



# **TENNESSEE MINING ASSOCIATION**

## **2018 Annual Report**

Celebrating 10 Years  
2008 - 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year's annual report comes at a momentous moment for the Tennessee Mining Association – it's our tenth anniversary! From our humble beginnings in 2008, TMA has grown to be a well-recognized, highly-respected organization across the state and throughout the nation. With the dedication of our membership, TMA has fought – and won – some major battles throughout the last decade.

In the last year, TMA seized our growing influence and leveraged our power to advance the mining industry in Tennessee. We successfully passed the "Primacy and Reclamation Act of Tennessee," shaped state-level water quality regulations, engaged with the highest ranking mine safety officials and hosted dozens of individual and industry meetings to move mining forward.

Today's political, regulatory and commercial environments present numerous opportunities to positively position resource extraction. That's why we have adapted the organization to maximize our future impact. With the help of our members and supporters, TMA will focus 2019 on uniting mining's interest, engaging on policy issues, promoting technical education and expanding our influence.

The mining industry's contribution to a successful society is tremendous, but it's all too often misunderstood. TMA's ability to

deliver this key message to stakeholders across the spectrum ensures the prosperity of operations throughout the industry and the state.

From all of us at the Tennessee Mining Association, thank you for your continued support!



*Chuck Laine*

In 2018, the Tennessee Mining Association continued to play an important role in convening top industry, regulatory and legislative officials in a variety of settings. We hosted congressmen, top federal agency administrators, state and regional regulators and hundreds of mining operators for informational meetings, community events and the state's preeminent technical conference for resource extraction – the Tennessee Mining Conference. These events helped define the conversation around today's most pressing challenges, bring communities together and allow members to share their thoughts and expertise.

## Annual Conference

On the first weekend of October, more than 120 attendees, ten exhibitors and a line up of top industry and regulatory presenters convened on Gatlinburg to take part in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Mining Conference. The participation, program and special events made this conference an unprecedented success!

## Community Events

TMA members represent the best that the mining industry has to offer, and they take their commitment to their community very seriously. In conjunction with our member companies and various segments of the mining industry, TMA participated in several town halls and community events throughout 2018. We value the opportunity to participate in these events to help members connect with their local community and share the value of mining.

## Informational Meetings

In the ever changing world of regulations and standards, TMA acts as the industry's unified voice and provides a vital function to connect industry with regulators, legislators and other stakeholders in order to clarify or revise how form meets function. Among the various informational meetings we held this year was a series between the dimension stone industry and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, which resulted in an open dialogue with the MSHA Administrator's office to address the ongoing issues with inspection and enforcement.

# EVENTS



# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Mining Conference







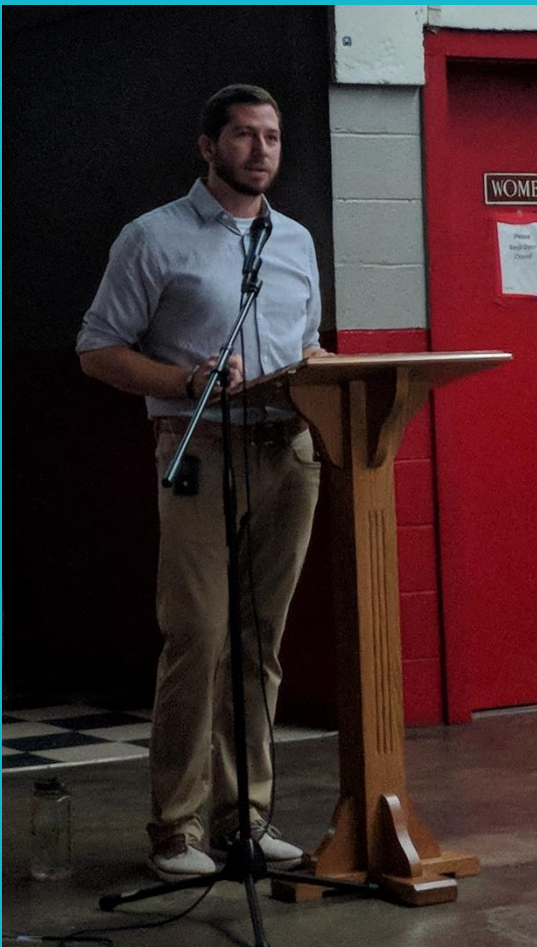
## **PAST & PRESENT**

The Tennessee Mining Association hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mining Conference October 7 – 9 at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn. This year's event provided a great forum to celebrate the past decade and plan for the future.



## ON THE GROUND TRAINING

TMA and member company Rogers Group provided a tour of the Rutherford Quarry for the staff of the Tennessee Environment and Conservation Air Pollution Control Division



## GOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

Nystar hosts a town hall meeting to update residents on new geological survey project.



## 100 YEARS

TMA was delighted to celebrate Old Hickory Clay's century in business!



**STRONGER TOGETHER** TMA members met in Crossville and Dunlap to discuss new Mine Safety and Health Administration regulations for the dimension stone industry. Newly-elected Congressman John Rose joined the discussion and provided valuable input to the assembly.



**IT'S ELECTRIC** The Appalachian Rural Electric Cooperative hosted TMA and Nyrstar for a meeting to discuss how mines consume and pay for electricity.



From the unprecedented success of mining at the legislature to the complete upheaval of the state political landscape, 2018 will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the most active for the Tennessee Mining Association.

## 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

The passage of the 90-page Primacy and Reclamation Act of Tennessee during this year's legislature generated more excitement and praise of TMA than any in our history. After working for four years to secure victory, the legislature voted by an overwhelming majority to return oversight of the coal industry to the state. In addition, TMA was responsible for keeping the legislature from establishing a severance tax on the zinc industry and participated in a coalition to pass legislation affirming a state permit shield.

## Mid-Term Elections

With a Senate race of national importance, one of the most competitive gubernatorial primaries in state history and a turnover of more than 25 percent in the state legislature, 2018 completely shifted the state's political landscape. TMA was active throughout the campaign season meeting with candidates on the local, state and federal level to ensure that mining's issues remain front and center on the mind of policymakers.

110 <sup>th</sup> Legislature BY THE NUMBERS	3,210
	Bills
	148
	Committees
	136
	Legislators
	1,702
	Meetings
	57,853
	Actions
	14,467
	Votes



## THE BIG VOTE

Rep. Dennis Powers on the floor of the House of Representatives presenting the Primacy and Reclamation Act of Tennessee and surrounded by co-sponsors.



**TOP: RECOGNIZING 10 YEARS**  
TMA Chairman Hunter Hobson presents TMA's celebratory resolution.

**LEGISLATORS OF THE YEAR**  
Sen. Ken Yager and Rep. Dennis Powers accept the inaugural award from TMA.



# Tennessee Natural Resources Development PAC

The Tennessee Natural Resources Development Political Action Committee (TNRD PAC) plays an important role in shaping the rules and regulations that govern our industry.

The TNRD PAC is a bipartisan multi-candidate state political action committee affiliated with the Tennessee Mining Association and registered with the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance.

The TNRD PAC provides the Association with the ability to be a stronger, more unified force in the political arena. Because there is strength in numbers, the TNRD PAC is more effective than individual contributions. The TNRD PAC contributes to key candidates within the General Assembly that serve on committees important to the mining industry and/or who hold leadership positions within the legislature. This gives the mining industry even greater impact for each dollar contributed and ensures that the industry's impact is applied as widely as possible.

## PAC QUICK FACTS

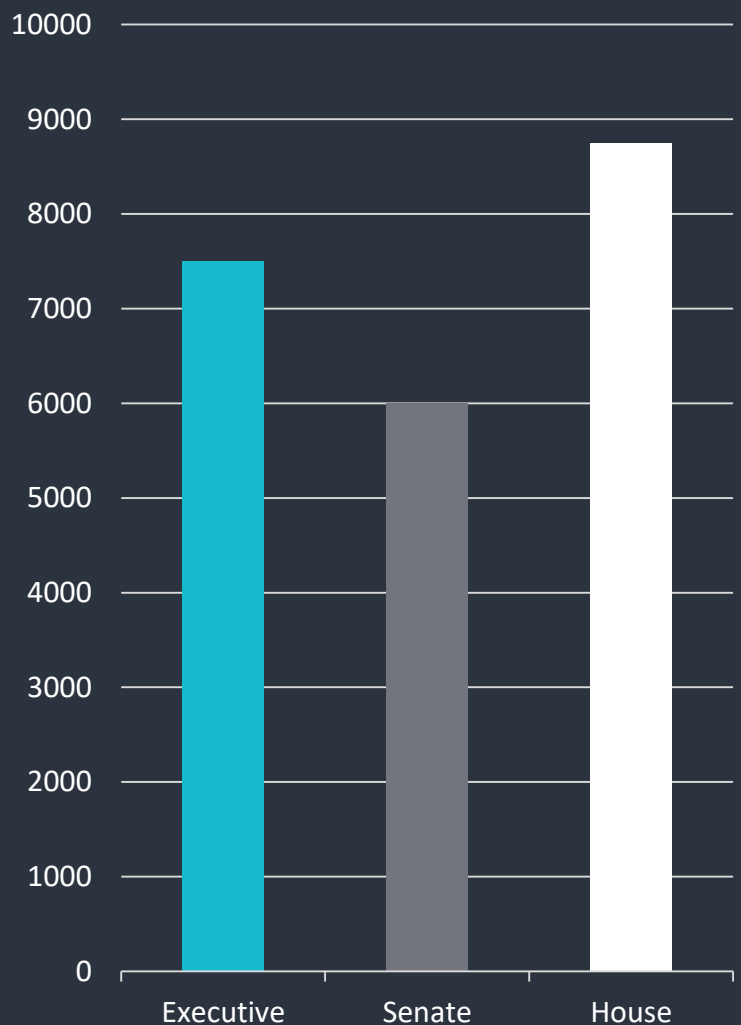
**\$29,405** **10**

Donations Contributors

**\$2,022** **11**

Avg. Contribution Recipients

### Financial Contributions





**MEET AND GREET** TMA was delighted to be able to spend time with Tennessee's new Governor Bill Lee throughout the campaign and look forward to working with his administration to take Tennessee from good to great!

**PICTURE PERFECT PAC** Senate Speaker and Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally joined the Tennessee Natural Resources PAC for a discussion of the historic midterm elections and what's to come in the 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly



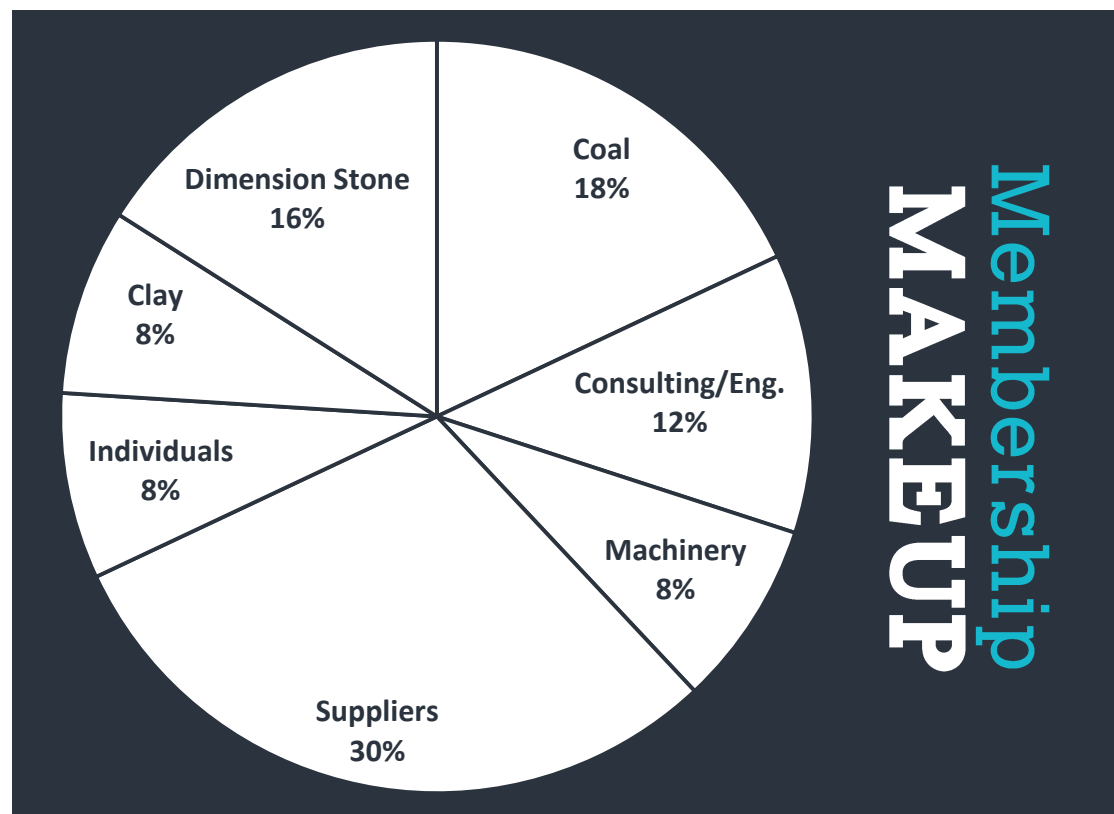
The Tennessee Mining Association's membership continues to diversify and expand into new areas of the state. During the past year, TMA gained operating members in the zinc, dimension stone and aggregate industry and recruited new vendor members. Membership growth remains a top priority for the new year because a strong membership is essential to attaining the strength and influence necessary to move forward on other goals.

## Member Recognitions

Going above and beyond is a standard trait for TMA members, and we were ecstatic to celebrate the accomplishments of two of our member companies on their regional environmental and national safety awards.

## Board of Directors

The hard work of the Tennessee Mining Association's leadership has lead to one of the best years for outcomes for the membership. Their dedication to the industry is unparalleled and TMA appreciates their service to pushing the association ahead in the year to come.







Tennessee-based coal company Kopper Glo Mining, LLC were the winners of the 2017 Sentinels of Safety Award for the Small Underground Coal Group for recording 70,238 accident-free hours at their Cooper Ridge Deep Mine.

Presented by the National Mining Association, the Sentinels of Safety Award is the nation's most prestigious mine safety honor. Kopper Glo's win represents the first time in the award's 93-year history that a Tennessee coal mine has been honored.

Across Kopper Glo Mining's operations, the safety and welfare of employees is the first and foremost priority. The company relies on input and recommendations of those closest to the mining operations to ensure that the mission of returning home safely at the end of each shift is achieved.

# TMA Award Winners



Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co.'s Lane Cove Strip Mine #2 and Deep Mine #43 were awarded both the State and Regional Appalachian Regional Reforestation Award for their implementation of the Forestry Reclamation Approach. Lead by Bernard "Chico" Higgins, TCC successfully prepped the site for tree planting with a novel "push up" technique and then hosted the 2018 Arbor Day event where students from Whitwell Middle School were able to participate in the reforestation efforts, which will lead to improved wildlife habitat, environmental health and long-term economic growth through timber. TMA congratulates Tennessee Consolidated Coal and Chico on their phenomenal work!

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Tennessee Mining Association would like to recognize and thank outgoing Director Barry Thacker. Barry served three terms on the TMA board and is a true ambassador for the mining industry. We wish Barry all the best as he transition into retirement and thank him for his tireless work for TMA and all Tennesseans.







## Chuck Laine, President claine@tnmining.com | 865-705-3094

Chuck Laine has been lobbying the state and federal government for more than 30 years. His reputation as a skillful negotiator, coalition builder and strategic communicator has made Chuck one of the state's top lobbyists. Known for taking on difficult issues, Chuck has overcome enormous odds, secured favorable outcomes and advanced the cause for his clients.

Among Chuck's most notable accomplishments was the successful defeat of an eight-year long effort to outlaw coal mining in Tennessee. Brought on board at the eleventh hour, Chuck saved an industry from certain collapse and positioned it to become a formidable political force in Nashville.

Chuck is a graduate of Lipscomb University and has a degree in economics and business management. An avid outdoorsman, Chuck enjoys a round of golf, a day of fly-fishing or watching a football game with his wife, Susan, their seven children and six grandchildren.

## Roxanne Reiley, Vice President rreiley@tnmining.com | 865-696-8806

Roxanne Reiley began her lobbying career at the Tennessee Mining Association in 2008 after spending four years in the public relations industry.

At the legislature and within state government, Roxanne has cultivated a reputation as a regulations guru and serves as the firm's lead liaison in regulatory and policy matters. Most recently, she played an integral role in developing a 90-page legislative initiative to return the primary regulation of coal mining back to the state.

During her time with TMA, Roxanne has also accumulated broad event management experience. She spearheads the planning of TMA events, including the annual conference.

Roxanne is a 2004 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism where she majored in Magazine Design.





**LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!**

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