



SOUTH DAKOTA
MINERAL
INDUSTRIES
ASSOCIATION

"A Unified Voice to Educate, Communicate and Advocate for the Mineral Industries in South Dakota."

Kwinn Neff – President SDMIA
SDMIA 2022 Update

SME Meeting, November 29, 2022

CARA Building, South Dakota Mines, Rapid City, SD

Overview

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Our Vision



"To honor South Dakota's world class mining heritage, its natural resource partners and continue to develop safe, sustainable and responsible mineral resources through education, advocacy and meaningful engagement in collaboration with educators, local communities, policy makers and members of the public; and to recognize the importance and benefit of responsible natural resource development and use, intended to sustain and improve the quality of life for South Dakotans for generations to come."

Main Objectives

- **Telling Our Story**
- **Media's Resource**
- **Public's Resource**
- **Educational Resource**
- **Industry's Advocate**



2022-2023 SDMIA Interim Board of Directors



Officers

Kwinn Neff, <i>Chairman</i>	Community Relations, Agnico Eagle USA
Larry Mann, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Lobbyist, Mann Strategies
Mark Bowron, <i>Treasurer</i>	Professor, Mining & Mineral Valuation & Finance, SD Mines
Brian Tideman, <i>Secretary</i>	COO, Pete Lien & Sons

Board Members

Liz Sailer	VP for External Relations, Dakota Gold Corp
Mike Cepak	Natural Resource Engineering Director, Retired DANR Mining & Minerals
Tony Auld	Operations Manager, Coeur Wharf
Kathy Johnson	Senior Geochemist, Barr Engineering Co.
Crystal Hocking	Supervisor Environmental Permitting & Remediation, RESPEC
Dean Aurand	President, Mid Continent Testing Labs, Inc
Left Open for East River Rep.	

Advisors

Matt Naasz	Natural Resource Attorney, Gunderson & Palmer (Water)
Rich Williams	Natural Resource Attorney, Gunderson & Palmer (Minerals)
Pat Gochnour	Consultant, Gochnour & Associates



2022 in Review

- **October 25, 2021** – Incorporated as a Domestic Non-Profit Corp.
- **April, 26th** – Initial Board of Directors Meeting (6)
- **May 13th** – Presentation at Inaugural MI Banquet, Lead
- **June 30th** – Filled Four Additional Board of Director seats (10)
- **July 14th** – Began Holding Monthly Board Meetings
 - Established Policy, Marketing, Education, and Finance Committees
- **August/September** – RFPs for Logo Design, Website Development, Social Media
- **October** –Website Layout, Job Description, Membership Outreach List
- **November** – Finalize Logo and Start Website Design
- **December** – Hire PT Managing Director and Begin 2023 Membership Outreach



2022 Membership Report

Since May, SDMIA had 21 members sign up:

- 2 Producers – 387 Employees
- 5 Non-producers – 95 Employees
- 7 Sole Proprietors
- 4 Vendors – 79 Employees
- 2 Retirees
- 1 Sponsorship
- 0 Students

Total of \$72,000 in 2022 Membership Dues

2022 members represent 561 employees in SD



2022 Goals

Build a foundation

- Marketing
 - ✓ Logo Design - Completed
 - Website Branding/Social Media – In Progress
- Finance
 - ✓ Banking Set-up – Pioneer Bank
 - ✓ Budget for 2023
 - ✓ Hire PT Managing Director
- Education/Outreach
 - Website Content
 - Outreach Materials
 - Event Calendar
- Policy – Tracking Federal, State, County, and Local Issues

Meet with Public Officials/Attend Public Meetings

- State Legislators, County Officials, and Local Officials



2023 Goals

SDMIA Membership Outreach

- Grow Membership Base
 - East River Producers
 - Expand Vendors, Individuals and Students
 - Increase Membership by at least 50%

Deliver Membership Value

- Launch Website - Official SDMIA Press Release
 - Events Calendar
- Regular Membership Updates
 - Partnerships/Outreach Opportunities
 - Membership/Project Highlights
 - Project Comment Link/Deadlines
- SDMIA Quarterly/Monthly Newsletter
 - Legislative/Policy Updates
 - Agency/Elected Officials Contacts
 - Upcoming Events



Executive Assistant - Director

Alexandra (Allie) Gregor - Mining Engineering and Management, SD Mines

- B.S. Mining Engineering and Management (December 2022)
- M.S. Mining Engineering and Management (December 2023)
- Grew up in Sioux Falls, SD
- Internships with L.G. Everist, Cleveland Cliffs and Dyno Nobel.
 - L.G. Everist - Worked on mine planning, permitting, inspections, and railroad operations.
 - Cleveland Cliffs - Worked at United Taconite Thunderbird Mine in operations as a dispatch supervisor.
 - Dyno Nobel - worked on their consulting team conducting product experiments, worked on blast crews, and performed preliminary research.
 - This semester Allie is on the Senior Design team working with Pete Lien & Sons creating a mine design and cost analysis for their Owl Canyon Quarry.



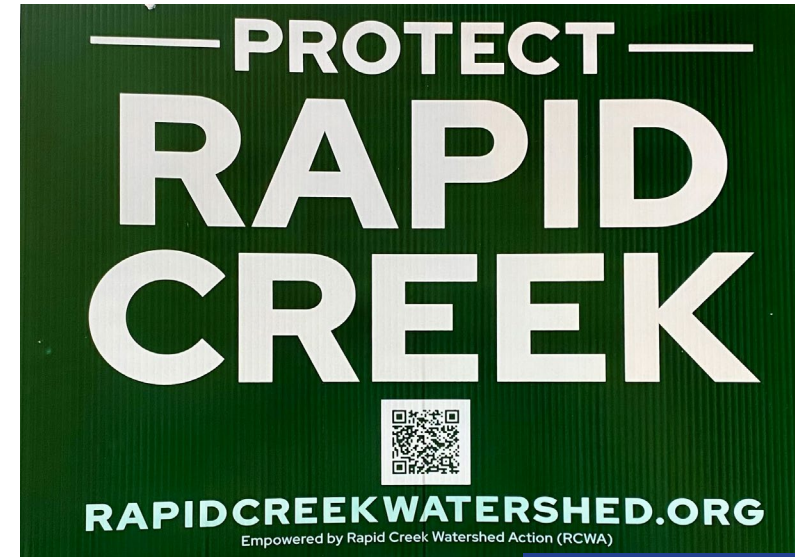
Current Policy Issues

Federal – Forest Service

- Exploration Permitting
 - Organized Opposition
 - Regional/National Level
 - Unknown Approval Timelines
- Forest Plan Revision – Draft Forest Assessments
 - Mineral/Energy Draft Assessment
 - Wilderness/Recreation Areas
 - Opposed by all Black Hills Counties (WY, SD)

State - 2023 Legislative Session

- Bills to Oppose Uranium and Gold Mining
- Pegmatite Mining Regulations
- Rapid Creek Watershed Designation



Current Policy Issues

County – Ordinance Changes

- Pennington - Hard Rock Mining Ordinance
 - Board Attended County Meetings
 - Held Working Meeting
- Fall River County - Ballot Initiative Passed
 - Declared Uranium Mining a Nuisance
- Custer County
 - Opposition calling for mining ordinance

Local – Petitions/Resolutions

- Rapid City – Passed Resolution
 - Oppose Gold Exploration in Rapid Creek Watershed
- Rapid Creek Watershed National Recreation Area
 - Petition for a 200,000 acre mineral withdrawal

Custer County and Pennington County Residents Say -

**STOP
LITHIUM
MINING**

More information at: BHCLEANWATERALLIANCE.ORG or DAKOTARURAL.ORG

We want to keep our clean water, fresh air,
wildlife, tourism, and room for outdoor
recreation. Lithium mining would negatively
impact all these things.

**Protect the Water
NO URANIUM
MINING
in the Black Hills**

How to Help:

Federal, State, and Local Government

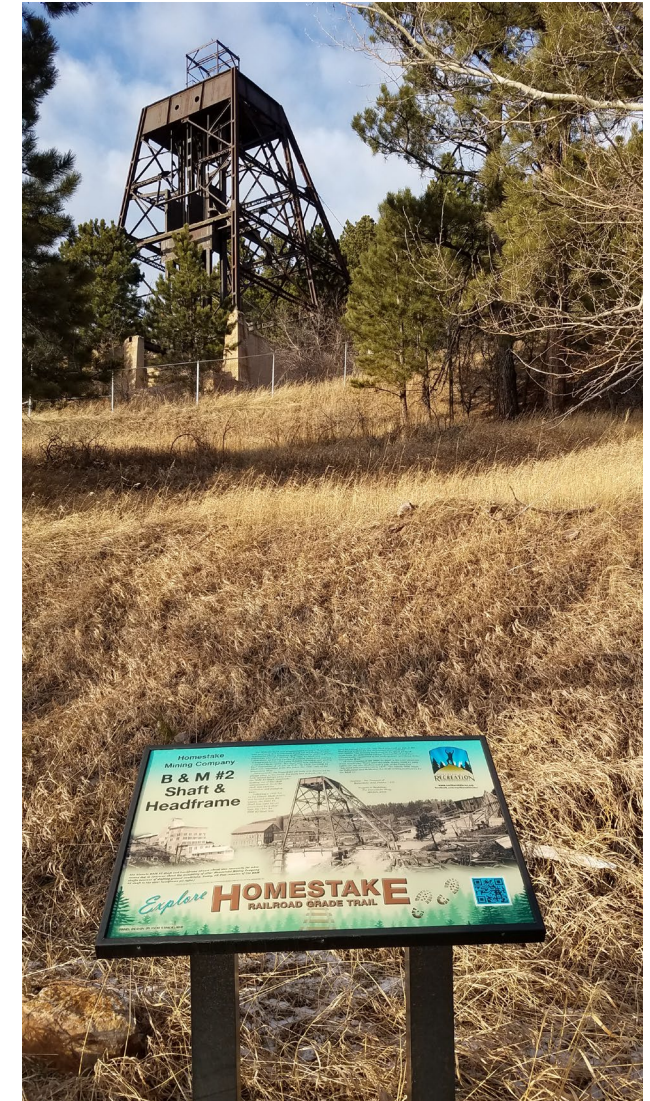
- Submit Public Comments, Email Legislators, Email Commissioners
- Partnerships with Agriculture, Tourism and Recreation Industries

Working Together – A collective positive impact

- Industry Supports Our Local Communities
 - Summary of Donations, Community Projects and Volunteer Work
 - Updated Socio Economic Impact Study
 - Improve Public Perception Through Education

Email Updates from SDMIA

- Policy Updates and Action Items



Key Message:

Biggest Challenges

- Confronting Misinformation and Changing Public Opinion

Solutions

- Industry Participation
- Sign up for SDMIA 2023 Membership
- BH SME Rep on SDMIA Board
 - Work with SME on Education/Outreach
- Join one of our SDMIA working committees
- Share Information with SDMIA
 - Company/Project Highlights
 - Partnership/Community Opportunities
- Spread the word
- Tell our story and become the reliable resource for the media, public, government and our educators.



“If you want to go fast – go alone. If you want to go far – go together.”

Membership Information

Upcoming Dates:

- 2023 Membership Dues – January 1, 2023
- 2023 Legislative Session – January 11, 2023
- Mines Day at the Capitol – January 31, 2023
- SD Mines Career Fair – February 7th, 2023
- 1st Annual Membership Meeting – TBD May 2023
 - SDMIA Board Elections

Website: www.sdmineralindustries.org (Coming Soon)

Membership Presentation and Information

Email: info@sdmineralindustries.org (General)
director@sdmineralindustries.org (Allie Gregor)
president@sdmineralindustries.org (Kwinn Neff)



Closing:



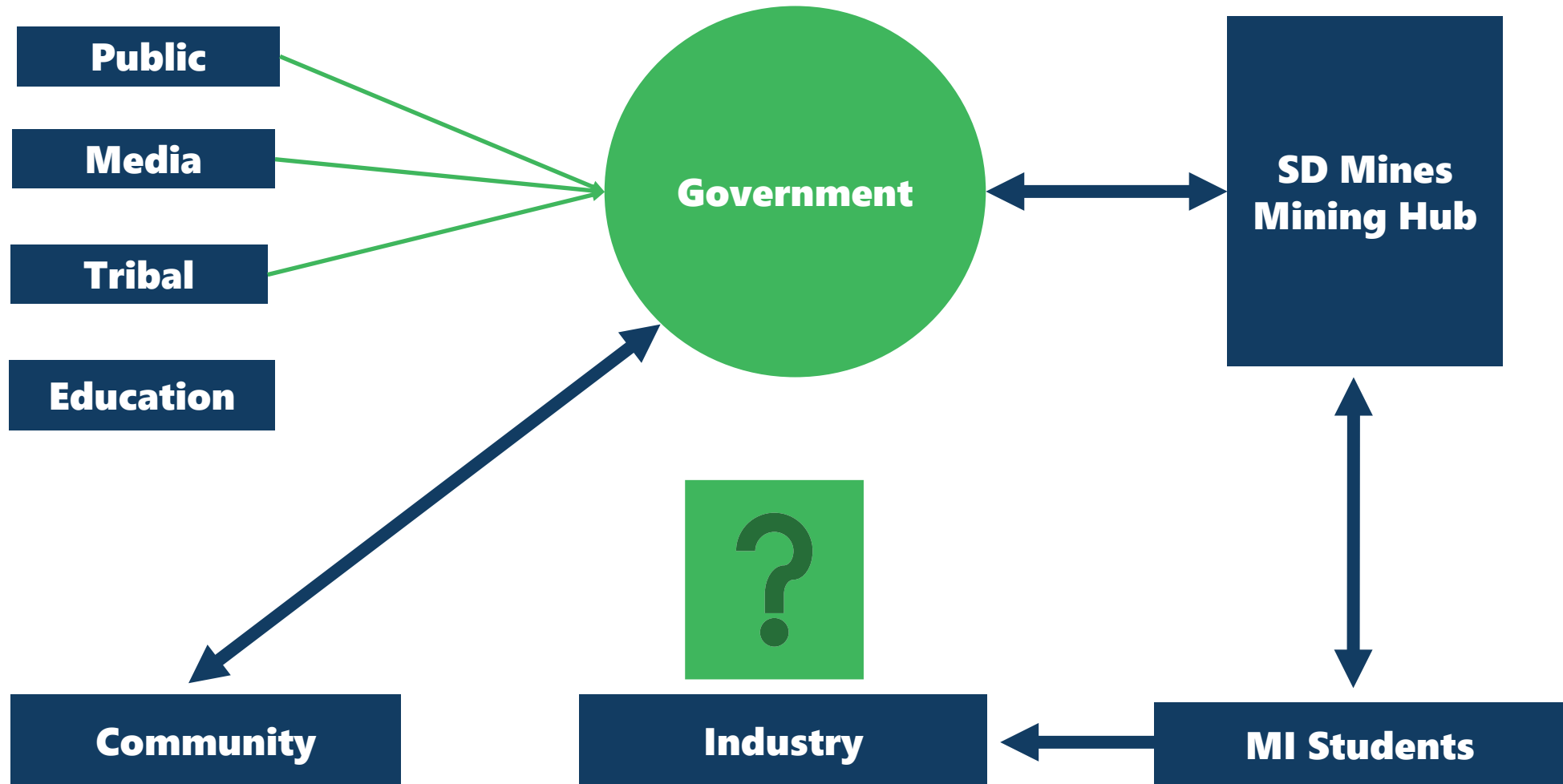
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