

2021 West Virginia Coal Association Annual Membership Meeting Attracts Over 100



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The West Virginia Annual Membership Meeting was held on August 5-7, 2021 at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV.

The meeting began on the Thursday with the WVCA Executive Committee Luncheon meeting to take care of ongoing budgetary and finance issues as well as focusing on Association priorities for the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

On Thursday afternoon, the Association hosted the inaugural meeting of Eastern Coal State Executives, which was organized to enable the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois to work closer together on industry priorities, regulatory, as well as public relations and messaging programs. WVCA Board Members attended and U.S. Senator Joe Manchin joined the meeting virtually to stress the importance of coalfield organizations and their political leadership remaining aligned on key issues impacting the industry.

The Members Welcome Reception took place outside during what was a beautiful summer evening on the Chesapeake Bay Room Terrace.

On Friday morning, the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting was held with attendees hearing and participating with a great line up of speakers, chaired by Chris Hamilton, comprising the following:

- [1. "Welcome" by Heath Lovell, WVCA Chairman of the Board](#)
- [2. Chris Hamilton, President](#), and Jason Bostic, Vice President, WVCA
- [3. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Energy Secretary \(virtually\)](#)
4. Craig Blair, WV Senate President
5. Roger Hanshaw, WV House Speaker
6. Riley Moore, WV State Treasurer
7. Harold Ward, WV DEP Secretary
8. Eugene White, WV OMHS&T Director
- [9. David McKinley, U.S. Congressman](#)
10. Patrick Morrissey, WV Attorney General



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In the evening following the Reception, the Marquis Steak & Lobsterfest Dinner took place in the Spring Room and Terrace of the Cameo Ballroom. U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito gave a short address after dinner. Music was provided by the Regency Trio.

On Saturday, August 7 the Membership Meeting was held in the Crystal Room. The meeting was co-chaired by Chris Hamilton and Jason Bostic. Another fine list of speakers was presented comprising:

- [1. Jim Justice II, Governor of the State of West Virginia](#)
- [2. Carol Miller, U.S. Congresswoman](#)
3. Eric Householder & Vernon Criss, WV House Finance Chair/Co-Chair
4. Brian Abraham, Governor's Chief of Staff
- [5. Charlotte Lane, WV PSC Chair](#)
- [6. Randy Eminger, SCARCE](#)
7. Brann Altmeyer of Phillips, Gardill, Kaiser, & Altmeyer
8. Matt Warder, Woods-Mackenzie

The annual event concluded with the Chairman's Brunch. West Virginia's First Lady, Cathy Justice, spoke about the children and school programs she is involved in and the positive impact these bring. She was accompanied by Randall Reid-Smith, Curator for the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, and Vicki Shannon, the First Lady's personal assistant.



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