Advocate of the Year Award

Mike Satre – Hecla Greens Creek

The Advocate of the Year Award honors an active AMA member who gives exceptional time and expertise to advocacy, helping the association educate decision makers, address important issues, and represent Alaska's miners.

The Alaska Miners Association is proud to recognize Mike Satre with the 2026 Advocate of the Year Award for his sustained leadership, practical mining expertise, and dedication to representing Alaska's miners.

A former AMA president and co-chair of the Federal Oversight Committee, Mike continues to give his time and knowledge to the issues shaping Alaska mining. In February 2026, he joined AMA leadership to present the industry's annual update to the Alaska House and Senate Resources Committees, helping lawmakers understand mining's economic contributions, operational needs, and policy priorities.

Mike also contributes to conversations that connect public policy with the realities of mining. At the Juneau Mining Forum, he shared his expertise on federal issues and the challenges of powering Alaska's mines. He carried Alaska's mining story to a national audience as a presenter at the American Exploration & Mining Association's annual meeting.

His leadership helps AMA connect technical knowledge with the decisions that affect access, permitting, and responsible mineral development.

Through committee service, legislative outreach, and industry education, Mike has remained a trusted voice for Alaska mining. His continued involvement reflects a commitment to AMA's mission that extends well beyond any single leadership role. Congratulations, Mike, and thank you for your tireless advocacy on behalf of Alaska's miners.

