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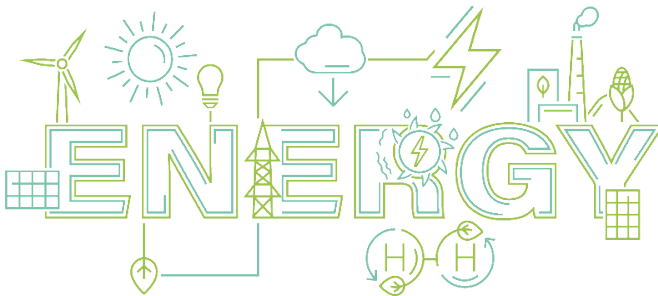
May 7 – May 10, 2024

Disney's Yacht & Beach Club Resorts Lake Buena Vista/Orlando, Florida, USA



VENUE MAP

Yacht & Beach Club Resort Site Plan and Event Locations



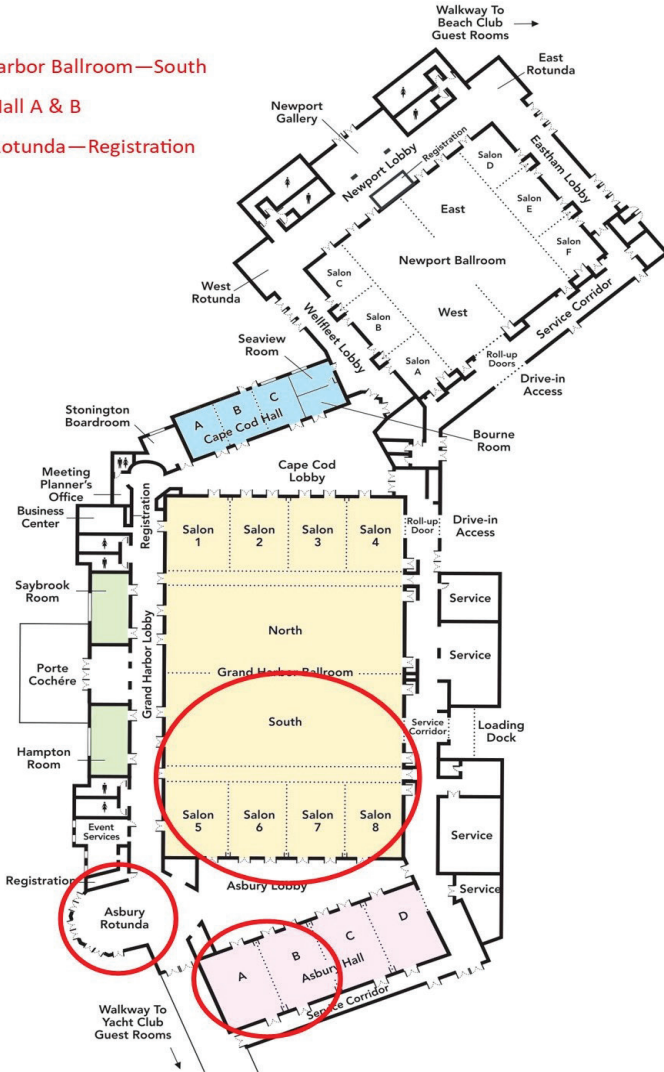


CONFERENCE ROOMS FLOOR PLAN

Grand Harbor Ballroom—South

Asbury Hall A & B

Asbury Rotunda—Registration



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Attendee check-in and registration will take place at the
Yacht Club Resort Convention Center
Asbury Rotunda

REGISTRATION DESK DATES AND HOURS

(New times!)

Tuesday	May 7, 2024	3:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	Closed at the Reception
		5:00 PM	-	5:30 PM	
		5:30 PM	-	7:00 PM	
Wednesday	May 8, 2024	1:00 PM	-	4:30 PM	Closed at the Reception
		4:30 PM	-	5:00 PM	
		5:00 PM	-	6:30 PM	
Thursday	May 9, 2024	7:30 AM	-	1:00 PM	
Friday	May 10, 2024	8:00 AM	-	9:30 AM	

All attendees and their guests must check-in to pick up their conference materials.

Thursday Reception & Dinner is a **Ticketed Event**. Make sure you have RSVP'd for the event when you registered and have your admission ticket.

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NAME BADGES

PLEASE WEAR YOUR CONFERENCE BADGE AT ALL TIMES DURING THE EVENT! ENTRY TO SESSIONS AND EVENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WITHOUT IT.

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DRESS CODE

Business Casual



Thursday Evening:

On the Beach, Casual, Shoe Drop Available.

CONFERENCE AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Disney Yacht Club Resort, Orlando, Florida, USA

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Asbury Rotunda

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

EARLY ARRIVALS RECEPTION

Registration at Reception: Sea Breeze

(Rain Back-up: Asbury Hall A-B)

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Asbury Rotunda

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

Registration at Reception: Marina

(Rain Back-up: Asbury Hall A-B)

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Asbury Rotunda

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST: Asbury Hall A-B

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION: Grand Harbor Ballroom South

10:45 AM – 10:55 AM

REFRESHMENT BREAK: Foyer

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

LUNCH: Asbury Hall A-B

7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

RECEPTION/DINNER: Shipwreck Beach

(Rain back-up: Grand Harbor Ballroom South)**Friday, May 10, 2024****8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Asbury Rotunda

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST: Asbury Hall A-B

9:00 AM – 12:05 PM

GENERAL SESSION, AWARDS & DRAWINGS

Grand Harbor Ballroom South

12:05 PM – 12:20 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK: Foyer

DETAILED CONFERENCE AGENDA**Tuesday, May 7, 2024****3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION / PACKET PICK-UP

Location: Asbury Rotunda**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

EARLY ARRIVALS RECEPTION

Location: Sea Breeze**(Rain Back-up: Asbury Hall A-B)**

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HOST**Wednesday, May 8, 2024****7:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Location: Grand Floridian Resort

Captain's Shipyard – Marina

(Pre-registration required)**Sponsors**

Tournament: Crimson Coal Corp

Prizes: Crimson Coal Corp

Hats: Blackhawk Mining

7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Location: Disney's Palm Golf Course**(Pre-registration required)****Sponsors**

Tournament: Mineral Labs, Inc

Prizes: Mineral Labs, Inc

Lunch: Emerald International Corp

Beverages: Eco Solution Distributing & Robindale

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

NETWORKING

(Pre-registration required)**Location:** TBA**Sponsors**

HMS Bergbau AG

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Location: Asbury Rotunda

4:30 PM – 5:00 PMCONFERENCE REGISTRATION **CLOSED**

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Location: Yacht Club Marina**(Rain Back-up: Asbury Hall A-B)**

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

Location: Yacht Club Marina
(Rain Back-up: Asbury Hall A-B)

Sponsors

Blackhawk Mining

Florida Gas Transmission (FGT)

Energy Transfer

Glencore

Ingram Barge

Knight Hawk Coal, LLC

Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Location: Asbury Rotunda

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

Location: Ashbury A-B

Sponsors

American Dedicated Rail Services

Gas South

Seminole Electric

Sunrise Coal, LLC

TrinityRail

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

KEYNOTE, PLENARY AND SESSIONS

Location: Grand Harbor Ballroom South**8:30 AM – 8:40 AM****Introductions & Announcements****MODERATOR****JIM THOMPSON****Bio:**

Jim Thompson has analyzed and provided insight on coal markets for more than three decades, as can be seen by the deep crevices in his face.

Thompson's major area of expertise is the North American coal markets, though he is conversant on worldwide market trends. He has expertise both in thermal coal for electricity production and in metallurgical coal for use in the steelmaking process.

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8:40 AM – 8:50 AM

Welcome



CONFERENCE CHAIR

CLASTON SUNANON

Board Member

**Bio:**

Claston Sunanon is an accomplished and goal-oriented senior professional with over 40 years of experience in the electric utility industry. Mr. Sunanon currently serves on the Board of the EFBC Conference Inc (EFBC). The EFBC is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate professionals across all energy sectors that are committed to the transitioning and balancing of fossil fuels and renewable energy to maintain a sustainable power grid. Mr. Sunanon and the EFBC Board members and Committee members are responsible for overseeing the overall operations of the organization, its financial stability by pursuing sponsorships, and seeking high level speakers for the continued success of the EFBC conference.

Mr. Sunanon served as the Director of Fuels, Power Marketing, Contracts, & Settlement at the Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC-The Reliable One), the 14th largest power utility in the United States. In this role, Sunanon progressively held leadership roles in engineering, generation portfolio planning, generation optimization, operations, fuel supply and logistics, power marketing, and renewables. He successfully led the first of its kind Electric Integrated Resource Planning strategy to achieve OUC's net zero carbon goals by 2050.

In addition, Mr. Sunanon was a member of the Florida Municipal Power Agency and Florida Gas Utility Board of Directors and served on several committees at the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council. His excellent strategic leadership, communications, negotiations, motivational and interpersonal skills have allowed him to build positive relationships and strategic alliances at all levels of the industry.

Mr. Sunanon graduated from Wright State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and the University of Miami with a Master of Science in Management.

8:50 AM – 9:40 AM

Our Reliability Message is Getting Through

PLENARY SPEAKER

Michelle Bloodworth

President and CEO



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Bio:

Michelle Bloodworth is President and Chief Executive Officer of America's Power, the only national trade association whose sole mission is to advocate at the federal and state level on behalf of coal-fueled electricity and the coal fleet. Bloodworth represents coal electricity and its supply chain before Congress, state and federal regulatory agencies, and the Administration. She has provided testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Congress, legislative bodies, and utility commissions on matters that impact the bulk power system, the coal fleet, and its supply chain. Bloodworth holds a leadership position in the Affiliates Sector of the Midcontinent

Independent System Operator's (MISO) Advisory Committee. Prior to America's Power, she served in positions at MISO, America's Natural Gas Alliance, and Energen/Alabama Gas Corp. She has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University.

9:40 AM – 10:25 AM

Why are Coal, Solar and Wind Power so Interlinked



SPEAKER

Lars Schernikau

Shareholder



Bio:

Dr. Lars Schernikau – With two decades immersed in the commodity industry, his journey began at The Boston Consulting Group in the USA and Germany from 1997 to 2003, shaping his deep understanding of global markets. Lars also managed a Germany based wind farm from 2003 to 2006.

As a co-founder, shareholder, and former board member of the supervisory board at both HMS Bergbau AG and IchorCoal NV – German-based, publicly listed, international commodity marketing and mining companies – Lars' experience spans across Europe, Asia, Africa, and North America. He has founded, steered, and advised enterprises across the global raw material sector, leaving a lasting imprint.

Currently, Lars directs his expertise towards further enhancing HMS' global commodity operations and driving energy and commodity marketing across

Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe, and the Indian subcontinent. Notably, HMS has been a key player in coal, ore, and cementitious product markets since 1995. The company develops and operates various logistics and mining assets.

Beyond the commodity business, Dr. Schernikau is a renowned energy economist and keynote speaker at global energy and commodity forums world-wide. His counsel on macro and energy economics extends to governments, banks, educational institutions, and conglomerates, shaping energy policies. With published books, scientific research, and press articles on energy policy and raw materials, his insights are held in high esteem. Lars has also peer-reviewed energy related books and research papers.

His latest book, "The Unpopular Truth... about Electricity and the Future of Energy," discusses the energy transition and how to meet global growing energy demand from an energy economic point of view.

Learn more here

www.unpopular-truth.com

Other books and research are available at

www.energeia-publishing.com

Lars studied Finance at New York University, received his MBA from INSEAD in France, and earned his doctoral degree in economics with focus on energy, commodities, and coal at the Technical University Berlin, Germany. He currently lives primarily in Switzerland and Singapore.

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

Location: Foyer

Sponsors

Columbia Resource Group

Moran Towing Corp

10:40 AM – 11:40 AM

**Energy Reliability in America is a
National Security Issue****KEYNOTE SPEAKER****Joe Craft**

Chairman, President and CEO

**ALLIANCE RESOURCE
PARTNERS, L.P.****Bio:**

Joe Craft is Chairman, President and CEO of Alliance Resource Partners LP, a diversified natural resource company headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Alliance Resource Partners LP (ARLP/Alliance) is the largest coal producer in the eastern United States, operates mining complexes in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, and West Virginia, and sells coal principally to major domestic and international utilities and industrial users.

Alliance also generates income from mineral interests it owns in premier oil and gas producing regions, primarily the Anadarko, Permian, Williston and Appalachian basins. In addition, ARLP is positioning itself as an energy provider for the future by leveraging its core technology business and operating competencies to make strategic investments that support the advancement of safety products, energy reliability, and related infrastructure.

A native of Hazard, Kentucky, Mr. Craft holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Program of the Alfred P. Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM

SERC Regional Long-Term Assessment & Risk Trend Overview

SPEAKER

Melinda Montgomery

Senior Director, Engineering &
Advanced Analytics



Bio:

Melinda Montgomery serves as the Sr. Director of Engineering & Advanced Analytics for SERC Reliability Corporation. This includes developing and implementing the strategy and vision for data management and analytics, stakeholder engagement through the extensive SERC technical committees, as well as developing the models, studies, and engineering assessments to evaluate the overall reliability of the SERC region going forward.

Her background includes more than 25 years of industry experience in real-time system operations and long-term transmission planning.

Melinda holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering, as well as a Master of Science in Engineering from Tulane University in New Orleans. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from Christian Brothers University in Memphis.



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12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

LUNCH

Location: Ashbury A-B

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Western Fuels Association

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Natural Resource Partners

Carbon Partners, Inc.

7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

RECEPTION & DINNER

Location: Shipwreck Beach

Dress Code: Casual (shoe drop available)

Partnering Sponsors

ACNR Coal Sales, Inc.

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CONSOL Energy Inc.

CSX Transportation

Foresight Coal Sales LLC

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Friday, May 10, 2024

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

Location: Asbury A-B**Sponsors**East Side River Transport
Eco Material Technologies
Pocahontas Land Company

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SESSIONS

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9:15 AM – 9:50 AM

Managing Coal and Gas Supply in a Volatile Power Market



SPEAKER

SETH SCHWARTZ

Managing Director



Bio:

Mr. Schwartz is the Managing Director of the consulting firm of Energy Ventures Analysis and was one of the founders of the firm in 1981.

He and his firm specialize in applied analysis of energy markets, including power, coal, natural gas, oil, renewables, and emissions. EVA publishes regular reports on energy markets, including forecasts of supply, demand, and prices.

EVA's clients include energy consumers, producers, and transporters as well as investors and regulators. Mr. Schwartz manages EVA's coal consulting practice,

which includes market studies, investment analysis, procurement operations, property valuations and transaction services.

Mr. Schwartz testifies on energy markets before courts and regulatory agencies and has served as an arbitrator in contract disputes.

He has served as CEO of Centennial Resources, a Kentucky coal producer, and Atlantic Carbon, an anthracite producer. He has served on the board of directors for several energy companies and has been an agent for coal procurement activities. He received a degree in Geological Engineering from Princeton University in 1977.

9:50 AM – 10:30 AM

One CSX Coming to Life

SPEAKER

Joe Forkum

Vice President of Coal



Bio:

Joe Forkum is Vice President of Coal. His responsibilities span across various domestic coal sectors including utility, steel, and industrial segments. Forkum also oversees the export coal segments and leads the company's coal development initiatives.

Prior to his current role, Forkum served as the Head of Merchandise Sales, a position he held until March 2023. In this capacity, he successfully spearheaded sales efforts for multiple business

segments at CSX, including Agricultural and Food Products, Chemicals, Fertilizers, Forest products, Metals and Minerals.

Forkum has served with CSX for more than 20 years. He joined the company as a member of the Finance team in 2000 and later moved into Sales and Marketing, where he took on the role of increasing responsibility on the Coal team. He was named Senior Director of Merchandise Sales in 2021 before being promoted to Head of Merchandise Sales in January 2022.

Forkum holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Finance from the University of North Florida and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida.

10:30 AM – 11:10 AM

Southeast Natural Gas Fundamentals Think About It This Way

SPEAKER

Jared Kaiser

CEO and Co-Founder



Bio:

Jared Kaiser is a recognized leader in the natural gas industry with 28 years of experience. Before building PathPoint Energy in 2021, he had proven success serving in BP's North American Gas & Power business unit as COO, Natural Gas Origination and Operations. He held responsibility at BP for all commercial customer facing activity conducted through eight regional offices including

activity in Canada and Mexico. Immediately before that, Jared served as COO, Global Natural Gas Liquids responsible for trading and marketing teams in Houston, London, and Singapore.

Earlier in his career, he served as Senior Vice President - Gas Origination covering the bulk of North American geography through multiple roles where he was responsible for leading teams focused on developing and executing commercial strategy including trading, origination, and asset management. The teams were substantially focused on originating solutions for producers and consumers.

Jared has spoken at many industry events, including the LDC Forums. He believes developing talent and supporting the team first is the main driver of success along with a focus on customers.

As a native of Houston, he earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in both Accounting and Finance from Texas A&M University. Jared has always been active in recruiting and continues his involvement with the Trading, Risk, and Investments Program at Texas A&M's Mays Business School.

11:10 PM – 11:15 PM

Drawing

MODERATOR

JIM THOMPSON



11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Our Nation's Energy**Speaker****The Honorable
Senator Rick Scott**
United States Senate**Bio:**

Senator Scott was raised in the Midwest by his mother, who worked several jobs to make ends meet, and adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver. Senator Scott lived in public housing, getting his first job at the age of seven and hasn't stopped working since. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Scott joined the Navy and served on the USS Glover. He bought his first business while still in college so his mom could have a job. Scott went on to run the world's largest healthcare company and other businesses until 2010 when he ran for Governor to get Florida headed in the right direction.

Senator Scott and his wife, Ann, were married at age 19. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

He served two terms as Governor of Florida. He ran on jobs, pledging to add 700,000 jobs in 7 years. The state far exceeded the number, adding more than 1.7 million jobs while he was Governor.

As Governor, he cut taxes more than 100 times, saving Floridians more than \$10 billion. He fought to make it harder for politicians to

raise taxes on families by proposing legislation requiring a 2/3 majority of the legislature to pass any increase.

While Governor, he made Florida the best place to get a job, raise a family, and build a business. He cut regulations, gave Florida a top education system, and worked with law enforcement so families could live in safe communities. He secured teacher pay raises and championed record investments in Florida's environment.

Rick Scott was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018 and is currently serving his first term representing the state of Florida. In 2022, Senator Rick Scott's office was recognized as the best constituent service in Congress.

He is fighting to stop the reckless government spending and the devastating inflation it has caused in Florida and across our nation; take action to protect Social Security and Medicare to preserve the promise of these programs; hold government accountable across all agencies; combat the extreme danger posed by Communist China; secure our border and stop the flow of drugs, terrorism and illegal immigration into our country; and refocus our military on lethal defense.

Senator Scott is willing to take on anyone – even in his own party – to make sure the right things happen for families.

Senator Scott is currently running for re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2024 to continue fighting for Florida families, hold the Washington establishment and Democrats accountable and rescue America from the destruction caused by Joe Biden and the Democrats.

12:00 PM – 12:05 PM

Drawing

MODERATOR
JIM THOMPSON

12:05 PM – 12:20 PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK

Location: Foyer

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