



## **2018 Annual Meeting Agenda**

### **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

- 4:00 p.m.      Early Registration Opens (Cameo Ballroom)
- 6:00 p.m.      Registration Desk Closes
- 5:30 p.m.      WVU College of Business & Economics Hall of Fame Awards

### **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

- 7:30 a.m.      Registration Desk Opens
- 11:00 a.m.      West Virginia Chamber Annual Business Meeting – All Members Welcome (Chesapeake Room)  
Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00 p.m.      West Virginia Business Summit Opening Lunch & Address (Colonial Hall)  
*Sponsored by: BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company and Antero Resources Corporation*  
Opening Remarks & Welcome – Chairman Pat Graney  
Opening Salute – Chief Jan Rader, *Huntington Fire Department*
- 12:10 p.m.      Welcome Remarks:  
The Hon. James C. Justice, Jr., *Governor of West Virginia*
- 12:25 p.m.      Keynote Address:  
The Hon. Alexander Acosta, *27<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of Labor*
- 1:00 p.m.      Trade and the West Virginia Advantage:  
The Hon. Kirsten Hillman, *Deputy Ambassador of Canada to the United States*

- 1:15 p.m. Business Summit Address: “The West Virginia Advantage”  
*Sponsored by: West Virginia University and Marshall University*  
Dr. E. Gordon Gee, *President, West Virginia University*  
Dr. Jerome Gilbert, *President, Marshall University*
- 1:45 p.m. Solutions for West Virginia: The Opioid Addiction Crisis  
Panel Discussion:  
The Hon. Mike Stuart, *U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia*  
The Hon. Steve Williams, *Mayor, City of Huntington*  
Chief Jan Rader, *Huntington Fire Department*  
Mr. Patrick Farrell, *Founder and President, Savage Grant*  
Moderated by: The Hon. Evan Jenkins, *United States Representative (WV-3)*
- 2:30 p.m. CEO Spotlight:  
Ms. Heather Bresch, *CEO, Mylan*
- 2:45 p.m. Networking Break
- 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
- Track 1 – CourtWatch – *An Overview of WV Supreme Court Decisions (Chesapeake Room)*  
*Sponsored by: Progressive Insurance*  
Mr. Marc Williams, *Managing Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP*  
Mr. Tom Hurney, *Member, Jackson Kelly PLLC*  
Moderated by: Ms. Anna Dailey, *Managing Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP*
- Track 2 – A Conversation About Education and West Virginia’s Workforce Future (*Crystal Room*)  
Panel Discussion:  
Dr. Steven L. Paine, *State Superintendent, WV Department of Education*  
The Hon. Bob Plymale, *Member, West Virginia Senate*  
The Hon. Paul Espinosa, *Education Chair, West Virginia House of Delegates*  
Moderated by: Dr. Javier Reyes, *Dean, WVU School of Business and Economics*

Track 3 – A Discussion on Broadband Expansion, 5G and Small Cell Deployment  
(Chesapeake Bay) –

Panel Discussion:

Ms. Beth Cooley, *Senior Director, State Legislative Affairs, CTIA*

Ms. Tiffany Lawrence, *WV for Broadband*

Mr. Robert Hinton, *Chairman, West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council*

Ms. Kelly Workman, *Project Development Manager, WV Development Office*

The Hon. Greg Boso, *Member, West Virginia Senate*

Moderated by: Mr. Bill Bissett, President, Huntington Regional Chamber of  
Commerce

4:00 p.m.      Networking Break

4:15 p.m.      Concurrent Sessions:

Track 1 - Energy and West Virginia's Future: Coal, Gas & Wind Opportunities (*Chesapeake Room*)

Panel Discussion:

Mr. Rusty Orben, *Resident VP, CSX Transportation*

Mr. Chris Beam, *President and COO, AEP-Appalachian Power*

Mr. Robert Orndorff, *State Policy Director, Dominion Energy*

Mr. Chris Weikle, *Senior Manager Government Affairs, Southwestern Energy*

Moderated by: Mr. Greg Hoyer, WV Government Affairs Manager, EQT  
Corporation

Track 2 - Small Business Speaks, Listening to Small Business: (Crystal Room)

Panel Discussion:

Ms. Robin Hildebrand, *President, Adventures on the Gorge*

Ms. Chelsea Ruby, *Commissioner, WV Division of Tourism*

Ms. Angie Cowger, *Owner, Custard Stand Hot Dog Chili*

Mr. Michael Green, *Chairman, West Virginia Growth Investment Fund*

Mr. Xavier W. Staggs, *Co-Owner, Fuel Counter*

Moderated by: Ms. Charlotte Weber, Director & CEO, Robert C. Byrd Institute

Track 3 - Diversity and Inclusion (*Chesapeake Bay*)

Panel Discussion:

Dr. William "Bill" White, *Director, Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs*

The Hon. Charlotte Lane, *Member, West Virginia House of Delegates*

Dr. Michelle Foster, *President & CEO, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation*

Ms. Amanda Pasdon Payne, *VP & CFO, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce*

Moderated by: Ms. Amanda Barren, *Anchor, WSAZ*

5:00 p.m.      Registration Desk Closes

6:00 p.m.      West Virginia Business Summit Reception

*Sponsored by: WVU Medicine, The Greenbrier, and The Health Plan*

**Thursday, August 30, 2018**

7:30 a.m.     Registration Desk Opens (*Cameo Ballroom*)

7:30 a.m.     Exhibit Hall Opens (*Colonial Hall*)

7:45 a.m.     West Virginia Business Summit Breakfast (*Colonial Hall*)

8:15 a.m.     CEO Spotlight:

Mr. Albert Wright, *CEO, WVU Medicine*

8:30 a.m.     Legislative Leaders Perspective: "The West Virginia Advantage"

The Hon. Mitch Carmichael, *President, West Virginia Senate*

The Hon. Daryl Cowles, *Majority Leader, WV House of Delegates*

Moderated by: Mr. TJ Obrokta, *President and COO, Motorists Insurance Group*

9:15 a.m.     The West Virginia Advantage:

Panel Discussion:

The Hon. John B. McCuskey, *State Auditor, West Virginia*

The Hon. Mac Warner, *Secretary of State, West Virginia*

The Hon. John Perdue, *State Treasurer, West Virginia*

The Hon. Tom Smith, *Secretary, West Virginia Department of Transportation*

Moderated by: Mr. Mike Basile, *Managing Partner, Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC*

10:15 a.m.    Business Summit Address:

The Hon. Patrick Morrissey, *Attorney General of West Virginia*

10:35 a.m.    The 2018 Midterm Elections:

Dr. Larry Sabato, *Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia, Director of its Center for Politics and Founder of Sabato's Crystal Ball*

11:30 a.m.    Morning Session Adjourns

- 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.      Afternoon Networking Activities  
Activities Reservation – Call (304) 536-7899, Prompt #3 for Activities
- 1:30 p.m.      Second Annual Sporting Clays Invitational – Space is limited - \$75 per shooter – Reserve to Kathy Thomas at [kthomas@wvchamber.com](mailto:kthomas@wvchamber.com)  
*Sponsored by EQT Corporation and Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC*
- 5:30 p.m.      West Virginia Chamber PAC Reception – Invitation Only – for PAC contributors (*Chesapeake Bay*)
- 6:00 p.m.      West Virginia Business Summit Reception – All Registrants Welcome (*Colonial Terrace*)  
*Sponsored by: HealthSmart; Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC; and Highmark West Virginia*
- 7:00 p.m.      Leadership WV Dinner honoring Adjutant General James Hoyer (*Cameo Ballroom*)  
*RSVP to Kate Reed at [kreed@leadershipwv.org](mailto:kreed@leadershipwv.org)*
- 7:30 p.m.      Dinner on your own
- 9:00 p.m.      Cordials – Evening Cocktails, Dessert Networking Reception - All Registrants Welcome (*Colonial Terrace*)  
*Sponsored by: Dinsmore& Shohl LLP, and Wells Fargo*

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

- 7:30 a.m.      Registration Desk Re-opens at WV Chamber Exhibit Booth (*outside Colonial Hall*)
- 7:30 a.m.      Exhibit Hall Opens (*Colonial Hall*)
- 7:45 a.m.      West Virginia Business Summit Breakfast (*Colonial Hall*):
- 8:00 a.m.      President's Spotlight:  
                    Mr. Loren Claypool, *COO, HealthSmart*
- 8:15 a.m.      Legislative Leaders discuss "The West Virginia Advantage"  
                    Panel Discussion:  
                    The Hon. Mitch Carmichael, *President, West Virginia Senate*  
                    The Hon. Daryl Cowles, *Majority Leader, WV House of Delegates*  
                    The Hon. Charles S. Trump, IV, *Judiciary Chair, West Virginia Senate*  
                    The Hon. Craig Blair, *Finance Chair, West Virginia Senate*  
                    The Hon. Eric Nelson, *Finance Chair, WV House of Delegates*  
                            Moderated by: Ms. Maribeth Anderson, *Director of Government Affairs, Antero*  
  *Resources Corporation*
- 9:15 a.m.      The West Virginia Poll  
                    Mr. Rex Repass, *President, Research America, Inc.*
- 9:45 a.m.      The West Virginia Advantage: How to Create Economic and Workforce Strategies for West Virginia's  
Future  
                    Mr. Ted Abernathy, *Managing Partner, Economic Leadership, LLC*
- 10:15 a.m.     United States Senate Presentations:  
                    The Hon. Joe Manchin, III, *United States Senator, West Virginia*  
                    The Hon. Shelley Moore Capito, *United States Senator, West Virginia*
- 11:00 a.m.     Adjournment