

**2005 SME Pittsburgh Section
Distinguished Member
Award**

R. Michael Mishra,
President, Pennsylvania Services
Corporation

R. Michael Mishra is one of the recipients of the Distinguished Member Award from the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration, Inc. (SME)

Mr. Mishra has been employed by Foundation Coal Corporation's Pennsylvania Business Unit and its predecessors since 1976. Mr. Mishra is the President of the Business Unit and is responsible to develop, execute, and control the Business Unit Budget and Operational Plan to obtain desired financial performance. The Business Unit consists of two longwall mines, Emerald and Cumberland, located in Greene County, Pennsylvania and an operating company to capture, process and market coal-bed and coal-mine methane.

Michael earned his Bachelor of Technology degree with Honors in Mining Engineering in 1968 from the Indian Institute of Technology, and his Master of Science degree in Mining Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1970.

Michael has been active in the mining industry in U.S.A. through his education and work experience beginning in 1968. This includes working for Duquesne Light Company Coal Group for approximately 6 years as a supervising engineer.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Mishra was the President of the Pennsylvania Business Unit of RAG American Coal Holdings, Inc., Director of Planning and Engineering for RACH, Manager of Operations for the Cyprus Shoshone longwall mine in Wyoming, Operations Manager for Cyprus Underground and Contract Operations in West Virginia and Kentucky, Manager of Technical Resources at Cyprus Knox Creek Operations in Virginia, as well as several other management and engineering positions. As the Chief Engineer, Mike was instrumental in installation and start-up of the Emerald Mine in 1976.

Michael is a Registered Professional Engineer, a Registered Land Surveyor, a certified Mine Foreman in Pennsylvania and has co-authored numerous professional publications. Mr. Mishra is actively involved in industry associations and currently fills as one of the Directors of the Pennsylvania Coal Association. He has been a member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc., USA for more than 30 years.

He lives with his wife Henrietta and their two sons Michael and Anand, and daughter Dawn in Morgantown, West Virginia.