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## AEMA: A POWERFUL VOICE FOR MINING

**THE AMERICAN EXPLORATION & MINING ASSOCIATION (AEMA) IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOICE FOR EXPLORATION, THE JUNIOR MINING SECTOR, AND MAINTAINING ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS.**

I've belonged to a lot of organizations and find that AEMA provides that perfect blend of advocacy, technical and regulatory insight and networking - big enough to have influence and impact, and small enough that you don't get lost in the crowd. AEMA fits an important niche within the ecosystem of mining organizations, and as a consultant, I feel that I can make an important contribution to the organization and its members.

**Andrew Harley, PhD**  
Client Services Director, Mining  
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Several Rio Tinto companies belong to AEMA as it is the strong voice for the responsible exploration and mining community. They ensure that projects are fairly considered in the regulatory process and that our views are well articulated to policy makers at every level.

**Erik Best, Land Manager - North America, Kennecott Exploration**

AEMA is a knowledgeable and reliable source of information on issues impacting the mining industry and an effective advocate for its members.

**Congressman Mark Amodei Nevada**



*AEMA represents the entire mining lifecycle, from exploration through production to reclamation and closure, making us unique in our ability to bring together corporate interests and those of explorationists, small miners, grassroots members, vendors, and suppliers - and represent them on an equal footing. The sheer number of members and the range of interests represented gives AEMA the political standing it needs to achieve benefits for our members and the industry as a whole. I encourage you to invest in your future by joining today - and help us help you.*

**MARK COMPTON**  
AEMA Executive Director

# NEED A REASON TO JOIN AEMA?



- 1** We're an **effective and proactive voice for the mining industry**, successfully influencing the outcome of political dialogue, building effective working strategies with key elected officials, developing and coordinating industry's response to legislative and regulatory issues, and galvanizing the grassroots.
- 2** Our **Annual Meeting and Exposition** in December is the second-largest annual mining convention in the U.S. and is an important source of value for our members. It provides a strong technical program; prominent, informative speakers; timely and relevant short courses; large trade show; and important social and networking opportunities with industry professionals. AEMA members **receive substantial discounts** on registration fees.
- 3** We host the **AEMA Summer Summit** in June in Spokane, Washington, and **member receptions** throughout the country in February and October, providing consistent opportunities to network and learn from others in the industry.
- 4** The **AEMA Society** is a professional development program chartered in 2021 to identify talented individuals in the mining industry, match them with mentors, and provide cross-disciplinary curriculum to program participants. The AEMA Society contributes to future generations of leaders in the mining industry and is designed to ensure that the wealth of knowledge inherent in the industry today is not lost, but rather shared and built upon.
- 5** Our newsletter, **The AEMA Bulletin**, keeps members informed on a multitude of issues and provides important insights and information related to the mining industry.
- 6** We promote a **culture of health and safety**, and our **Statement of Environmental Principles** communicates the modern mining industry's commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability.
- 7** Through our outreach to key stakeholders, the media, and the general public, **we tell the mining industry's story** by emphasizing that mineral exploration and mining are the beginning of the supply chain and minerals are the essential ingredients of everyday life, helping the industry earn, maintain and enhance our social license to operate.
- 8** We are willing to fight to **ensure that regulatory actions are legal, justified, and as cost-effective as possible**, as demonstrated by our challenging illegal regulations in court and intervening when necessary to protect our members and their rights.
- 9** We offer a host of **volunteer leadership opportunities** through our board of trustees and an effective committee structure. Standing committees include Critical and Strategic Minerals, Environmental, Native American Relations & Outreach, Health and Safety, Public Lands, Public Outreach, Mining Law and Abandoned Mine Lands.
- 10** We are recognized as a **cost-effective association**, providing the most bang for your membership dues of any mining industry association. A **well-connected, helpful and experienced professional staff** is always ready to serve you and represent your interests, both in the public and in the political arenas, from state capitals all the way to Washington, D.C.

