

## Corporate Member of the Year, Presented by Lorali Simon

This award honors an organization active in AMA who embodies the true strength of a membership-based organization and corporate support of the organization. It recognizes above and beyond efforts to strengthen the membership of AMA and is a classic example of why members are the true lifeblood of AMA.

This company has always been involved with AMA activity, but recently has taken on a much larger role in supporting the Association.

For a few years now, one member has conducted the memorial video that is displayed during this Banquet, – a project that takes significant time but he truly felt that it was important. In a recent email exchange he said “I want this to be good for everyone that’s watching this and possibly saying one final goodbye or a tearful “I miss you.”

The company sponsors the Convention at the Gold level and has a vendor booth – they bring new innovative technology to the trade show floor each year. This year they brought Sipping Streams Teas, their local tea vendor, that is used at their camps across Alaska. Sipping Streams Teas made hot tea for all Convention attendees - a hot drink on the chilly November Convention days! Now, if they could only bring us some snow!



Another individual from this company is always available for a phone call and brings new ideas to the conversation. She has accepted an Anchorage board seat and will serve that branch for the next two years.

Recently, they were featured in North of 60 Mining News Critical Conversations – it is a must read article and perfectly represents what a strong, family owned business this is.

Something that specifically stands out and strongly shows their values is the Ukrainian workers they have on staff. At the end of the 2024 Convention, they shared how they are sponsoring EB-3 visas for three Ukrainian employees. They spoke so highly of them and said ‘they’ve turned out to be some of the best team members we’ve ever had — hardworking, dependable, and a great fit overall.’ In the words of the nominator, “It was the most heartfelt conversation and just truly showed the values, kindness and generosity of this incredible company.”

It’s clear that me that Alaska Minerals is very deserving of the 2025 Corporate Member of the Year. Congratulations!