



**Lignite Energy Council
2018 Annual Meeting
April 4 – 5, 2018
Bismarck Event Center
Bismarck, ND**

Conference Emcee: Geoff Simon – Executive Director, Western Energy Association

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration / Exhibit Halls Open

Member's Only Session

8:15 a.m.

Mine & Plant Updates

- Center Mine, BNI Coal, Ltd.
- Coyote Creek Mine, The Coyote Creek Mining Co.
- Falkirk Mine, The Falkirk Mining Co.
- Freedom Mine, The Coteau Properties Co.
- Great Plains Synfuels Plant, Dakota Gasification Company
- Antelope Valley Station, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Leland Olds Station, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Coyote Station, Otter Tail Power Company
- Milton R. Young Station, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
- R.M. Heskett Station and Lewis & Clark Station, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
- Coal Creek Station & Spiritwood Station, Great River Energy

9:15 a.m.

Break – Exhibitor Networking

Open to full meeting attendees & Pre-Registered Non-Members

9:30 a.m.

Presentation of Colors & National Anthem

Welcome/Opening remarks

Tom Erickson – Director, *Energy & Environmental Research Center – UND*

9:45 a.m.

Current Challenges

Clean Power Plan Updates

Dave Glatt – Environmental Health Section Chief, *North Dakota Department of Health*

10:15 a.m.

Break – Exhibitor Networking

10:30 a.m.

Leveraging Relationships Panel

Moderator: Geoff Simon – Executive Director, *Western Energy Association*

Kelsey Johnson – President, *Iron Mining Association of Minnesota*

Judy Colgan – Executive Director, *Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute*

Daryl Lies – President, *North Dakota Farm Bureau*

11:15 a.m.

Break – Exhibitor Networking

11:30 a.m. **Competitive Strategies**
Carbon Management Update
Mike Holmes – Vice President of Research & Development, *Lignite Energy Council*

12:00 p.m. **Awards Luncheon**

Member's Only Session

1:15 p.m. **Elections to the Board of Directors**

1:30 p.m. *Break – Exhibitor Networking*

Public Session 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

All employees of member companies are invited to attend the Keynote Session and Social FREE
(pre-registration is required)

2:00 p.m. **Keynote Presentation**
Tomi Lahren – Political commentator & contributor, *Fox News*

3:00 p.m. **Correspondents Forum**
Moderator: Geoff Simon - Executive Director, *Western Energy Association*
Tomi Lahren – Political commentator & contributor, *Fox News*
Scott Hennen – Host of “What’s on Your Mind”, *KFYR 550 AM & The Flag 1100 AM*
Rob Port – Columnist & Blogger, *Forum News Service & SayAnythingBlog.com*
Chris Berg – Host of “Point of View”, *Valley News Live*

Member's Only Session

4:30 p.m. **MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL**
5:30 p.m. *Take a member/vendor/customer to dinner*

Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:45 a.m. Breakfast Buffet opens
8:00 a.m. Welcome
8:20 a.m. **Legislative Priorities**
Jason Bohrer – President & CEO, *Lignite Energy Council*

9:00 a.m. *Break – Exhibitor Networking*

9:15 a.m. **Future Markets Series, Opportunities for Growth Forum**
Autonomous Vehicles –
Jonathan Fortner – Director of Government Relations, *Lignite Energy Council*
Greenhouses –
Rich Garman – Sr. Project Manager – Business Development, *Great River Energy*
Rare Earth Elements –
Ned Kruger – Geologist, *North Dakota Geological Survey*

10:30 a.m. *Break – Exhibitor tear down can begin following this break, but not during lunch*

11:00 a.m. **Address by North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford**

11:15 a.m. **Congressional Delegation Appearances**

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp

U.S. Congressman Kevin Cramer

12:30 p.m. **Closing Networking Lunch** (buffet style)

NOTE: Change to previous – there will be no programming during lunch

1:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourns – *Post-Meeting Research & Development Session to follow*

1:15 p.m. **Post-Meeting Session**

Carbon Management Solutions & Opportunities for Lignite

Moderator: Mike Holmes – Vice President of Research & Development, *Lignite Energy Council*

Commercial Perspectives w/ focus on existing units and Project Tundra

Bill Sawyer – Minnesota Power

Commercial Perspectives w/ focus on next generation power and Allam Cycle

Matt Greek – Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Overall opportunities w/ focus on policy and the state's role and opportunity

Jason Bohrer – Lignite Energy Council

Subsurface R&D including EOR & storage opportunities

Wes Peck – EERC

Power production and carbon capture R&D

Jason Laumb - EERC