

MASC: Benefits of Membership

MASC forms and maintains a positive coalition with law firms, government agencies, regulators and legislators for proactive benefits to the mining industry.

MASC had a positive influence on the revision of the Mining Act, making it a law that is equitable to all of the citizens of South Carolina.

MASC assisted in saving the mining industry thousands of dollars by helping to secure a sales tax exemption for fuel and electricity used in mining and quarrying.

MASC has been instrumental in defeating severance tax proposals, which could have cost South Carolina's mining industry over \$4 million dollars (\$4,000,000.00).

MASC represents and promotes our industry to the general public, regulators, legislators, associate and regular members through continuous educational communication.

MASC is recognized as a highly professional, ethical, responsible and involved Association and, as such, is a reliable voice for the mining industry.

MASC involves its entire membership through sound communication and educational programs.

MASC promptly notifies members of legislation and issues of interest and suggests effective actions to be taken.

MASC has a professional, helpful staff that promptly responds to member's needs and maintain good communication with members.

MASC has been instrumental in revitalizing and maintaining support for the MSHA safety program, which benefits all of us by providing the necessary safety training necessary for miners in South Carolina.

MASC formed a group storm water permit application, which saved participating members thousands of dollars.

MASC supports the ESTRAs (Earth Science Teacher Resource Agents) and other educational programs for the public.

MASC sponsored the mining industry exhibit on display in the State Museum's science and technology gallery and has been a generous contributor to the State Museum Foundation.

MASC is involved with cooperative programs with Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

MASC has supported the Geology Museum at Clemson with donations of materials and funding.

MASC holds a Mining Conference each year, which offers an economical opportunity for miners to attend a variety of educational seminars and to interact with others who share the same concerns and opportunities.