terah Burdette, WMC past president & BOD member

Debra Struhsacker, WMC cofounder & BOD member

Carolyn: Targets: committees and Fly-In constituents; great Fly-In turn out: up for participants and donors, slight drop in meetings; sr. level staffers in 31 meets vs. 5 last year. Congressman Labrador picture; met with his staff. Congressman Nolan Meeting; Heller meeting; great networking opportunity- well attended extracurricular activities.

Terah: 5 issue papers, 2 coal, 3 hardrock; generally people in meeting were in agreement with WMC position. More agreement with Senate rather than House. More emphasis on House meetings in the future. More strategic/key members in House if we pursue them more. Likely due to change in WH and energy reform.

Lynne to provide Debbie with charts and tables summarizing Fly-In

Debbie: regulatory agency meeting: Met w/ Dep't of Interior (high level officials); few people in permanent positions in May but still got to meet with key people. Agency meetings important for

establishing WMC as group that has valuable expertise on key mining issues. WMC is actively involved in key rule making important to DOI; key comments on EPA bonding requirements. Sage Grouse – former comments on land use planning amendment; EIS, and draft EIS. Mike Nedd asked for WMC comments on CERCLA 108B.

Critical Minerals Roundtable meeting: invite only to 16 mining companies (CEOs); Pershing Gold invited, how to remove barriers to critical minerals, concerted focus at high level to improve permitting conditions.

Companies can submit comments to website regarding permitting issues (Debbie to provide website).

III. Old Business

A. 2016 Prazen Award from the National Mining Museum – Lynne Volpi

B. Membership Update -Lynne Volpi

Members up 20% - members have added donation (46%); corporate and affiliate members flat.

C. Conferences Attended – Lynne Volpi

D. WMC Website and Social Media – Betty Gibbs; Becky Oliver

Adding new mineral uses page from AEMA

Adding infographics onto website.

IV. New Business

A. Financial Report – Cami Prenn, WMC Treasurer

2016 and 2017 status. Half of income this year vs. last year; severely short on income in donations category. Lower costs this year, loss at end of 2016, on trajectory for loss in 2017. Current balance is approximately \$20,300.

Biggest donor was \$5k from Hecla this year. Cloud Peak Energy \$5k (has not come in yet)

B. Conferences Planned – Lynne Volpi

AEMA, SME, Elko Mine Expo; Western States Mining Associations

C. Summer Recess Meetings – Ruth Carraher, WMC cofounder and BOD member

Formerly called “drive-ins” began in 2014; up to 24 participants in meetings; invite non-members to join. In 2017, see slide, eight states had meetings. Typically meet with actual member, gives you more time than at Fly-In.

D. bizNevada Magazine article – Ruth Carraher

Sent to Nevada mine managers. Posted on website. Ask Lynne for copies of magazine outside NV BOD Special Election: Two BOD members resigned in July; nominating committee for new BOD directors- ballot out 8/15; response by 9/14; Ballots only went out to 2017 paid members

E. Fundraising – Barbara Coppola

Fliers to explain sponsorships and collateral/leave behinds. Sponsors of interest list. Identify new opportunities e.g, sand and gravel- need a leader of fundraising, regular meetings with core group of people. Denver Gold Forum to set up meetings for making a pitch. Ruth is still working on Freeport; equipment companies; etc.

F. 2018 Membership Brochures – Cami Prenn

G. 2018 Dues Increase – Cami Prenn

Dues increased to \$90; scaled back corporate membership to only 2 individual members per corporate membership

H. Further Discussion, Updates, & Brainstorming – Barbara Coppola & Debra Struhsacker

V. Closing – Barbara Coppola