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AMA Efforts and Activities 2023-2024 What is AMA Doing for You?

AMA's Work on Federal Issues

- **Permitting Reform on both sides of Congress:** collaboration with other industry organizations for strategy to ensure passage by end of year, preparation to provide compelling examples and solutions; meeting with US House Natural Resources Committee Chairman on path forward
- **Alaska Resources Day in Washington DC**
- **U.S. House Natural Resources Committee mining roundtable in Alaska, coordination of industry attendees and education presentation, fundraiser for Rep. Stauber**
- **Coordination of National Mining Association CEO Rich Nolan visit to Alaska:** tours of Johnson Tract, Usibelli, Fort Knox, and Fairbanks Creek; Alaska Chamber Business Summit fireside chat, associated meetings and events
- **Women's Mining Coalition fly-in to DC:** onboard Carin for participation
- **EPA's preemptive 404c veto at Pebble:** dozens of meetings, tracking of legislation in House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, disappointing SCOTUS decision, legislation to codify veto addressed by entire business community,
- **Ambler Access DSEIS:** Comment period, AMA Action Alert, diverse member comments on SEIS. No-Action Alternative decision at same time as NPR-A decision, coordination with oil industry and CODEL on attacks to Alaska economy. Multi business association statement, letter to BLM State Director urging reconsideration. Currently providing support to Senator Sullivan's office on NDAA language and working with regional stakeholders on long term strategy.
- **BLM Conservation and Landscape Rule next steps:** implementation initiatives and multiple entity lawsuits across U.S. including State of Alaska
- **Tongass National Forest exemption of Roadless Rule:** Coalition's lawsuit with 50+ business groups, at same time as State of Alaska and Pacific Legal Foundation, ongoing
- **Good Samaritan legislation coordination** with NMA and Delegation
- **Support Mining Regulatory Clarity Act,** to correct Rosemont decision
- **BLM ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals draft Public Land Order EIS** review and workgroup, consultation with ANCSA corporations, submittal of thorough and technical comments
- **Substantive comments on Central Yukon RMP,** coordination with ANCSA Corporations
- **AMA comments on National Park Service ROW rule**
- Comments on USFS land management plan for old growth forests
- Submittal of comments on post-Maui decision Clean Water Act guidance
- Support of broadened and accessible ANILCA training
- First National Nature Assessment nominations
- Signed on to Section 45X Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit letter with National Mining Association and other state mining associations
- Following proposed decision for Greens Creek Mine Extension Project
- Tracking Fort Wainwright heat and electrical systems changes
- Coordinate with national partners on NEPA "Phase 2" regulations; CRA resolution

- Review of BLM Performance Mining Metrics
- Army Corps rescission of Appendix C regulations related to Historic Preservation Act: supply information to national trade groups
- Review of former Bureau of Mines and discussion throughout industry on a mining position in Washington DC to forward domestic mining policy
- Speak at DOE regional decarbonization workshop
- Continued monitoring of EPA's power plant rules and impacts to Alaska and nation
- NPR-A weekly calls with AOGA, CODEL to incorporate broad permitting and development strategies
- Review of EPA regulations of lead emissions of aircraft
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of Clean Water Act issues post-Sackett
- Participation in Washington Coal Club
- National Mining Association Minerals Policy Task Force, Government Affairs, and Environment Committee and subcommittee meetings
- National Mining Association spring board meeting with Congressional and agency briefings
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- Follow and debrief on Earthworks decision regarding mining millsites
- Tracking of BLM 5-year adjustment of location fees
- Release of NMA's S&P determining US has second longest permitting timeframes; follow up briefings
- Tracking Fort Wainwright heat and electrical systems changes
- Critical minerals list continued advocacy: Zinc added this year, copper remains off USGS list but on Department of Energy list. Urging for realization of copper.
- Following White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Advertising BLM-RAC open positions
- Review of Birch Creek Wild and Scenic River plan in Central (Circle Mining District)
- Work on Toxics Release Inventory with NMA, Alaska DEC
- Review and advocacy on EPA's denial of Interior Alaska clean air plan and grant funding
- Work with National Mining Association on flagging most critical federal issues to Alaska Legislature
- Coordinating with DNR for Interstate Mining Compact Commission visit to Alaska
- Planning condensed ANILCA training
- NPR-A weekly calls with AOGA, CODEL to incorporate broad permitting and development strategies
- National Mining Association Minerals Policy Task Force, Government Affairs, and Environment Committee and subcommittee meetings

AMA's Work on State Issues

- **Annual production of AMA State Issues of Concern document** to communicate sound state mining policy
- **Juneau Mining Forum and Juneau History Night**
- **Alaska Mining Day in Healy! And Juneau**
- **Presentations to House and Senate Resources Committees**, coordination with National Mining Association to highlight federal challenges and state solutions
- **Mining industry briefings for candidates** in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Kenai, and virtually for all candidates for Legislature and staff
- **Candidate guide of profiles of all candidates for AMA fall magazine**

- **Instream Flow Reservations:** lengthy technical comments submitted on DNR scoping for new water management regulations with eight statewide organization signatories, coordination with seafood processors
- **Minimum wage ballot measure:** provide overview of impacts to our industry, presentations to AMA membership, adoption of position of opposition and communication to members and public
- **Human Health Criteria** engagement with Alaska DEC as EPA requirement, multi industry coalition and comments on scoping for regulations
- **Five page AMA Bills List of legislation monitoring.** Bills of importance: critical minerals bills, vehicle weight restrictions, CACFA and Alaska Minerals Commission extension, Tier 3 waters bills, specific Tier 3 water bill for Kuskokwim river, mining education tax credit, bill on remote recreation cabin sites
- **Manh Choh transportation plan meetings and letter to Senator Bishop; letter to Senate Finance Committee**
- **Alaska Forum on the Environment:** coordination to have mining education sessions on agenda; three in 2024 and three planned for 2025
- Follow up discussion on Remote Recreational Cabins bill; communication with Governor's office about the associated process being problematic for DNR to manage land to avoid abuse of program
- Susitna Rivers land management plan comments
- Review of AIDEA's jurisdiction wetlands method
- Participation as mining seat board member of Susitna Rivers Recreation Advisory Board
- Call with Commissioner Pokon on countering environmental process attack [op-ed](#)
- Executive Orders to separate AIDEA and AEA boards, eliminate Recreation Rivers Advisory Board, Chilkat Eagle Advisory Council, and Wood Tikchik Advisory Council
- Met with DOR on revenue forecasts
- Coordination with Bob Loeffler, ISER, on surveying companies for environmental jurisdiction survey and report
- Participation in Alaska Metal Mines fly-in to Juneau
- Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference panel moderating, coordination with Governor's office
- Submitted comments on DNR carbon offset regulations
- Submitted comments on Kensington APDES permit
- Review of third party agency audits

Membership:

- Management of membership database for twice-yearly billing system, member communications, etc.
- Coordination of twice yearly billing system which includes extensive retention efforts in spring to ensure inclusion in Handbook and at Convention through end of year
- Extensive collaboration with AMA Executive Committee for outreach to outstanding members, has resulted in major increase in retained members
- Organization of weekly offsetting branch and Zoom meetings with specific regional or statewide focuses, attracting well over 100 participants at each.
- Assistance to branches with in-person meetings: email lists, venue assistance, speakers, etc.
- Profiles of members in monthly and quarterly publications
- Annual "In memoriam" tribute to appropriately acknowledge those we've lost
- Anchorage meetings started up again! Monthly lunch meetings on Thursday
- Fairbanks Branch summer kickoff bbq – extensive recruiting of elected official
- AMA 85th Anniversary roll out ANC branch meeting and online recognition

Publications and Communications:

- Annual Economic report by McKinley Research: Co-branded and cosponsored with AKMM. Media push and distribution to all legislators, Administration, local governments, etc. and several presentations throughout Alaska
- Alaska Miner Journal published monthly and Magazine quarterly: partnership with Fireweed Strategies to develop content-rich publication for our members and the public
- Production of AMA Handbook and Service Directory for members' use
- Continuous work to ensure AMA has strong social media presence: tracking of social media calendar, logging editorial content, highlighting member companies and issues, striving for entertaining and content that aligns with our values
- Addition of Instagram and LinkedIn to social media presence
- Ongoing website updating and management to share AMA's advocacy efforts and produce educational material
- Weekly reports to Board "Friday Gems" and Membership "Executive Director report"
- Continued building of content, photo inventory, etc.

Convention:

- Records!! Sold out!! Major success.
- Sold out trade show and addition to lobby
- Conducted lengthy, targeted membership and attendee survey to identify needed changes.
- Months of Planning Committee, new members, new ideas

Fairbanks Convention:

- First since 2018; a major success!
- Robust committee planning efforts resulted in packed schedule and great attendance
- Extensive fundraising and marketing of new schedule, etc.
- Board meeting at Fairbanks Curling Club
- Young professionals and opening reception at offsite venues, very popular

AMAPAC

- Successful fundraiser at Bell's Nursery Nov. 29
- Staff support to treasurers
- Reporting on AMA website for candidates supported by AMAPAC
- Two new Treasurers from previously not represented industry sectors (placer mining and vendor)
- Assist Treasurers with fundraising materials and donor retention
- 19 candidate contributions

Other

- Roundup Alaska Night and associated meetings
- Mining Day at the Alaska State Fair
- MINExpo kiosk booth with state mining associations and schools – MAJOR SUCCESS
- Carin participation in Western Governor's Leadership Institute
- All staff at AEMA Summer Summit panel participation, moderating
- Western States Mining meeting (state mining associations) in Minnesota
- Presented to FNBA One Solution panel

- Planning for Alaska Session at AEMA Annual Meeting in December
- Participation in panel at Montana Mining Association Annual Meeting
- Alaska Chamber community trip to Kodiak, meet with Koniag Inc. lands director for mining overview
- Meeting to onboard new NovaGold member as previous retired
- Participation/planning in Alaska resource organization CEO retreat
- Presentation to Alliance Meet Alaska March 22
- Volunteer at Alliance and Alaska Resource Education golf tournaments
- Attendance at the Institute for Natural Resources Law and service on Credentials Committee
- RDC Annual meeting
- Presentation to Southeast Conference, Alaska Chamber, Kenai Peninsula ARDOR, etc.
- Assist with booth and volunteers for Gold Rush Days in Juneau
- Meeting with SAM Alaska project to brief on property and exploration activity
- Introductory meeting with NC Machinery representative to increase participation in AMA
- Carin appointed as VelocityAK Board member!
- Participation/assistance in AEMA “I am Mining” campaign
- Presentation at Alliance Kenai Chapter Luncheon
- Presentation at Alliance Fairbanks Industry Forum
- Present to AMA Fairbanks Branch
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- Participation in Alaska Metal Mines monthly membership calls and legislative committee