

# MONTANA

## AMBASSADORS

### 2012 ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

#### THEME: IMAGINE THE POSSIBLE

**March 22 – 23, 2012**

Crowne Plaza Billings \* 406.272.7400  
27 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Billings, MT 59101

**Lodging and Registration:** Click here for [Online Registration and Payment](#) or contact *Gloria* at 406.563.5353. Registration options: Entire Conference \$90; Buchanan Award Social and Keynote Dinner with Governor Schweitzer and Harold Hamm \$70; Thursday Only Events \$75; Friday Only Events \$35.

#### **Thursday, March 22, 2012**

Note: The Montana Ambassador Board will meet in "Conference 1" Room from 10:00am – Noon. All are welcome.

12:30pm **Registration Opens;** Ballroom A/B

1:00pm – 1:20pm **Orientation for New (and not so new) Members of Montana Ambassadors**

Liz Marchi (Past President) and Jeff Laverdiere (Incoming President) Montana Ambassadors

1:30pm – 1:45pm **Welcome and Introductions**

Yellowstone County Commissioner, John Ostlund; Mayor Tom Hanel; Conference Co-Chair Joe Michels;  
Incoming President Jeff Laverdiere

1:45pm – 2:15pm **Special Presentation** by Kevin Kooistra

2:15pm – 2:30pm **2011 Montana Ambassador of the Year – Leslie Messer, Richland County Oil Impact Presentation**

2:30pm – 2:45pm **2011 Outreach Ambassador of the Year – Lynda Colucci**

2:45pm – 3:00pm Break

#### **\*\*\* PRESENTATIONS BY 2011 AWARD WINNERS – includes Q & A Time for each Presenter \*\*\***

3:00pm – 3:30pm **Montana Ambassador Entrepreneur of the Year: Sarah Calhoun, Red Ants Pants**

Award for demonstrating leadership, innovation, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

3:30pm – 4:00pm **Montana Ambassador Business of the Year: Frank McAllister, Chairman & CEO, Stillwater Mining Company**

Award for demonstrating extraordinary innovation and success in their field of business including a commitment to employees, community and economic development to the State of Montana.

4:00pm – 4:30pm **Montana Ambassador "Michael P. Malone" Educator of the Year: Dr. Waded Cruzado, President**

Award for representing outstanding accomplishment, excellence and leadership in the Field of Education.

4:30pm – 5:00pm Break and stroll to Buchanan Capital, LLC, 201 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street

5:00pm – 6:00pm Social and Reception hosted by Montana Ambassador Gary Buchanan

- Photos with Governor Schweitzer for 2011 Award Winners

6:00pm- 6:15pm Return to Crowne Plaza for the Montana Ambassador Annual Dinner

Presentation of colors; Marine Honor Guard  
Singing of Star Spangled Banner – Kristie Ostlund  
Dinner served 6:30pm.

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### 6:30pm – 8:00pm MONTANA AMBASSADOR ANNUAL DINNER “IMAGINE THE POSSIBLE”

Join us for a very special evening! Enjoy a Special Presentation, Keynote Harold Hamm, and honor our 2011 Award Winners.

- **Special Presentation in recognition of Governor Brian Schweitzer**
- **Introduction: Governor Schweitzer      KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HAROLD HAMM;**



Harold Hamm, Chairman and CEO, Continental Resources

Unlike most of his peers, Harold Hamm didn't get his start in the oil field with degree in geology or engineering. Hamm drove a truck. Harold Hamm was able to imagine the possible and focus on making it happen.

“Imagining the possible” allowed Hamm to build the nation’s 14th-largest oil company, [Continental Resources](#), based in Enid, Oklahoma. Hamm is a key player in [Hiland Partners](#) and [Hiland Holdings](#) as well as the oil-exploration company [Continental Resources](#), Oklahoma's fourth largest public company.

Continental Resources, Inc. is an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company. Chairman and CEO Harold Hamm founded the predecessor company in 1967 as an oilfield service provider, later expanding to focus on the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas properties in Oklahoma. In 1993, Continental Resources expanded into the Rocky Mountain region, first into the Red River Units of Montana and the Dakotas, and then into the Bakken Shale play in Montana and North Dakota. The company is now the third largest crude oil producer in the Rocky Mountain region, the largest leaseholder and driller in the Bakken Shale and the largest leaseholder in the Anadarko Woodford in Oklahoma, with additional operations in the South and East regions of the United States.

Continental Resources, which is currently operating out of the Continental Towers in Enid will move to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2012. Harold Hamm is an American oilman who was ranked in the March 2011 issue of Forbes as the 33<sup>rd</sup> richest person in America; Hamm was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2011.

He recently co-founded the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance to preserve the oil and gas markets for oil and gas produced in the United States. In 2011, he was inducted into the OIPA’s Wildcatters Hall of Honor, the association’s highest recognition.

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### 2012 MONTANA AMBASSADOR ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE “IMAGINE THE POSSIBLE”

#### Friday, March 23, 2012

7:15 – 8:00am Big Sky Breakfast; Ballroom A

8:00 – 8:30am

Congressional Greetings

Montana Ambassador Membership Annual Meeting

Announcement of Officers and Overview for 2012 by Incoming President Jeff Laverdiere

MT Ambassador Business Open Report – Dale Mahugh, Tournament Co-Chair

8:30 – 9:00am

*Imagine the Possible* for Montana's Future Workforce: Learn how you can participate in preparing today's students with the necessary tools for tomorrow's workplace.

Montana Ambassador - Arne Siegel

Plenipotentiary - Patricia Schneider, Rocky Mountain AWIM Initiative Education Consultant (A World In Motion (AWIM) program is a comprehensive Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education solution.)

9:00 – 9:15

Break

9:15 – 11:00am

*Imagine the Possible* for Montana Energy:

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

Coal – Matt Evans, Vice President, Boich Company (Signal Peak)

Wind Energy – Bill Alexander, Naturener USA

Investing in Montana – Bob Rowe, Northwestern Energy

Pipelines – Scott Farris, TransCanada

11:00 – 11:30am

#### **Montana Ambassadors Actions and Activity**

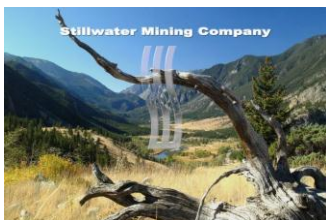
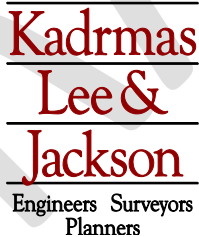
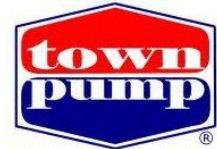
- Innovate Montana – Liz Marchi
- Outreach Activities – Ken Richardson, Past President Montana Ambassadors
- Chapter Updates – V.P.'s Introduction of New Members and Updates
- The Arts and Montana Ambassadors – MT Arts Council

11:30 – 11:45 Conference Closing – Lisa Perry, Dr. Joe Michels and Jeff Laverdiere

#### **Your Outstanding 2012 Montana Ambassador Agenda Committee:**

Lisa Perry (Chair), Joe Michels, Rick Edwards, Jackie Williams, Dale Mahugh, Tagen Vine,  
Melanie Schwarz and Jayson O'Neill

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