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The Mining Foundation of the Southwest (MFSW) elected new officers for 2018 at their February Annual Meeting. In addition, a new Executive Director was appointed effective January 1, 2018. The MFSW is a non-profit corporation based in Tucson, Arizona. MFSW works to educate the public on the importance of mineral resources in everyday life and to honor outstanding accomplishments in the mining industry.



David Travis - President

Travis received his B.S. in Mining Engineering from The University of Arizona and has been a member of the MFSW since 2014 and on the Board of Governors since 2015. Starting out as a Lab Technician, his vast experiences in mining have taken him from California to Arizona to New Mexico down to Peru and Chile and back to Arizona, each time being entrusted with positions of greater responsibility. Travis was appointed as the Vice President for Mine Planning for Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. in 2009 overseeing the Centralized Mine Planning Group between the Phoenix Corporate office and the Oro Valley Office to provide mine engineering support and production optimization. He is a member of SME.



Chris Wilson—Vice President & Hall of Fame Chairman

Wilson received his B.S. in Mining Engineering from The University of Arizona and has been a member of the MFSW since 2016. During his college years he spent summers working as an intern at various mines in the southwest and also interned while going to school. He started his career with Freeport-McMoRan at the Miami Mine and subsequently spent time in various positions with FMI at Sierrita and Morenci. In 2017 he became a Technical Sales Engineer for IEC Supply catering to mining & related heavy industry accounts in the Southern Arizona, New Mexico, and Kingman Area. He is a member of SME



John Fenn—Treasurer

Fenn received his B.S. in Mining Engineering from the University of Arizona. He worked for various national and international mining companies both in the U.S. and abroad including Duval Corporation, Cyprus Minerals Company, Cyprus AMAX, ASARCO, Phelps Dodge Mining Company, and Freeport McMoRan Inc. His last assignment prior to retiring was serving as Division President, Africa, for Freeport McMoRan. Fenn was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Arizona, College of Engineering, and was also a Director on the Boards of the Arizona and Colorado Mining Associations. He is now a consultant in the mining industry and serving a second term as MFSW's Treasurer.



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Andrew Soderman – Secretary

Soderman received his Mining Engineering degree from the University of Arizona and, following graduation, was employed by Cyprus Miami Mining as an entry level Mine Engineer. In 2004, he joined Phelps Dodge as a Senior Mine Engineer and since then has been with Freeport-McMoRan entrusted with increasing responsibilities beginning as the Chief Mine Engineer at the Bagdad operations, to becoming the Technical Services Superintendent in Chile, to serving as the Senior Superintendent of Mine Operations in Tyrone, to being named the Mine Manager first at Safford and now at Freeport-McMoRan's Sierrita Operations. Soderman is serving a second term as MFSW's Secretary.



Thomas L. Aldrich - Executive Director

Aldrich received his Metallurgical Engineering degree from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and was the volunteer Chair of the Mining Foundation of the Southwest's Annual Awards Banquet in both 2016 and 2017. Aldrich retired in 2016 after more than four decades at ASARCO LLC. Building on his vast experiences in the smelting, mining, environmental and political arenas, Aldrich founded E3 Strategies in 2017 offering expertise in developing top-level management objectives, implementing environmental management systems as well as overseeing bankruptcy management, lobbying, public relations, fundraising, and field management. He is a Board Member of AMIGOS and a member of SME.