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HAPL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2

HAPL Tribute to Education Luncheon, Houston Petroleum Club

May 6

HAPL Spring Saturday Seminar, ConocoPhillips Company

May 11

HAPL 34th Annual Louisiana Social, Ragin-Cajun Restaurant

May 16

HAPL Board Meeting, Sullivan's Steakhouse

May 17

HAPL Premiere Women's Networking Social, Benji's

May 18

HAPL 29th Annual Awards Dinner, The Whitehall Hotel

June 8

HAPL 5th Annual Energy Entrepreneurs Social, BakerHostetler Law Firm

June 10

HAPL 22ND Annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament, West End Marina

July 27

HAPL 14th Annual Next Generation Landmen Social, Rebel's Honky Tonk

HAPL TRIBUTE TO EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

May's luncheon meeting will be highlighted by HAPL bestowing the Elizabeth Brand Memorial Award to outstanding teachers from local school districts. HAPL is the only professional organization in Houston that recognizes outstanding educators with a monetary award on an annual basis.

In order to make this luncheon possible, we are asking for individual landmen to sponsor (a) teacher(s) at the cost of \$35.00 per teacher. Each outstanding teacher is also requested to bring their team leaders and principals. Although the endowment, set up by the Brand Family in honor of Elizabeth Brand, helps offset the cost of the monetary awards given to our very deserving teachers, the cost of the teacher's lunches must be from donations to HAPL.

We will also be recognizing and honoring our Scholarship Recipients at this luncheon. Again, we are asking for individual landmen or companies to sponsor (a) student(s) and/or parent at the cost of \$35.00 each. There will be students receiving scholarships of at least \$1,000.00 each given by HAPL as well as one or more scholarships for (a) PLM student(s) in the amount of at least \$1,000.00. This is our seventeenth year to award these scholarships and we are looking forward to awarding many more in the years to come.

For more information regarding sponsoring this event please call the HAPL office at 713-622-6868 or go to our website and click on the "Make a Donation" link.

Register online at <https://www.hapl.org/events/637/>.



*****Note to membership: We will be voting for the new slate of Officer's & Director's at this luncheon.**

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When:

May 15, 2017

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where:

Petroleum Club of Houston
1201 Louisiana Street
35th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

What:

Individual Registration: \$55

Register online [here](#).

AAPL 63rd ANNUAL MEETING

Seattle, Washington

Sheraton Seattle Hotel

1400 6th Ave Seattle, WA 98101-2318

June 21-24, 2017

Earn up to 15 RL/RPL/CPL Credits (including 1.5 ethics)

Hot Play Happy Hour (networking event)

Education sessions covering current industry trends

Opening Session: Award Ceremony & Keynote

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Welcome Reception with magician Nash Fung (networking event)

Education Luncheon

Landman Bash at MoPOP - Museum of Pop Culture (networking event)

Membership Luncheon

Join AAPL at the 63rd AAPL Annual Meeting for a great opportunity
to connect with fellow land professionals and earn RL/RPL/CPL
credits.

More info can be found online [here](#).

HAPL Luncheon Series

The May luncheon will be the last luncheon of the series. We will take a small break over summer and our next luncheon will be held in September 2017. Be on the lookout closer to September for a form to prepay for your luncheons for the year. When you prepay in advance, you actually get one luncheon free.



For more industry events, check out the HAPL calendar at <http://www.hapl.org/events/month/>



HAPL OFFICER FORUM
HAPL EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR
DIANE R. SNYDER



The President's theme for this fiscal year is "Tomorrow Hopes We've Learned Something from Yesterday." I don't think that we should ever stop learning and growing. By looking at our past, we may plan for a better future.

It has been a year of many changes and challenges in our industry. Oil prices declined significantly, but they are slowly rising. During this past year, HAPL has continued to add members. However, we have also lost members due to lay-offs, relocations, and, unfortunately, death. We at HAPL consider ourselves one big happy family - so when one of our own leaves us, it impacts all of us.

During these difficult changing and challenging times, it is very important to maintain your membership with the Association. Networking remains one of the best tools to navigate through the changes and challenges in our industry.

We have several events scheduled in May. May 2nd is our Tribute to Education/Scholarship luncheon at the Petroleum Club. Please plan to attend and support these outstanding students and teachers as HAPL gives out their scholarships and awards. We will also vote on the incoming Board for 2017-2018. May 11th is our Annual Louisiana Crawfish Social at a new location this year - the Rajin' Cajun on Richmond. May 17th will be our premiere "Women Networking Social" to be held upstairs at Benjy's on Washington. And finally, and always a great time, our Annual Awards Dinner will be held on May 18th at the Whitehall Hotel downtown on Smith Street. Please plan on joining us to honor the outgoing board and welcoming the incoming board. All of our committee chairs volunteer their time to chair our many committees at HAPL and this is a night to honor them as well. Don't forget to get your signed indemnity forms along with your registration fee for the upcoming annual HAPL Saltwater Fishing Tournament that will be held on June 10th!

HAPL has many events that we put on throughout the year and in order to continue doing so we rely on sponsorships from our members. Although sponsorships have declined slightly, our membership continues to step up and support us. Thank you to all of you that have sponsored one or more of our wonderful HAPL events. These events give our membership wonderful opportunities to network. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a social, an educational seminar, our awards dinner, or one of our many outdoor events.

It is difficult for me to believe that I will start my 22nd year working for HAPL this July. I always enjoy all of our events and really enjoy meeting all of the wonderful people in our industry. To our membership, thank you for always staying true to our industry.....I look forward to our future together.

Feeling Blessed,

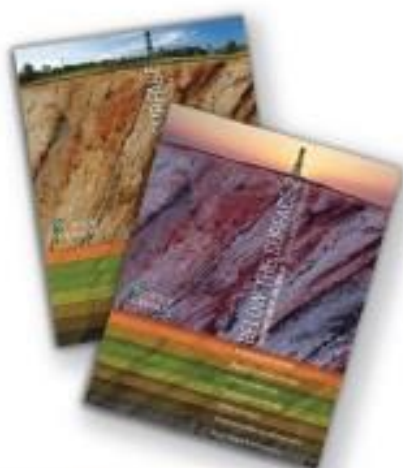


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HAPL PROPOSED SLATE OF 2017-2018 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Listed below is the proposed 2017-2018 slate of Officers and Directors that will be voted on at the Tuesday, May 2, 2017 Tribute to Education/Scholarship luncheon held at the Petroleum Club. This list of incoming Officers and Directors will begin their term on July 1, 2017 and serve through June 30, 2018.

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The following HAPL Directors, serving the second year of their two (2) year term, will not be voted on:

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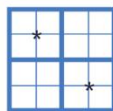
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HAPL SPRING SATURDAY SEMINAR



When: Saturday, May 6th 2017
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Speakers: 8:00: John Hunt, JIMAR Resources Corporation
- “Intro to Land Due Diligence”
9:00: Ryan Kirby, Kirby, Mathews & Walrath, PLLC
- “The Mineral/Royalty Conundrum”
10:00: John Sonnenberger, Kuiper, Wheat & Associates
- “The Landman Affidavit”
11:00: Cassie M. McGarvey, Sanders Willyard LLP
- “Ethics & Technology”

Where: ConocoPhillips Office – Energy Center 3
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Other: Breakfast will be provided

Registration: \$60 For HAPL Members

\$70 For Non-HAPL Members

\$80 For Walk-Up Registration (HAPL Member & Non-Member)

Register online at <http://www.hapl.org/events/673/>

HAPL LOUISIANA SOCIAL

WHEN: THURS., MAY 11, 2017

TIME: 5:30-7:30PM

PLACE: RAGIN-CAJUN RESTAURANT
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HAPL SOUTH TEXAS SOCIAL RECAP & PICTURES

The annual HAPL South Texas Social was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Goode Co. Armadillo Palace new OBB Dance Hall on Kirby. A very enthusiastic crowd of approximately 200 + Landmen and other oil and gas professionals gathered to socialize ,make some new contacts and discuss these exciting times in the South Texas & Eagle Ford oil patches.

Thanks to all the **generous sponsors**, especially **Louis Soto** with **L3 Resources, LLC** for donating a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle, **Jason Maida** owner of **Maida's Belts & Buckles** and **Al Rivera** owner of **Al's Handmade Boots** for providing door prizes; they were an enjoyable way to wrap up the evening.

Congratulations to **Courthouse Direct** and **L3 Resources, LLC** for winning the sponsor raffles for the Duck and Dove Hunts, donated by **HL Holmes Law, PLLC** and **Griffith Land Services, Inc.**

Congratulations to the winners of all the door prizes and to **Ed Reilly** for winning the raffle for the Handmade Boots, donated by **Al's Handmade Boots** and **Jim Devlin** for winning the raffle for one month flight membership donated by **RISE**.

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I would like to personally thank all of the sponsors, along with **Diane Snyder, Lindsey Griffith, Stephanie Sullivan, Cyndi Harwell** and **Melinda Barton with LT Global Staffing, Inc.** who helped with registration and selling raffle tickets this year.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped make this year's HAPL South Texas Social so successful.

Thank you,

Joe Dichiaro
Chairman, 2017 HAPL South Texas Social





PREMIERE WOMEN'S
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LEGAL UPDATE: 85TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE UPDATE

BY: T.C. TURNER OF BUCKLEY & TURNER, PLLC

The Energy Resources Committee of the Texas House, chaired by Rep. Drew Darby (R–San Angelo), exercises jurisdiction over conservation of the energy resources of the State, as well as production, regulation, transportation and development of oil, gas and other energy resources, among numerous other responsibilities. The Committee is currently considering thirty-one (31) bills. Foremost among them is HB 1818 (SB 300 its companion), engrossed March 29, 2017. HB 1818 extends the sunset provisions of the Texas Natural Resources Code (TXNRC) §81.01001(a) to September 1, 2029, effectively extending the life of the Railroad Commission until that time. The bill additionally provides for an Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy, and includes guidelines for the Commission’s development of a yearly Oil and Gas Division Monitoring Enforcement Strategic Plan, among other measures.

The remaining thirty-one (31) bills are still in committee. Ever popular, several seek to change the “confusing” name of the Texas Railroad Commission to the Texas Energy Resources Commission ([HB 237](#)), the Texas Energy Commission ([HB 642](#)), and the Texas Oil & Gas Commission ([HB 4113](#)). [House Joint Resolution No. 47](#) proposes to place the fate of the name change to the Texas Energy Commission in the hands of Texas voters November 7, 2017, which begs the question, “would a rose by any other name smell as sweet?”

TXNRC §91.502 requires certain information be included on royalty check stubs. [HB 129](#) (Craddick, R–Midland) amends §91.506 to relieve the payor of the information requirements of §91.502 provided he has obtained the royalty interest owner’s permission to do so.

Currently, an oil and gas operator may designate operations sites within each separate 80-acre tract contained within a 640-acre tract previously subdivided for commercial, industrial, or residential purposes (TXNRC §92.002, et seq). Proposed §92.002(5) in [HB 1168](#) (Nevarez, D–Eagle Pass) extends the use of these “qualified subdivisions” to energy development resulting in the generation of electricity by a plant or industrial facility.

Tertiary recovery can involve the use of carbon dioxide, nitrogen miscible fluid displacement, or other substances, and means to recover oil and natural gas from a near-depleted reservoir. [HB 1597](#) (Bell R–Magnolia) adds Chapter 104 to Subtitle C, Title C of the TXNRC a/k/a the “Texas Tertiary Recovery Unitization Act”. The TTRUA only applies to unit operations for tertiary recovery of oil, gas, etc. from a Cenozoic Era common source of supply, and is not applicable to primary recovery, voluntary cooperative agreements in secondary recovery operations, or public lands. The procedure involves submitting a plan for Railroad Commission approval, demonstration of attempts to voluntarily unitize all interests in the unit area, and smells suspiciously of forced pooling.

Below is a list of the bills pending in Committee not discussed above.

[HB 247](#)

Author: Anchia (D – Dallas)

Last Action: 04/03/2017 H Left pending in committee

Re: Requires the Railroad Commission to post detailed information regarding enforcement of its regulations, including identity of the offender, the violation, penalty amounts, etc.

[HB 891](#)

Author: Raymond (D – Laredo)

Last Action: 02/23/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Feb 23 2017 4:07PM

Re: Creates a second-degree felony for the reckless possession, removal, delivery, etc. of oil, gas or condensate without the necessary Railroad Commission permit or authorization.

[HB 1481](#)

Author: Lozano (R – Kingsville)

Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule

Re: Abolishes General Land Office’s fee for processing applications for terminal facility discharge prevention and response certificates.

HB 1493	<p>Author: González, Mary (D – Clint)</p> <p>Last Action: 03/07/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 7 2017 3:59PM</p> <p>Re: Requires at least one public hearing be held in the municipality prior to the construction of a pipeline therein.</p>
HB 1519	<p>Author: González, Mary (D – Clint)</p> <p>Last Action: 03/20/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 20 2017 3:24PM</p> <p>Re: Requires a written environmental assessment be undertaken and submitted to the Railroad Commission prior to commencement of construction of a natural gas pipeline.</p>
HB 1571	<p>Author: Paddie (R – Marshall)</p> <p>Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule</p> <p>Re: Changes the definition of “Energy Savings” in the context of local government energy savings performance contracts to include “an estimated amount of avoided expected future operating and maintenance costs.”</p>
HB 1717	<p>Author: Canales (D – Edinburg)</p> <p>Last Action: 03/06/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 6 2017 3:34PM</p> <p>Re: Adds Chapter 212 – Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Facilities to the Texas Natural Resources Code. Chapter 212 gives landowners the right to access records held by the wind power generation company so as to verify royalty payments, requires wind power generation companies provide a bond/financial assurance to ensure decommissioning of their facilities, and provides for an administrative penalty to be set by the Railroad Commission. Chapter 212 only affects wind leases taken after February 1, 2018.</p>
HB 1931	<p>Author: Thierry (D – Houston)</p> <p>Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Scheduled for public hearing</p> <p>Re: Requires recipients of advanced clean energy project grants and loans to submit an annual plan that details how they have implemented diversity programs to increase procurements from historically underutilized businesses, among other measures.</p>
HB 2488	<p>Author: Lambert (R – Abilene), King, Phil (R – Weatherford)</p> <p>Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule</p> <p>Re: Defines “Treatment” as the “manufacturing, mechanical, or chemical process other than sizing, shaping, diluting, or sorting” in regards to the treatment and recycling of drill cuttings.</p>
HB 2588	<p>Author: Clardy (R – Nacogdoches)</p> <p>Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule</p> <p>Re: Allows the Railroad Commission to access criminal history records of job applicants and contractors, etc.</p>
HB 2638	<p>Author: Gonzales, Larry (R – Roundrock)</p> <p>Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule</p> <p>Re: Allows the Railroad Commission to pursue and obtain patents, copyrights, and trademarks for intellectual property and governs the division of proceeds for lease, sale, etc. of such intellectual property.</p>
HB 2688	<p>Author: Bonnen, Greg (R – Friendswood)</p> <p>Last Action: 03/23/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 23 2017 11:29AM</p> <p>Re: Adds language to the Natural Resources Code allowing for unitization for new or expanded enhanced recover projects of oil or gas from Cenozoic Age formations. See HB 1597 – Texas Tertiary Recovery Unitization Act.</p>

[HB 2713](#) Author: Alonzo (D – Dallas)
 Last Action: 03/28/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 28 2017 1:43PM
 Re: Requires the Comptroller to conduct an audit of any unpaid oil or gas royalties held in trust by the Railroad Commission and to report the findings of the audit to the legislature no later than January 1, 2019.

[HB 2715](#) Author: Darby (R – San Angelo)
 Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
 Re: Requires taxes and penalties assessed under Section 81.0531(3) of the Texas Natural Resources Code to be paid to the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund, among other measures.

[HB 2813](#) Author: Darby (R – San Angelo)
 Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
 Re: Abolishes “Transportation Reinvestment Zones” as included in Section 222.110 of the Transportation Code.

[HB 2819](#) Author: Darby (R – San Angelo)
 Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
 Re: Establishes Advisory Committee for the TExNet Seismic Monitoring Program.

[HB 2932](#) Author: Anchia (D – Dallas)
 Last Action: 03/23/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 23 2017 11:29AM
 Re: Provides for a fine not to exceed \$25,000.00 for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted by, or licenses, permits, or certificates issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

[HB 3162](#) Author: Bonnen, Greg (R – Friendswood)
 Last Action: 03/30/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 30 2017 1:18PM
 Re: Adds additional information requirements for notices of excavations and outlines an excavator’s notice duties and emergency procedures in the event of an emergency. Relating to the duty of an excavator to notify a notification center or to make a 9-1-1 emergency call in response to underground facility damage or an emergency.

[HB 3211](#) Author: Paddie (R – Marshall)
 Last Action: 03/30/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 30 2017 1:18PM
 Caption: Outlines notice requirements of large operation excavations, ie: those that exceed one contiguous linear mile.

[HB 3284](#) Author: Springer (R – Muenster)
 Last Action: 03/28/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Mar 28 2017 1:43PM
 Re: Excludes employees of the Texas Department of Transportation from excavation safety requirements when performing specific activities.

[HB 3334](#) Author: Lozano (R – Kingsville)
 Last Action: 04/04/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Apr 4 2017 12:13PM
 Re: Prevents the Railroad Commission from allowing surface disposal of oil and gas waste without a permit if the waste contains certain concentrations of chloride, benzene, etc.

[HB 3403](#) Author: Canales (D – Edinburg)
 Last Action: 04/03/2017 H Referred to Energy Resources: Apr 3 2017 3:34PM
 Caption: Defines child-care facility and private school, and allows a municipality to regulate or prohibit drilling of a new oil or gas well located within 1,500 feet of the property line of a child-care facility, private school, or primary or secondary public school.

[HB 3726](#)

Author: Dale (R – Cedar Park)

Last Action: 04/10/2017 H Scheduled for public hearing

Caption: Repeals Section 113.087(m) of the Texas Natural Resources Code, which provided for an examination for technical competence, attendance at continuing education programs, and periodic re-examination for a Liquefied Petroleum Gas license.

A full list of the bills in committee can be found at:

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=committee&LegSess=85R&Code=C250>



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2017 HAPL SERVICE COMMITTEE BROOKWOOD SOFTBALL GAME RECAP & PICTURES

Babe Ruth once said, “Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back.”

Brookwood residents live by this slogan and are always ready to give it their all, especially at the annual HAPL Brookwood Softball game.

This year, eighteen HAPL members, family and friends joined us on Saturday, April 8th at Brookwood Community in Brookshire, Texas. Everyone pitched in to help set up the chairs and bring out the softball gear before the Brookwood residents arrived. Greg, who works at Brookwood, helped to pair up each HAPL representative with a Brookwood resident. My partner this year was Bubba, an older gentleman with a great arm and an even better catch. Bubba and I began throwing the ball to each other to warm up, and Bubba’s skills became apparent quickly as he caught the ball twice as many times as I dropped it! Fortunately, neither of us threw the ball too hard or fast to where we might’ve hit one another.

After everyone joined in to sing the national anthem, Bubba and I were sent to the outfield for the first inning. Each Brookwood resident and their HAPL partner were given the chance to bat as Kyle Lesak pitched. Kyle would pitch according to the batter’s level, always allowing the residents a chance to hit the ball.

After all the pairs had a chance to bat, Greg yelled “Switch!” Bubba and I hustled in to the dugout, ready for a chance at bat. Bubba and I waited patiently for our turn to bat, biding the time by cheering on our teammates as they batted and ran the bases and taking an Instagram-worthy photo together.

When it was Bubba’s turn at bat, he hit the ball on his first try and ran to first base. A few minutes later, Bubba ran to second base. The next batter approached the plate as Bubba waited on second base. We all watched from the dugout as Kyle threw the first pitch and Greg yelled “Strike!” Then, Kyle threw the second pitch and the batter hit the ball and everyone began cheering and chanting for our teammates on the bases to run to home plate. I watched proudly as Bubba ran from his spot on second base, rounded the corner at third base and came sprinting down the straightaway towards home plate. As he approached, Bubba hesitated and then jumped onto the base, throwing his hands in the air to celebrate as everyone cheered.



A few pitches later, Greg has us go back to the outfield. Bubba and I waited as others had the chance to bat. Some residents were in wheelchairs but Kyle and Greg set up a batting tee which allowed them to have a chance to hit the ball. The Brookwood staff helped run them around the bases, sprinting at times, the resident smiling as they crossed home plate as their friends cheered them on. When Kyle prepared to pitch again, Bubba began to back up in the outfield, trying to anticipate the next hit. Sure enough, the ball came between first base and second base, bouncing into the outfield. Bubba raced to the ball, along with Diane Snyder’s partner, Buddy. Buddy dove into the grass, sliding on his knees but Bubba grabbed the ball first and threw it to our teammates further infield. Bubba helped Buddy get back up, making sure he wasn’t hurt. Even though he did not get to throw the ball, Buddy was elated to see the grass stains on his jeans, proudly reciting the “race to the ball” between him and Bubba to our team.

After a few outs, Greg had us switch places for the final time, so Bubba and I headed back to the dugout. Although I tried to go unnoticed, Greg called me up to bat. After donning the helmet and picking up a bat, I nervously waited for Kyle to pitch the ball remembering how lucky I was to have hit the ball last year when I batted, but knowing that I wasn’t going to be that lucky two years in a row. Besides, I had not practiced my swing and my athletic skills are mediocre at best. When Kyle threw the first pitch, I swung, and I missed. As I waited for him to prepare to throw again, worrying in my head about whether I would hit the ball or not, I heard cheering behind me. And then I heard people cheering from beside me in the

dugout. Sure enough, all the Brookwood residents, staff, and HAPL members were cheering me on. That's when I realized, it doesn't matter whether I hit a home run or if I strike out, so long as I enjoy the moment like everyone there that morning.

After everyone had a chance to bat again, Greg sent all the HAPL members to the field to play softball "Harlem Globetrotters style." Greg and Kyle helped all the Brookwood residents have a chance to run all the bases for a home run.

Once everyone had a turn, Greg lined the HAPL members up facing one of the community homes. True to tradition, if someone hits the house, all the Brookwood residents can have a soda. This is one of the few times a year when they are allowed such a treat! Each of us tried to hit the ball the 50+ yards to the house but we only made it to the tree 10 yards from the house. Finally, one of the Brookwood volunteers stepped up and hit the house on his second try! The residents cheered and began running to the cafeteria, overjoyed that they would get to have a soda. They were even more excited when they entered the cafeteria and saw James Coney Island was being served and the Coney Man was there to visit!

If you have not had the opportunity to take part in the HAPL Brookwood Softball game, I highly recommend marking your calendar for next year and bring your family and friends. Until then, dust off your gear and practice your swing, maybe you will be the superhero of the day and win the Brookwood residents their soda!

A big thank you to Percheron Land Services and Surprise Valley Resources who sponsored the lunch from James Coney Island on Mason and the Coney Man!

P.S. I did strike out this year. But don't worry, I will be there next year!

Attendees: Mimi McGehee, Diane Snyder, Allyson Johnstone Howard, Ben Eisterhold, Katie Eisterhold, Robert Olsen, Erica Adkins, Jarrod Simmons, Randy Brown, Austin Brown, Travis Brown, Sylvia Brown, Missy Brown, Mike Shaw, Glenn Maudlin, Adriana Maudlin, Carol Sledge, Kyle Lesak









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AAPL DIRECTOS REPORT, REGION IV

BY. JOEL LOSHAK

The third quarterly AAPL Board Meeting for the fiscal year was held March 12, 2017 in Santa Barbara, California. AAPL President Pamela Feist called the meeting to order and seated our new Directors, Jason M. Downs of the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen, Dale Hoffman of the Alaska Association of Professional Landmen and our Substitute Directors, Russell Shinevar of the Michigan Association of Professional Landmen, Clark L. Hood of the San Antonio Association of Professional Landmen and Curt Horne of the North Houston Association of Professional Landmen. After approving the minutes of the prior meeting we had the Treasurer's Report.

Financials

AAPL Treasurer, Jim Bourbeau reported that for the period ending December 31, 2016, total assets have decreased from \$30,736,492.00 on December 31, 2015 to \$30,069,402.00, a change of \$667,090.00 or 2.17%. Total liabilities as compared to December 31, 2015 have decreased from \$2,926,302.00 to \$1,448,113.00, a change of \$1,478,189.00 or 50.51%. This was primarily due to the repayment of \$1,000,000.00 building note payable, as well as a \$244,401.00 decrease in unearned long term 3 and 5 year dues. Revenues (exclusive of investment revenue) compared to 12/31/2015 have decreased 20.03% from \$2,151,256.00 to \$1,720,342.00. The decrease in revenue is primarily due to a reduction in NAPE distributions and management fee of \$264,574.00 or 33.86% from \$781,487.00 to \$516,913.00. This is due to lower attendance at Summer NAPE. Educational seminar fees decreased \$66,828.00 or 18.12% from \$368,909.00 to \$302,081.00. Expenses have decreased 21.66% from \$4,033,918.00 to \$3,160,165.00. Most of this decrease was due to the reduction of costs relating to food and beverage, speaker expense and fees and virtual attendance for educational seminars (64.64% from \$507,155.00 to \$179,315.00) publications, the ceasing of Landman 2, (25.17% reduction from \$292,223.00 to \$218,665.00 and general and administrative expenses (22.23% from \$942,127.00 to \$732,684.00). Investments as of December 31, 2016 are \$23,877,276.00 a decrease of \$131,230.00 or 0.55%. This decrease has been a result of transfers of cash of \$2,430,000.00 of Operational Funds since December 31, 2015 to the AAPL operating account however this has been partially offset due to the unrealized and realized gains in the AAPL investment account of \$2,298,770.00.

The total assets in the AAPL Education Foundation, Inc. are \$3,517,670.00 as of 12/31/2016, an increase of \$115,845.00. Board designated funds of \$1,309,848.00 for property and equipment were turned over to AAPL allowing these funds to be moved into the General Unrestricted Fund of the Educational Foundation. Educational grants of \$16,100.00 were given as of 12/31/2016. The Landman's Scholarship Trust had total assets of \$6,528,155.00 as of 12/31/2016 an increase of \$44,223.00 over 12/31/2015. Scholarships of \$88,750.00 were given as of 12/31/2016 vs. \$69,000.00 as of 12/31/2015.

Staff Reports

Melanie Bell, Executive Vice President stated 4 staff members were on medical leave while 3 have returned the other staff member will return in May. There are 7 vacancies-Government Affairs Analyst, Certification Coordinator, Sr. Accountant, Personify Database Administrator, Electronics Media Administrator, Business Development Manager and Publications Manager. A study was done on staff project time allocated to AAPL and NAPE projects and out of the 28 staff members, 7 work exclusively on NAPE projects and an additional 7 spend 25-75% of their time on NAPE projects. 2016 staff milestones included Carie Puff-5 years, and a special recognition to Le Ann Callihan for 25 years of service. All staff received training for the new Document Retention policy and the digital record archive. The City of Ft. Worth Design Board has requested the city's Bicycle/Sidewalk committee to adopt a plan that will retain the 55 year old Live Oak Trees adjacent to AAPL's lot. The Bicycle/Sidewalk Committee will complete their design for the project by June. Four educational events were held at the AAPL facility in the quarter ended 12/31/2016.

Marketing

Two billboards in the Energy Corridor of Houston advertised NAPE Summit. A mobile campaign using "geofencing" targeted the Energy Corridor and the Woodlands during NAPE. Also, a new Mobile App that can be used year round for marketing purposes with the latest updates and deadlines for upcoming shows as well as seeing exhibitors, prospects and show maps was recently implemented. Media/PR coverage was in the Houston Chronicle, Oil & Gas Investor, El Universal and Houston Business Journal recently. New marketing brochures have been developed for Membership, Advocacy (Govt./Reg.), Certification and Contract Center. Publications for the Educational Foundation Estate Planning have been developed for the Educational Foundation Board. New brochures to help promote AAPL membership and its services have been created and will be rolled out shortly.

NAPE

The financial books on Summer NAPE closed with AAPL's distribution of \$375,562.00 and management fee of \$141,351.00. The distribution and management fees were less than 2015 due to lower attendance. In addition to our steady decline in attendance at Denver NAPE research indicated that the two Houston shows in 2016 hosted 22% more attendees from the state of Colorado than the regional Denver show itself putting the future of Denver NAPE in question and suspend it in this current economic environment. Attendance numbers for NAPE Summit 2017 exceeded budget expectations by 24%. 11,230 attended in 2017 vs. 11,350 in 2016, 655 Exhibitors this year vs. 695 last year however 895 attended the Business Conference vs. 761 last year. A new legal entity for NAPE Expo Charities Fund was filed with the Secretary of State to form a public charity giving donors more flexibility to direct gifts. New branding marks for Land, OCS and International players were implemented throughout the expo. Registration was hosted on the first floor of the convention center adjacent to the entrance with complimentary coffee bars and the Global Business Conference hosted a full crowd moving from the theatre to the Grand Ballroom. Three theatres were added to host domestic prospects, international prospects and capital service provider previews on the tradeshow floor. With Colin Powell as the keynote speaker, \$180,000.00 was donated from NAPE Charity fund to three charities honoring American veterans. Sponsorship totaled \$1,700,000.00 vs. \$2,200,000.00 in 2016. Summer NAPE will debut a variety of Hot Play Happy Hour Socials, where attendees can meet and network with E&P professionals in their region of interest. These happy hours will be hosted at local hot spots within walking distance of the Convention Center. Also this year, Summer NAPE will host a new theatre for lease exchanges.

Annual Meeting

The 62nd Annual meeting will be held on June 21-24, 2017 in Seattle, Washington. Member registration has exceeded our goal of 300 and sponsorship goal of \$75,000.00. The following events are scheduled for the Annual Meeting. Wednesday is the Welcome Celebration, on Thursday the Opening Session will feature William R. Thomas, CEO of EOG Resources as our speaker, the Educational Luncheon will feature Mike Grimm, Chairman of RSP Permian as our speaker and the new Hot Play Happy Hours will be a great networking sessions that evening. On Friday the Membership Luncheon and the Landman's Bash will be held. Saturday concludes with the golf tournament. And of course sessions will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. The 2018 Annual Meeting held in Denver is currently budgeted for 300+ members in attendance. As of now, our proposed budget lists \$230,000.00 in income and \$369,864.00 in expenses. The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in late June.

Membership

Membership as of February 20, 2017 stood at 15,576 members exceeding our goal of 15,000 members. Total Certification applications processed since the December Board Meeting total 48 with 17 CPLs, 1 Retired CPL, 26 RPLs and 4 RLs. Current designations include 2,889 (52% of eligible membership) CPLs, 2,255 (40% of eligible membership) RPLs, 421 (7% of eligible membership) RLs and 30 (1% of eligible membership) Retired CPLs.

Education and Technology

AAPL's new Contract Center will soon release the ability for subscribers to customize and save templates for frequent use. This additional service will streamline negotiations for commonly used provisions and clauses. New forms of Contracts/Agreements are under development and consideration by the Forms Committee for inclusion in the Contract Center. Such forms include the Master Land Service Agreement, Participation Agreements and Purchase and Sale Agreements. Upon the launch of AAPL Contract Center, Forms-on-a-Disk has ceased new sales. Access to all AAPL forms will be provided exclusively through subscription to AAPL's Contract Center. So far in 2017 as of 2/20/2017, 103 licenses were sold generating income of \$28,160.00. Online membership and membership renewal will include additional qualifying questions-Employment Classification Type (Employee, Independent Contractor or Retired) and Employee Type (Law Firm, Land Field Services/Non-Field Services, Operator/Non-Operator, and number of landmen). A full marketing campaign is commencing to promote the new online process and importance of obtaining certification designation. Online certification applications will continue to be reviewed through the Certification Committee. AAPL will co-sponsor 3 events in 2017 with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF). One session will cover O&G Agreements: Surface Use in the 21st Century and will be held in Westminster, CO on May 17-18. Another will cover the AAPL/RMMLF Joint Institute on the 2015 JOA in Denver, CO on December 5-6. The third event is still being confirmed. AAPL members will receive a discounted rate. AAPL recorded the 2 day 2015 Model Form JOA, which is available for \$400 to members and \$525 to non-members. The Task Force is developing 2 separate 1 day seminars on Held By Production (HBP) and Due Diligence. 30 seminars have been held YTD as of 2/20/2017 with 1,089 attendees and \$43,514.00 of books and video sold. Educational income as of 12/31/2016 is \$302,081.00 with expenses of \$179,315.00. Please check the schedule for the upcoming seminars.

Governmental Affairs

The Governmental Affairs has monitored, analyzed and reported on 112 federal and state legislative bills, 58 federal and state regulatory actions and 46 federal and state judicial cases. Also, they are tracking developments in employee misclassification and independent contractor legal and regulatory actions at federal and state levels and providing social media data on the website as well as adding highlights and Weekly Reports for weekly Landnews e-newsletter audience. Government Affairs has been researching the independent contractor issue relating to audit and investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor of an AAPL member's company, has been editing and reviewing government affairs copy for an updated Landman Survival Guide, and has been providing members with governmental relations update on current legislative, regulatory and judicial matters in the Landman Magazine. In addition, Government Affairs has managed the vetting process of an amicus brief request in a statutory mineral rights case in Louisiana and a unit operation, waste and drainage case in Alabama.

Committee Reports

Six currently accredited university undergraduate level programs will expire in June 2017, and one currently accredited undergraduate program, Wyoming will expire in November 2017. Programs for re-accreditation at O.U., Texas Tech and the University of Tulsa were approved for the next 5 years. University of Tulsa is working on a program to include a Masters Energy Business and O.U. is considering an Energy Law Program in their law school and is requesting accreditation. The Bylaws & Policy Manual Review Committee has been tasked among other things to review reorganizing NAPE Charities Fund into NAPE Expo Charities Fund a public charity under 501 (c) (3) and set up a Mission Statement and Policy Manual change for the Tax Issues Committee. The Educational Foundation has developed a new process for distribution of awards from the Blankenship Memorial Funds toward developing due diligence educational seminar/courses named after Wayne Blankenship, Jr., a former AAPL President. The Foundation is attempting to raise \$30,000.00 to help develop Field Landmen Seminars. The Ethics Committee reviewed ten cases and conducted two hearings. The Field Landman Committee planned 10 Field Landman Seminars this year. The first three were well attended with at least 35+ registrants at each one. The Finance Committee met in November at the AAPL headquarters to review projections, cash flow, budget and capital budget requests, and to work on the proposed 2016-2017 AAPL budget for 2017-18. Under the direction of the Finance Committee, the staff worked on preparing a balanced budget for the 2017-18 year which was approved at the March Board Meeting. The Investment Advisory Council met at the AAPL headquarters in February to review 4th quarter results. For the last quarter of 2016, the AAPL Cash account was up 2.7%, the AAPL Educational Foundation was up 3.2% and the Landman Scholarship Trust up 3.1%. The Legislative Regulatory Committee is filing an Amicus Brief to the Ohio Supreme Court as to independent contractors and employee classification. The Landman Scholarship Trust conducted interviews in February and will select 36 scholarships. The Marketing Committee approved a membership/compensation survey incentive for members to fill out the survey, since this has not been conducted since 2010. Four lucky winners each received a \$50.00 gift certificate. NAPE Management, LLC agreed to contribute \$25,000.00 to the IPAA PESA program this year from AAPL rather than AAPL's share of a \$50,000.00 donation as was done last year through the NAPE Partners. IPAA will need to seek contributions for their program from each NAPE partner in the future. The Tax Issues Committee is proposing a plan to recognize and support independent contract members with business standards that meet federal and state regulatory requirements for operating as an independent contractor, benefitting the contractor and the company that hires them. The Committee is also monitoring tax bills in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The next AAPL Board Meeting is scheduled for June 20-21 in Seattle, Washington. It is the duty of your AAPL Director to represent the views and positions of the HAPL. If you have any issues with the AAPL or concerns that you wish to discuss in greater detail, please feel free to contact me or any HAPL Board Member.



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HAPL 22ND ANNUAL SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017
Time: 5:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - No Check-In Required
Cost: \$75.00 per person for H.A.P.L. Members; \$125.00 for Non- H.A.P.L. Members; \$75.00 per person if 18 years and younger (HAPL Member or not) - Lunch included with your Entry Fee (starting around 1:00 p.m.)
Prizes: Cash Prizes for Trout, Slot Redfish, Tagged Bull Redfish and Big Fish; plus Door Prizes
Questions: Call Jerry Niekamp at 713-252-1457 or Katie Eisterhold at 713-305-0516
Place: West End Marina in the Sea Isle Subdivision, Galveston, Texas.

Rules and Regulations:

1. All local, state and federal, coast guard and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations and laws apply at all times during the tournament.
2. Professional fishing guide(s), commercial and professional fishermen and anyone who has guided for compensation during the last twelve (12) months are not eligible to compete in the tournament. You may hire a guide, but the guide's catch is not allowed and there is no swapping or trading of fish between contestants and/or guide.
3. The tournament format shall be as follows:
 - a. Only speckled trout and redfish and "Big Fish" (defined below) will be accepted for weigh-in. The format includes a "Trout Category" (only 3 legal speckled trout per entrant), a "Bull Redfish" Category, (which is one bull red which must be 'tagged'), "Slot Redfish" Category (maximum of 2 legal slot redfish between 20" - 28"), and a "Big Fish" Category, which can be any legal fish, except speckled trout or redfish.
 - b. Tournament fishing hours are from 5:00 a.m. (no check-in required) to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017. **Legal Fish may be weighed-in on Saturday until 2:00 p.m. No weigh-ins will be accepted after 2:00 p.m. (unless you are in the weigh-in line at 2 p.m.).** Each contestant may weigh-in a total of 3 Speckled Trout, 2 Slot Redfish, 1 Bull Redfish (tag must be properly attached) and 1 "Big Fish" caught during the tournament. In the event of a tie, the earliest weighed-in wins, so make sure you have the weighmaster indicate weigh-in time. Guides may be hired but the guide's catch is not allowed. There is no trading or swapping of fish by any Entrant. Fish cannot be culled once they are weighed in. The tournament is based on an individual's catch, not on a team. Weigh-in is at the Sea Isle Bait Camp at the Marina in Sea Isle. The cash purse shall be split equally between the four categories, (being the Trout category, the Slot Redfish category, the Bull Redfish category and Big Fish category), and will be divided as follows for each category:

<u>TROUT</u>	<u>SLOT REDFISH</u>	<u>BULL REDFISH</u>	<u>BIG FISH</u>
1st - 50%	1st - 50%	1st - 50%	1 st - 50%
2nd - 30%	2nd - 30%	2nd - 30%	2nd - 30%
3rd - 20%	3rd - 20%	3rd - 20%	3rd - 20%

4. Contestants must fill out, sign and return the **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT** furnished with these rules in order to be eligible to participate in the tournament and such agreement shall be considered the Tournament Entry Form.
5. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 19, 2017. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR-PERIOD!!!**

6. The official weigh-in station is at Sea Isle Bait Camp at the West End Marina in the Sea Isle Subdivision. Tournament Officials (Katie and Jerry) have the final say as to compliance/weigh-ins/winners. Failure to follow the rules results in disqualification. In the event a Category is not "fully placed" (i.e.-for instance only 2 places are weighed in for that Category), the monies as to that Category will be split equally between the existing winners in that Category.
7. **All contestants assume any and all risks to their safety throughout the tournament. NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON!!!** This Tournament benefits the HAPL to help support the HAPL. Should a hurricane occur, the tournament date will be moved.



Fill out the entry form below and mail it along with a check payable to the HAPL. Mail to the attention of Jerry Niekamp at 777 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 950, Houston, TX 77056.

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