

Illinois Mining Institute 2025 Annual Meeting July 22 – 24, 2025

Event Schedule

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Registration	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Benchman Competition Lock-up	11:00 am
Benchman Competition Start	12:00 pm
Evening Reception (Sponsored by SCS Engineers) <i>Pookies Beer, Food and Bocce</i>	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Mine Rescue Lock-up	7:00 am
First Team on Field	8:00 am
Annual Meeting Registration Open	7:00 am
Exhibit Hall Open	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Professional Networking	9:15 am – 12:00 pm
Membership Meeting	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
Professional Networking	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Mine Rescue Awards Ceremony – Mt Dew Park f/k/a Rent One Park	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Mine Rescue Trophy Presentation	6:00 pm

Thursday, July 24, 2025

IMI Golf Tournament @ Kokopelli Check-in	7:30 am
	Tee off 8:30 am
Golf Awards	Following Tournament

Professional Networking Presenters

Nick Johnson, attorney – Bailey & Glasser LLP – *Legal Policy Changes that Benefits the Mining Industry*

Nick is a frequent speaker on topics relevant to mining and energy companies. He is a repeat presenter at the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, where he has also served as co-chair of its fall program. In addition, he has been invited to speak at the National Council of Coal Lessors, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Annual Conference & Expo, and the Current Trends in Mining Finance conference.

Michelle Bloodworth – CEO, America's Power – *The Power Grid As We Know It and What the Future Looks Like*

Michelle Bloodworth is President and CEO of America's Power, the only national trade association focused solely on coal-fueled electricity. She leads the group's advocacy before Congress, federal and state regulators, and the Administration, representing a coal fleet that provides over 20% of U.S. electricity.

Randy Eminger, Eminger LLC - *Coal Power in the States: Building on Trump's Agenda*

Randy has spent 42 years representing the electric power industry. He worked for twenty years at American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity and seven years as executive director of the Energy Policy Network. Randy has now formed Eminger LLC where he remains active in energy research.

Brad Hartwick – Innovative Wireless Technology – *Launching the New Guardian Proximity System*

Innovative Wireless Technologies, a recognized leader in mining technology, is set to unveil its latest advancements for the industry. Over the past year, IWT completed development and is now launching the new Guardian™ Proximity System. This breakthrough technology is designed to eliminate nuisance trips and prevent system tampering, raising the bar for underground safety and reliability.

Equipped with integrated hardware and software, the Guardian™ system also enables seamless data communication from surface to face, supporting a wide range of operational needs. In addition, IWT has built a first-in-class analytics platform that delivers powerful insights through real-time tracking, safety analytics, and production metrics to help mines operate smarter and safer.

Mark Bryant - *Groundwater Treatment during Coal ash harvesting and applications for Mining operations.*

Illinois General Assembly Members – Dale Fowler, Senator 59th District; Terry Bryant, Senator 58th District; Patrick Windhorst, Representative 117th District; and Paul Jacobs, Representative 118th District – *Round Table Discussion about Illinois's Energy Policies and How it Affects the Mining Industry*