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AGENDA

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00 AM	Golf at Barefoot Resort & Golf, Love Course
9:00 - 5:00 PM	Poolside Cabanas Sponsored by Central Coal Company
2:30 - 4:30 PM	Registration & Reception in Seaside Vista
5:00 PM	Bus Leaves for Myrtle Beach Pelican Ballgame Sponsored by Eco Solution

MONDAY, JULY 13

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Coffee in Kensington
8:30 AM	Call to Order/Business Meeting (Dress: Resort Casual, Shorts Permitted)
9:00 AM	Speaker Chris Skates, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
10:00 AM	Speaker Charles Dayton, McCloskey by OPIS
10:45 AM	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Ingram Barge
11:00 AM	Speaker Chuck Arnold, Ingram Barge
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Poolside Cabanas Sponsored by Blackhawk
7:00 PM	Beach Pizza Party Sponsored by Blackhawk & River Trading

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Coffee in Kensington
8:30 AM	Call to Order/Goodwyn Holmes Award (Dress: Resort Casual, Shorts Permitted)
9:00 AM	Joe Frye Jr. Educational Funding Presentation
9:15 AM	Speaker Keith Runyon, Eagle Summit Resources
10:00 AM	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Duke Energy
10:30 AM	Speaker Shawn Cochran, Storm Technologies
11:00 AM	Speaker Greg Workman, Dominion Energy
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Poolside Cabanas Sponsored by Ingram Barge
2:00 PM	Waterslide Competition
6:00 PM	Reception in Seaside Vista Sponsored by Progress Rail (Dress: 80s)
7:00 PM	Dinner in Seaside Vista Sponsored by Robindale
8:30 PM	Raffle & Golf Prizes
8:45 PM	80s Party with Julio and the Saltines Sponsored by Carbon Partners

KIDS AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 13

10:00 - 10:45 AM	Tie Dye*
11:00 AM	Mascot Meet & Greet
1:00 PM	Big Splash Competition
2:00 PM	Bird House Painting
3:00 PM	Slime*
4:00 PM	Lawn Games
7:00 PM	Beach Pizza Party

TUESDAY, JULY 14 All Day Events: Soni's Hair Wraps*, Kingston Air Brush*, Build Your Beach*

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Beach Volleyball
2:00 PM	Waterslide Competition
6:00 PM	Reception, Dinner and 80s Party!

*Denotes a hotel activity fee

SPEAKERS

Chris Skates – Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Chris Skates, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Chris spent 30 years in both nuclear, coal and natural gas fueled power generation facilities. He began his career at Georgia Power Company in 1986 working at their nuclear power plants. At his last plant stop, Chris oversaw the Environmental/Chemistry program at Electric Energy, Inc which supplied energy to the Paducah Uranium Enrichment Facility.

In 2016 Chris was appointed Speechwriter and Energy Advisor to Governor Matt Bevin of Kentucky.

In 2020, Chris was appointed Senior Energy Advisor for Fossil Energy in the Trump Administration before moving back to Paducah in 2021 as Public Relations Specialist for Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership, the primary remediation contractor for the former Uranium Enrichment Site at Paducah.

Chris was appointed by the President to the NRC in July of this year. Chris is also a published author of 5 books, and dozens of op-eds and energy related articles in a variety of outlets.

Charles Dayton – McCloskey by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company

Charles Dayton is the macroeconomics lead at Coal, Metals and Mining at McCloskey by OPIS, a Dow Jones Company. He is a subject matter expert in coking coal and in supply and demand modelling and forecasting and an expert in macroeconomic analysis and how coal and steel demand are affected by macroeconomic events. He is the lead of the OPIS Tariff Talk publication and podcast. He also has extensive experience working in consulting roles and interfacing with the investor community while at Doyle Trading Consultants – a predecessor company ultimately acquired by Dow Jones.

Prior to joining Dow Jones Charles headed up investor relations for coal producer Arch Resources (now Core Natural Resources) and held a variety of market research, IT and business development positions within Arch. He also worked in equity analysis for Edward Jones- a Fortune 100 financial firm and is a former Army officer and decorated veteran having served two combat tours in Iraq in infantry roles.

Charles holds an undergraduate degree from William and Mary and two masters degrees: an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and a Masters in IT Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

Chuck Arnold – Ingram Barge

Chuck Arnold has served as Chief Commercial Officer for Ingram Marine Group (IMG) since 2020. Originally joining IMG in 2003, he worked at Ingram Industries for a while as Treasury Director and Assistant Treasurer before coming back to IMG. He's shown his versatility over the years taking on leadership roles for Liquid Sales, Dry Sales, Custom Fuel Services and now he leads the combined efforts of our commercial team. Chuck is known as a leader who cares deeply for his team and coworkers, always willing to help and provide words of wisdom from his years of experience.

Chuck and his wife, Cindy, have two children: Ava and Burke. Cindy is a real estate agent with Onward Reality. Ava is an Operations Group Deputy Commander in the Air Force ROTC at Auburn. She will join the U.S. Air Force after graduation and has earned a Pilot spot. Burke is very active in his school's track team and graduates in 2027. As an avid fisherman, he's passed the love of the sport down to his children.

Keith Runyon – Eagle Summit Resources

Keith's mining career started in 1990 working underground in eastern Kentucky. Over the subsequent 30 plus years, Keith has held various engineering management and upper management roles in the industry. Serving as COO, Sr VP Operations, General Manager and President for both private and publicly traded companies including Massey Energy, Patriot Coal, Alpha Natural Resources and Blackhawk Mining. Keith has extensive experience managing all aspects of large- and small-scale surface operations as well as underground mining complexes.

Keith has been a steward of safety and the environment throughout his career, serving as Patriot Coal's Chairman of their Central Safety Team, VP of Safety and recipient of multiple environmental excellence awards. Keith's charitable participation includes the Children's Home Society of West Virginia and the Coaches For The Kids Foundation supporting the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital.

Keith is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and is a licensed professional engineer in West Virginia and Kentucky.

Shawn Cochran – Storm Technologies, Inc.

Shawn joined Storm Technologies after earning a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 2005. He began his career as a field service engineer, conducting performance testing for domestic and international clients. Storm's field service team provides specialized testing for fossil fuel and biomass-fired plants to evaluate combustion, improve heat rate, and deliver engineered solutions that enhance operations. Shawn now serves as Vice President of Field Services, leading the division and continuing to deliver results for Storm's customers.

Greg Workman – Dominion Energy

Greg serves as General Manager of Fuels for Dominion Energy, where he is responsible for the procurement, transportation, scheduling, and inventory management of the fuels (including coal, natural gas, oil and wood) that power the Dominion Energy Virginia and Dominion Energy South Carolina electric generation fleets. With extensive experience in commodity markets and energy procurement, Greg has played a key role in developing strategies that ensure reliable, cost-effective fuel supplies while supporting Dominion Energy's commitment to safe and dependable electric service. He is a respected industry leader and has represented Dominion Energy in numerous regulatory proceedings and energy industry forums.

MYRTLE BEACH PELICANS GAME



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Eco Solution has reserved a field suite for Sunday July 12th. First Bus (of two) will leave the Embassy Suites at 5:00 pm. Game time is 6:35 pm. All attendees are invited. Stick around after the game for a fireworks show and all kids 12 and under will have the chance to run the bases.

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