



WVCA Annual Mining Symposium 2016

Day 1

Day 1 took place on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The welcome and introductions were carried out by Bill Raney, President, WVCA. This was followed by the **State of the State 2016** presented by Charles Lorensen, Chief of Staff to Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. A session entitled **Legislature Today** took place with Senate President Lt. Governor Bill Cole and House Speaker Tim Armstead. Senator Capito (R) could not attend the symposium and sent a [video](#) message. Senator Manchin (D) similarly could not attend and also sent a message on [video](#).

The Opening Keynote Address entitled [Does the West Virginia Government Want To Retain What Is Left of the State's Coal Industry and the Jobs In It?](#) was presented by Robert E. Murray, founder Chairman, President, and CEO, Murray Energy Corporation.

This was followed by [Coal Exports](#) by Ernie Thrasher, CEO and Marketing Officer, XCoal Energy and Resources. A presentation entitled [WV Mine Safety Performance](#) was given by Kevin Stricklin, Administrator Coal Mine Safety Health-MSHA.

The **Mountaineer Guardian Safety Awards Luncheon** sponsored by Jackson Kelly took place with Pat Silvey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations-MSHA, and the Awards Presentation carried out by Eugene White, Director, WV Office of Miners Health Safety and Training.

Two **Eustace E. Frederick Milestones of Safety Awards** were presented to Arch Coal, Inc., Tygart Valley, Leer Complex, and Harrison County Coal Company, Harrison County Mine. The **Bart B. Lay, Jr. Milestone of Safety Award** was won by Phoenix Coal-Mac, Holden No. 22 Surface Mine.

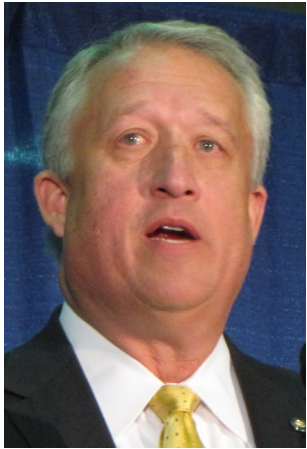
In the afternoon, Tom Clarke, President and CEO, Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund (ERB-Compliant Fuels) made a presentation entitled **Mining in the Appalachian Basin with Carbon Credits**.

This was followed by **Coal Safety Lawyers** chaired by Mark Heath, Spillman, Thomas & Battle. The presentations were: [Civil & Criminal Prosecutions under the Mine Act](#) by Alex Marcia, Spillman, Thomas & Battle; [Federal Penalty Rules](#) by Dave Hardy, Hardy Pence PLLC; [Roadblocks Implementing Technological Change](#), Arthur Wolfson, Jackson Kelly, PLLC; [MSHA: What to Expect in 2016](#) by Jonathan Ellis, Steptoe & Johnson; [The Clash Between MSHA Special Investigators and Civil Penalty Cases](#) by Bob Beatty, Dinsmore & Shohl.

A panel discussion entitled [Preparing WV's SIP/Clean Power Plan](#) was presented by Tom Clarke, WV DEP Senior Policy Advisor, and Frank Blake, AEP Environmental Engineer. Day 1 then adjourned with the **Legislative Reception** taking place in the evening.



Charles Lorenson



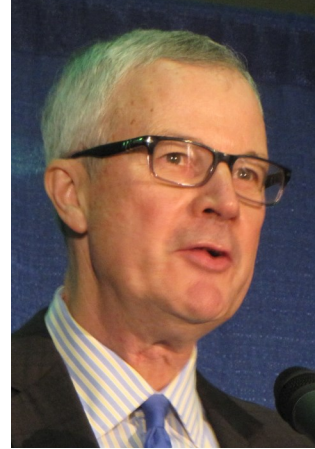
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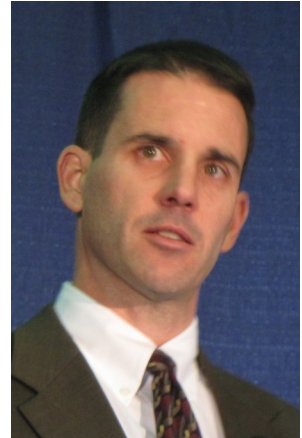
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