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Dear MMA Members and Friends:

We are moving closer to Spring and with the nice weather we have been having, many of us are itching to get outdoors, catch up on the yard chores, or fit in some of our many recreational pursuits. While you are planning your spring activities, please make certain to include in your plans your attendance at the 2016 Montana Mining Association Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the beautiful Fairmont Hot Springs Resort on May 25-26, 2016. Hopefully the weather will be as wonderful as last year. In any event, the water will be fine!

The Annual Meeting promises two days of fruitful networking, informative and relevant programming, education and perhaps even a little inspiration. A perennial favorite, the annual Snowbird Open golf tournament will be held at the Old Works Golf Course, a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course in Anaconda. For those who prefer to do a little blasting instead of hacking, there will be skeet or trap shooting (or a combination of both) in Opportunity.

The final agenda is in the works for a dynamic program that will include producer updates, safety presentations and awards, resource industry updates, and an opportunity to meet the student winners of our statewide 8th grade essay contest and much more. We are expecting a sellout on our Exhibitor spaces and will allow additional time this year for attendees to visit with our great Associate members to learn about their companies and the products and/or services offered to the mining industry. All of this will be rounded out with great food, social opportunities and the dissemination of golf and door prizes and a special drawing for those who take the time to visit with our exhibitors. If that is not enough to entice you to register, you won't want to miss the Annual Banquet. Stay tuned for the final agenda! The MMA PAC will again hold its annual fundraiser. We are still working out the details and prizes and will announce the fundraiser details shortly.

Please fill out the attached forms and return them to the MMA office as soon as possible, particularly if you would like to secure exhibit space. If you will be advertising in the Annual Meeting Program or generously sponsoring our annual meeting, the deadline is May 1, 2016. We are also soliciting door prizes and golf prizes and have included a form if you would like to contribute. As always, your contributions are very much appreciated by the meeting attendees! We are entertaining the idea of having a Texas Hold 'em card game following the Wednesday night reception to benefit the MMA scholarship fund. We need to know how many poker fans may harken the call of "shuffle up and deal." Let us know if you are in by signing up on the enclosed form. The number of people who wish to play and other logistics will determine if we move forward.

Last, but certainly not least, is our reminder to contact Fairmont Hot Springs and reserve your room today. Call Fairmont at 1-800-332-3272 or visit them online at www.fairmontmontana.com (Book Now Tab, Group Tab, Group ID 18125, Password 313) and let them know you are with the Montana Mining Association to qualify for the discounted rate of \$125.00 plus tax. You must book your room by May 4, 2016 to qualify for the discounted rate. The block will be released after that date.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Fairmont in May.

Best regards,

Tammy Johnson, Executive Director