

1.2 **Announcement of the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research and Introductions**

Myles W. Scoggins, President

*Colorado School of Mines, Golden CO United States*

President Myles W (Bill) Scoggins will welcome delegates and plenary speakers to the opening session of the 28<sup>th</sup> Oil Shale Symposium. He will formally announce the creation of the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research (COSTAR), a \$900,000 per year research center sponsored by Total, Shell, and ExxonMobil, headquartered at the Colorado School of Mines, focusing on issues critical to development of oil shale research. He will introduce the speakers for the first session of the afternoon.