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May 12th - May 15th 2026

**Disney's Beach Club Resort
Lake Buena Vista | Orlando, Florida, USA**



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VENUE MAP

Disney Yacht & Beach Club Convention Center Site Plan and Event Locations

WALKING PATH FROM BEACH CLUB TO EFBC LOCATION

For an Indoor/Covered Walking Path from the Beach Club Lobby to Newport Ballroom
Follow Signage Towards "Convention Center"



1750 Epcot Resorts Blvd.
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

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CONFERENCE ROOMS FLOOR PLAN

DISNEY'S YACHT & BEACH CLUB CONVENTION CENTER

NEWPORT BALLROOM

Newport East - Breakfast | Lunch

Newport West - Welcome Reception | General Sessions

Newport Lobby - Registration





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NAME BADGES AND DRESS CODE

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CONFERENCE BADGE AT
ALL TIMES DURING THE EVENT!**

**ENTRY TO SESSIONS AND EVENTS WILL NOT BE
PERMITTED WITHOUT IT.**

DRESS CODE

Wednesday | Thursday | Friday

Business Casual

Thursday Reception and Dinner:

On the Beach | Casual

Shoe Drop Available





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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

LOCATION

Newport Lobby
Yacht & Beach Convention Center
Entrance Closest to the Beach Club

TUESDAY

3:00PM—5:00PM
5:00PM—5:30PM | **CLOSED**

5:30PM—7:00PM
During the Reception
Yacht Club Marina
(Weather Backup—Newport West)

WEDNESDAY

1:00PM—7:00PM

THURSDAY

7:30AM—1:00PM

FRIDAY

8:00AM—9:30AM

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

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



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CONFERENCE AGENDA AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY | MAY 12, 2026

3:00 PM—5:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | [Newport Lobby](#)

5:30 PM—7:00 PM

EARLY ARRIVALS RECEPTION

[Yacht Club Marina](#)

(Weather Backup: Newport Ballroom)

WEDNESDAY | MAY 13, 2026

6:30 AM—5:00 PM

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

1:00 PM—7:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | [Newport Lobby](#)

5:30 PM—7:00 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION | [Newport West](#)

THURSDAY | MAY 13, 2026

7:30 AM—1:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | [Newport Lobby](#)

7:30 AM—8:30 AM

BREAKFAST | [Newport East](#)

8:30 AM—11:00 AM

SPEAKER SESSIONS | [Newport West](#)

11:00 AM—11:10 AM

BREAK | [Newport Lobby](#)

11:10 AM—12:40 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT | **SPEAKER SESSIONS**

[Newport West](#)



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12:40 PM—2:00 PM
LUNCH | Newport East

2:00 PM—5:30 PM
PRIVATE MEETINGS & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

7:00 PM—10:30 PM
EVENING EVENTS
SHIPWRECK BEACH
(Weather backup—Newport East)

7:00 PM—8:00 PM
RECEPTION

8:00 PM—9:30 PM
DINNER

9:30 PM—10:30 PM
POST RECEPTION

FRIDAY | MAY 15, 2026

8:00 AM—9:30 AM
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | Newport Lobby

8:00 AM—9:00 AM
BREAKFAST | Newport East

9:00 AM—11:55 AM
SPEAKER SESSIONS | AWARDS & DRAWINGS
Newport West

11:55 AM—12:15 PM
BREAK | Newport Lobby



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



John Bear

PRESIDENT & CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Jimmy Brock

CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SPEAKERS



Andrew Blumenfeld

DATA ANALYTICS
DIRECTOR



Craig Eggleton

VICE PRESIDENT
OF SALES



Ben Jones

SENIOR DIRECTOR
OF FUELS



Katie Hall

CEO
GENERAL MANAGER



Lars Schernikau

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Seth Schwartz

MANAGING
DIRECTOR



Justin Stankiewicz

ASSISTANT
VICE PRESIDENT



Claston Sunanon

BOARD MEMBER





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EARLY ARRIVALS RECEPTION

LOCATON: Yacht Club Marina

(Weather Backup—Newport West)

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HOST

WEDNESDAY | MAY 13, 2026

6:30 AM—11:00 AM

FISHING TOURNAMENT

LOCATION

Grand Floridian Resort

Captain's Shipyard | Marina

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7:30 AM—1:30 PM

GOLF TOURNAMENT

LOCATION

Disney Magnolia Golf Course

7:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM Shotgun Start!

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9:00 AM—12:00 PM

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

LOCATION

Yacht Club Resort
Tennis Courts

1:00 PM—7:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

LOCATION: Newport Lobby

1:30 PM—3:30 PM

INFORMAL NETWORKING

5:30 PM—7:00 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

LOCATION: Newport West

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7:30 AM—1:00 PM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

LOCATION: Newport Lobby

7:30 AM—8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

LOCATION: Newport East

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8:30 AM—12:40 PM

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WELCOME | GENERAL SESSION

LOCATION

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WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 AM—8:45 AM

Claston Sunanon
CONFERENCE CHAIR
Board Member



Claston Sunanon

BIO:

Claston Sunanon is a seasoned energy executive with more than 40 years of experience in the electric utility industry, including leadership roles at Dayton Power and Light and Orlando Utilities Commission. He currently serves on the Board of EFBC Conference Inc. (EFBC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating energy professionals on solutions that balance fossil fuels and renewables to ensure a reliable, affordable, and sustainable power grid.

Mr. Sunanon previously served as Director of Fuels, Power Marketing, Contracts & Settlements at Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC – The Reliable One), where he held progressive leadership roles across generation planning and optimization, fuel supply and transportation, power marketing, and renewable energy development. He led OUC's Integrated Resource Planning strategy to support its net-zero carbon goal by 2050.

He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Florida Municipal Power Agency and Florida Gas Utility, and on committees of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council.

Mr. Sunanon holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Wright State University and a Master's degree in Management from University of Miami.



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INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Thompson
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.

Thompson has performed coal market consultations for coal producers and consumers as well as for financial analysts and investors.

Regrets, he's had a few, but then far too many to mention. In the next life, he hopes to be Tim Whelan or a Whelan minion.





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Keynote Speaker

8:45 AM—9:30 AM

Jimmy Brock
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer



Jimmy Brock

BIO:

James A. Brock has served as Core Natural Resources' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since October 6, 2025, having previously served as Executive Chair of the Board since the January 2025 merger with Arch Resources. Prior to the merger, Mr. Brock was CONSOL's Chairman of the Board beginning in 2024 and Chief Executive Officer and member of the board of directors since 2017.

With a career in coal spanning nearly five decades, Mr. Brock's extensive industry knowledge and operational expertise provide Core with invaluable leadership and insight. Mr. Brock began his mining career in 1979 as a summer student at CONSOL's Matthews Mine and since then has served at various locations in many positions including Section Foreman, Longwall Coordinator, Mine Foreman, Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer (Coal) of CNX Resources Corporation ("CNX"), and as CEO and Chairman of CONSOL Coal Resources LP immediately prior to assuming the role of CONSOL's Chief Executive Officer in 2017.

Mr. Brock also currently serves on the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance board of directors and is a member of the boards of directors of the National Coal Council and the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. He is also an executive committee member and Chairman of the board of directors of the National Mining Association and Chairman of America's Power. Mr. Brock previously served on the board of directors of the West Virginia Coal Association and was inducted into the WVU Hall of Fame in 2016. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.



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FUELING THE FUTURE: UNLEASHING GROWTH AT TVA

Speaker

9:30 AM—10:15 AM

Ben Jones
Senior Director of Fuels



Ben Jones

BIO:

Ben Jones is the Senior Director of Fuels at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), where he leads strategic fuel sourcing and management to support TVA's diverse energy portfolio. Based in Chattanooga, TN, Ben brings years of expertise in energy procurement to his role.

With commitment to TVA's mission, Ben oversees fuel strategy across TVA's generation fleet, which includes coal and natural gas, ensuring reliable and cost-effective energy delivery across the Tennessee Valley region.

Ben has built a solid foundation in the energy sector, earning him a reputation for strategic leadership and operational excellence. His strong connections within regional and national energy communities support TVA's goals of affordability, sustainability, and innovation.

A native of Tennessee, Ben is deeply invested in TVA's legacy of public service and regional development—continuing the organization's century-long mission of powering communities, enhancing infrastructure, and fostering economic growth.



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MANAGING INDUSTRY DYNAMICS THROUGH THE RELIABILITY IMPERATIVE

Keynote Speaker

10:15 AM—11:00 AM

John Bear
President and Chief
Executive Office



John Bear

BIO:

John joined MISO in 2004 and has more than 30 years of executive leadership in the utility industry. As President and Chief Executive Officer of MISO since 2009, he leads Miso's continuous efforts to work collaboratively with its members to reliably deliver low-cost energy through efficient and innovative operations and planning.

Prior to his current position, Bear was MISO's President and Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the initial design, implementation and daily operation of MISO's energy markets and transmission system planning.

Previously, Bear was President of Houston-based Reliant Resources, as well as serving as Managing Director of Reliant's European Operations.

Bear recently served as President and Vice President of GO15, the world's largest power market and grid operators. GO15 shares knowledge on key issues representing more than 75% of the world's electricity demand on six continents.

He serves as Board Chairman of Energy Systems Network (ESN), an initiative focused on building an energy ecosystem that integrates all aspects of the energy landscape to develop clean energy solutions. He also serves on the board of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a non-profit which focuses on energy and environmental research. Bear is also a member of the Governance Board of the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Indiana Fire Academy Soccer Club.

He has served on the President's Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, is a former Board member of the NERC regional entity Reliability First, and a founding board member of the Amsterdam Power Exchange (APX).

Bear graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He attended the INSEAD Advanced Management Program for Senior Executives.



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11:00 AM—11:10 AM

BREAK

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GAS FIRESIDE CHAT

NATURAL GAS: FUEL FOR THOUGHT

11:10 AM—11:55 AM

John Bogatz
Vice President of
Origination



John Bogatz

BIO:

John Bogatz is the Vice President of Origination for Tenaska Marketing Ventures (TMV) and is responsible for business continuity and development of key accounts in the Midwest and Florida regions. He is also a member of the Tenaska Data Center team, which is a combined effort representing all Tenaska entities.

Joining TMV in 2004, Mr. Bogatz focused on Origination in the Midwest markets. He was named Vice President in 2015 and gained Origination responsibility for the Florida market in 2019 and the Data Center team in 2024.

Prior to joining Tenaska, Mr. Bogatz had 18 years of experience with Aquila, where he served as the COO of the Pulse Energy affiliate in Melbourne, Australia, as well as several Vice President roles in Natural Gas Origination and Supply in Minneapolis, Omaha and Kansas City.



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Katie Hall
Chief Executive Officer
General Manager



Katie Hall

BIO:

Katie Hall is the General Manager and CEO of Florida Gas Utility (FGU). She has over 15 years of experience working with local distribution companies (LDC) and electric generators on a wide variety of natural gas related activities.

Katie began in the Member Services Department, developing programs for public awareness, sales and marketing, project management, grant writing, and operational assistance. Later, she became the Operations Director and led the team responsible for gas supply, capacity management, gas storage, and hedging.

Active in FNGA, FMNGA, and APGA, Katie has numerous relationships throughout the gas industry, particularly in the Florida market.

She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Florida.



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Justin Stgankiewicz
Assistant Vice President



Justin Stankiewicz

BIO:

Justin Stankiewicz serves as Assistant Vice President, Business Development for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. In this role, he is responsible for advancing the Company's strategic growth initiatives, including pipeline development, virtual pipeline opportunities and renewable natural gas projects.

Mr. Stankiewicz joined Chesapeake Utilities in 2019 as a Senior Financial Analyst and later held leadership roles in business planning and business development. Prior to joining the Company, he worked in public accounting and served in senior financial leadership roles in Florida local government, where he gained experience in financial management as well as land use and economic development planning.

Mr. Stankiewicz earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Bowling Green State University.

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US, CHINA & GERMANY: ENERGY AND COAL POLICY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

11:55 AM—12:40 PM

Lars Schernikau
Shareholder



Lars Schernikau

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, shaping his deep understanding of global markets. Lars also managed a Germany based wind farm.

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 paper.

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.



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12:40 PM—2:00 PM

LUNCH

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Western Fuels

2:00 PM—5:30 PM

PRIVATE MEETINGS & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

7:00 PM—10:30 PM

EVENING EVENTS

LOCATION: Shipwreck Beach

(Weather Backup—Newport West)

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SAVAGE

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Reception

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Dinner

9:30 PM - 10:30 PM Post Reception



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FRIDAY | MAY 15, 2026

8:00 AM—9:00 AM

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

LOCATION: Newport Lobby

8:00 AM—9:00 AM

BREAKFAST

LOCATION: Newport East

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9:00 AM—9:15 AM

INTRODUCTION | AWARDS | DRAWINGS

LOCATION

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NAVIGATING COAL MARKET CROSSCURRENTS: WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE BALANCE OF 2026 AND THROUGH 2027

SPEAKER

9:15 AM—10:00 AM

Andrew Blumenfeld
Data Analytics Director

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Andrew Blumenfeld

BIO:

Andy manages market analysis for the North American Coal Market Service for McCloskey.

The North American Coal Market Service provides daily coverage of coal and steel raw materials for clients in both the United States, Canada and overseas.

Andy brings close to forty years of experience to McCloskey after spending twenty-nine years Arch Coal (now Core Natural Resources) where he primarily performed market analysis and strategy. He advised all departments at the company regarding domestic and international coal supply, demand, transportation, regulatory analysis, litigation support and prices. He also presented his findings at numerous conferences and seminars. For about two years, Andy was a senior research consultant with Resource Data International (now Platts) in Boulder, Colorado where he authored an extensive study on Central Appalachia coal supply and demand. He also wrote numerous articles for industry publications.

Additionally, Andy served as Chairman of the National Mining Association's Economic Committee and was President of the American Coal Council. Andy earned his MBA from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis and a BS in Geology from Denison University and completed his geological field studies at Northern Arizona University.

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10:00 AM—10:05 AM

DRAWINGS

Moderator | Jim Thompson

SPEAKER

10:05 AM—10:50 AM

Seth Schwartz
Managing Director



Seth Schwartz

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.



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10:50 AM—10:55 AM

DRAWINGS

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SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNING FOR THE BOOM

SPEAKER

10:55 AM—11:40 AM

Craig Eggleton
Vice President of Sales



Craig Eggleton

BIO:

Craig Eggleton is Vice President of Sales for Ingram Marine Group at Ingram Barge Company, the largest inland waterway carrier on the U.S. Mississippi River system. He leads commercial sales, business development, and strategic account management across a network that moves grain, steel, petrochemicals, aggregates, and energy products through the inland waterway system — the lowest-cost, lowest-emission mode of bulk freight in North America. Since joining Ingram in 2021, Craig has held progressive leadership roles spanning sales effectiveness, commercial development, and strategic business initiatives, and his work sits at the intersection of capacity planning, pricing discipline, and customer strategy. Earlier in his career, he held sales leadership roles at Gallagher and Enterprise Fleet Management, where he led multi-state turnarounds and built high-performing commercial teams. Craig holds a BS in Finance and Economics from Tennessee Technological University and is based in Franklin, Tennessee.



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CLOSING AND DRAWING

LOCATION

Newport West

11:55 AM—12:15 PM

BREAK

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