

# Coal Mine Safety Board Meeting Summary

**The following is a summary of the April 14, 2004 Board Meeting.**

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- I. Meeting called to order by Frank Linkous. Eight members were present; Max Kennedy, Jr. was unable to attend.
- II. Frank Linkous welcomed the new and current members. New members included Patti Church, Roy Jessee, David Berry, William J. Kiser, and Ernest Benko. Current members are Rick Waddell, Ram Tankersley, Danny Sparks and Max Kennedy, Jr.
- III. Mike Willis, Division of Mines, reviewed the orientation CD that each member received.
- IV. Mike Abbott, DMME, presented an overview of DMME. He also generally addressed topics on the orientation CD that affect the working of the Board in its advisory capacity to the Department.
- V. Frank Linkous reviewed the Division of Mines' Coal Mine Safety Program Activities and distributed three CD's to each member. CD's included a PowerPoint presentation of the Division of Mines program activities and two CD's containing examples of training materials/programs developed by the Division of Mines Specialists.
- VI. By unanimous vote, Foster Ram Tankersley was elected as Chairperson, and Patti Church was elected as Co-chairperson.
- VII. Frank Linkous distributed, for review and approval, the Annual Coal Mine Safety Awards Nominations. These nominations included one large underground mine, three large surface mines, four small underground mines, three small surface mines, three individuals for 30 years service with no accidents, five individuals for 20 years service no accidents, and three individuals for 10 years service with no accidents. The Board voted to accept these nominations and present the awards to be provided in each category.
- VIII. Chairman Tankersley asked for any additional comments, with none presented, the meeting was adjourned.

NOTE: Those handouts distributed during this meeting were sent, together with a copy of this summary, to the member who was absent from the April 14, 2004, Coal Mine Safety Board Meeting.