

# Illinois Mining Institute 2026 Annual Meeting June 23 – 25, 2026

## Event Schedule

### Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Registration	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Benchman Competition Lock-up	11:00 am
Benchman Competition Start	12:00 pm
Evening Reception <i>Oasis Thrillhouse Restaurant</i>	5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### Wednesday, June 24, 2026

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	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Membership Meeting	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
Professional Networking	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Mine Rescue Awards Ceremony – Pavilion	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Mine Rescue Trophy Presentation	6:00 pm

### Thursday, June 25, 2026

#### IMI Golf Tournament at Franklin County Country Club

Check-in	8:30 am
Tee off	9:00 am
Golf Awards	Following Tournament

## **Professional Networking Presenters**

### **Nick Johnson, attorney – Bailey & Glasser LLP –**

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.

### **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.

### **Randy Short, CEO – Prairie State Generating Company**

Mr. Short joined Prairie State in 2014 as the Chief Operating Officer with more than two decades of experience in the electric generation industry, having previously served as plant manager to the coal-fueled Baldwin Energy Complex, as plant manager at the Wood River power plant and served as senior director for Generation Programs at Dynegy (now Vistra) corporate headquarters in Houston, Texas. Mr. Short holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University and a Master of Business of Administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

### **Jerry Mullens – National Mining Association**

Jerry is currently the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and External Relations for the National Mining Association. His work in the political arena included four years with the Republican National Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee creating over 2,000 radio and television advertisements as well as producing hundreds of hours of programming from the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Republican National Conventions. Mr. Mullins also serves as the spokesperson for the Pentagon Memorial Fund.