



## 2011 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

# THE NEW NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY CORRIDOR: MONTANA AND ALBERTA

*Exploring Cross-Border Energy Challenges and Opportunities*

February 24th and 25th

Best Western Helena Great Northern Hotel  
835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena, MT

**The 2011 Annual Meeting and Conference was a great success. Attendees enjoyed reconnecting with Montana Ambassadors, catching up on Montana Ambassador news and learning of opportunities and challenges within the Montana energy corridor.**

Below are photos and presentation files for your review.

### Orientation for New (and not so new) Members of Montana Ambassadors

Liz Marchi (Past President) and Rick Edwards Past President and 2011 Incoming President) pictured at right, provided an orientation for new Montana Ambassadors. Even "old" Montana Ambassador members enjoyed the training.  
2011 [Orientation Presentation](#)



Liz Marchi and Rick Edwards

### Welcome and Introductions



Outgoing 2011 Montana Ambassador President Channing Hartelius welcomed everyone to the 2011 Montana Ambassador Annual Conference. In spite of horrible weather, over 90 people attended the conference.

Channing Hartelius



2011 Orientation Attendees

### Montana Ambassador Activity Report

Montana Ambassadors reported on various activities to provide an update to the membership.



Ken Richardson

- MT Ambassador Business Open Report – Dale Mahugh, Tournament Co-Chair
- Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR) – Business Success Story
- Outreach Activities – Ken Richardson, Past President Montana Ambassadors
- Chapter Updates – V.P.'s Introduction of New Members and Updates
- The Arts and Montana Ambassadors – Cinda Holt, MT Arts Council

[VIEW THE ACTIVITIES REPORT](#)



Brent Campbell and Bill Johnston

**2011 MONTANA AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**

**LISA PERRY**



**2011 OUTREACH AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**

**KIRK VAN ALSTYNE**



As Governor Schweitzer had a commitment out of state, David Ewer, Budget Director, presented the awards.

**\*\*\* PRESENTATIONS BY 2010 AWARD WINNERS \*\*\***

**Montana Ambassador Entrepreneur of the Year: Mike Yinger, TicketPrinting.com**



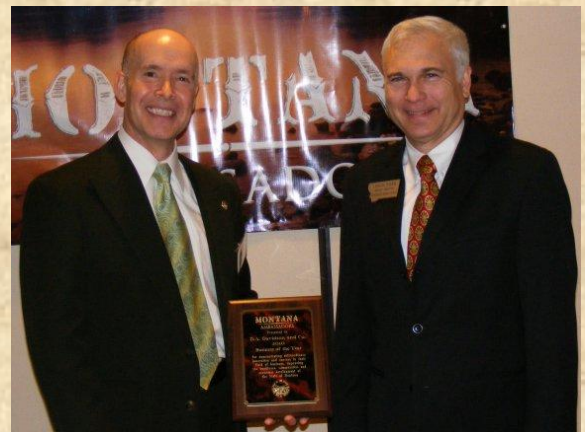
On the date of one of the darkest moments in recent US history, a professional problem solver, Mike Yinger, began building a Montana (and American) success story.



Mike Yinger, center left and the TicketPrinting crew accept the award presented by David Ewer.

**Montana Ambassador Business of the Year: D.A. Davidson and Co.**

Celebrating 75 years of success and best practices.  
Presenter: Michael Morrison



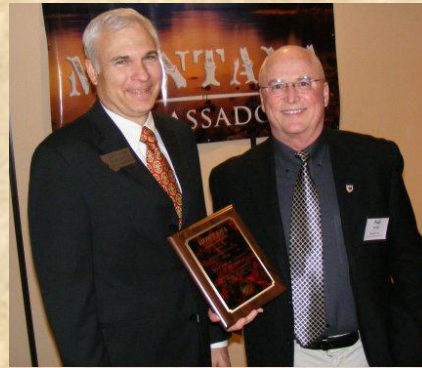
For an audio/visual presentation of the company's history visit <http://www.davidson75.com>

Michael Morrison, left, accepts the award from David Ewer on behalf of D.A. Davidson & Co.

**Montana Ambassador “Michael P. Malone” Educator of the Year: Frank Gilmore, Montana Tech**  
Representing outstanding accomplishment, excellence and leadership in the Field of Education.



Frank Gilmore, Chancellor  
Montana Tech



Paul Beatty (right), Montana Tech Dean of  
Students, accepts the Educator of the Year  
Award on behalf of Frank Gilmore

**TOUR TIME!**



Vivian and Ron Drake, Drake Water Technologies, Inc., invited attendees to tour their plant and watch a demonstration of their newly patented ion exchange water treatment process located eight miles north of Helena. Drake Water Technologies, Inc., offers engineered solutions to solve difficult water treatment problems. Drake Water Technologies designs and constructs novel water treatment solutions to meet stringent regulatory specifications while keeping treatment costs as low as possible.

**Social, Montana Ambassador Awards Dinner, and relaxing in the Governor’s room**  
Montana Ambassadors enjoyed networking and formally honoring the 2010 Award Winners.



Above left: Lisa Perry, Jeff Laverdiere, Liz Marchi and Leslie Messer. Above right: Susan Patrick and Linda Gray

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## *Exploring Cross-Border Energy Challenges and Opportunities*



On Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, the day began with greetings from all three of Montana's congressional delegation. Next, the Montana Ambassador Annual Meeting was held.

The following were elected as officers for 2011:

- President: Rick Edwards
- Past President: Channing Hartelius
- 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.: Jeff Laverdiere
- 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Tagen Vine
- Secretary: Dore Schwinden
- Treasurer: Jon Marchi

**Left: Liz Marchi, Conference Chair, thanked Channing Hartelius for serving as Montana Ambassador President for the past year.**

### **Keynote Speaker: Dave Collyer, President, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers**



Dave Collyer

**"The U.S.- Canada Energy Relationship and Canada's Oil Sands"** Dave Collyer provided an overview of the energy relationship between Canada and the United States. Dave described the role of Canada's oil sands in three areas - economic growth, environmental performance and energy security and reliability for North America. Dave emphasized the areas where Canada and the United States can work together to advance our mutual interests related to the oil and gas industry.

[Dave Collyer's presentation](#)

### **The New North American Energy Corridor: Trans-Border Energy Projects**



Energy Panel L to R: Ken Morrison, Harley Harris, Rick Edwards, Carl Borgquist, Chantel McCormick, Bill Alexander and Evan Barrett.

This panel was coordinated by Chantel McCormick, of Grasslands Renewable Energy. The panelists raised awareness of what is going on in the Montana-Alberta Corridor and identified the impact to Montana's economic future as well as the nation's energy future.

**Moderator: Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development**

Presentations:

- Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd. - Harley Harris, General Counsel
- [NaturEner – Bill McDonald](#)
- TransCanada/ Keystone XL – Ken Morrison
- [Grasslands Renewable Energy - Carl Borgquist](#), President
- [NorthWestern Energy – Rick Edwards](#), Director of Key Accounts and Economic Development

**"It's Not Green. It's Business."** **Barbara Wagner, Senior Economist, MT Dept. of Labor and Industry** gave an excellent presentation demonstrating how economic forces have created new markets and opportunities that result in more Montana jobs. The presentation gave a bird-eye view of what "green" means to Montana's economy, and how businesses and workers may be affected in the future.



Barbara Wagner

[Barbara Wagner's Presentation](#)

## Legislative Update and Education Initiatives from the Governor's Office

As Legislators were on Transmittal Break, Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development, provided Montana Ambassadors with an overview of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session to date.



### Your Outstanding 2011 Montana Ambassador Agenda Committee:

*Liz Marchi (Chair), Channing Hartelius, Rick Edwards, Tagen Vine, Jackie Williams, Chantel McCormick and Jeff Laverdiere*

**Special thanks to our sponsors for making the 2011 Annual Conference a success!**

