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*Wishing you and your loved ones the
Joys of the Season
&
a Happy New Year!*

• *The MAPL Board*



Left to right: Luke Miller, Membership Chairman; David Millsop, Jr., Treasurer; Steve Rapanos, Secretary; Sue Benson, Vice President; Tad Stuart, President; Tom Coughlin, Past President

YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT!

As an MAPL Member, you are invited and encouraged to share your ideas. Our Board strives to provide educational seminars and meetings pertaining to current topics of interest. If you have an idea or a topic please contact one of our Board members today!

Thank you for your participation and dedication!

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CHECK OUT THE MAPL WEBSITE:

www.michiganlandman.com

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Membership Report

Membership	269
AAPL Members	166
AAPL Percentage	62%
CPLs	36
RPLs	30
RLs	8

Contact Info Updates

Please update MAPL with any new contact information:

- Company
- Address
- Phone
- Email

This information should be provided to:

Luke Miller
Membership Chairman
Email: lmiller@miller-energy.com

GET INVOLVED!

The MAPL Board of Directors is seeking volunteers for the position of Membership Chairman for the 2013/2014 year.

If you have an interest in serving your association and your industry, please contact:

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In June of this year, AAPL approached MAPL to help continue their efforts made in other states such as North Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas on the issue of clarifying that Independent Landmen should be classified as independent contractors rather than employees. Under the guidance of AAPL and with the legal assistance of the law firm Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis, & Gotting (Lansing, MI), MAPL has made great efforts in moving this item into the proper legislative channels.

In the latter half of this year, MAPL and MOGA created a joint task force for the purpose of a proposal that will clarify the independent contractor vs. employee classification for Independent Landmen in the state of Michigan. We are currently working closely with MOGA to determine the next steps so that the proposal is ready to go into the legislative process in early 2013.

We will continue to provide updates to the membership as we reach our milestones.

- Luke Miller, Membership Chairman

INTRODUCING CVENT!

In an effort to better serve our Membership, starting in 2013 MAPL will be utilizing a new software package called Cvent.

This software will enable MAPL to maintain our membership information in one database that will always be current. Members will be able to renew their membership on-line (including paying dues) and to update their contact information throughout the year. With Cvent, we will be able to create custom web pages for our events and link the web page to our existing MAPL website.

You will be able to register for an event on-line and to pay for the event on-line.

Non-members will be able join MAPL when registering for an event. Cvent will adjust the total amount due based on membership status and timeliness of the registration/renewal. Stay tuned for further updates!

- Sue Benson, Vice President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to Boone's on November 1st for MAPL's General Membership Meeting. We had a full house with 70+ attendees who enjoyed a cocktail hour before sitting down to enjoy a filling dinner. We appreciate everyone's understanding as to the change in the scheduled speaker as Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on flight schedules across the country which shut down the east coast causing a change in plans as Nicole Daigle from the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), out of Washington DC, was unable to attend.

It was with that unfortunate situation that enabled us to reach out to a long standing MAPL supporter, Bob Mannes of Core Energy, who humbly accepted our last minute invitation to speak on the role of CO₂ in the Michigan Basin and more specifically Core's work with CO₂ for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) as well as sequestration. Bob and Core Energy have been long time supporters of MAPL and his willingness to step in at the last minute is a continuation of the support that he has shown over the years - for that I am very grateful. Next time you see Bob, please remember to thank him for his commitment and for sharing what I found to be a very insightful and educational presentation on Core's CO₂ projects.

- Luke Miller, Membership Chairman



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, 2013
MAPL Winter Mini-Seminar
Comfort Inn & Suites
Mt. Pleasant, MI.

April 26, 2013
AAPL JOA Course
Amway Grand
Grand Rapids, MI.

May 8, 2013
General Membership Meeting
TBD - Lansing, MI.

June 19, 2013
MAPL President's Meeting
TBD - Mt. Pleasant, MI.

July 18, 2013
AAPL Event - TBD
Amway Grand
Grand Rapids, MI.

July 26, 2013
MAPL Annual Golf Outing
Buck's Run Golf Course
Mt. Pleasant, MI.

September 19, 2013
MAPL 36th Annual Fall Seminar
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, MI.

October 16-19, 2013
AAPL - Oil and Gas Land Review
CPL/RPL Review and Exam
Amway Grand Plaza
Grand Rapids, MI.

November 7, 2013
General Membership Meeting
Boone's Long Lake Inn
Traverse City, MI.

35th Annual Fall Seminar Report

The 35th annual Fall Seminar in Grand Rapids on September 20th was well attended with 80 participants. Erik Bauss, Michigan Field Director for Energy In Depth, started the program with an overview of his role in Michigan and EID's continuing campaign to present information about hydraulic fracturing and to provide clarity to some of the assertions made by groups opposed to 'fracking'.

Kevin Roragen of the Loomis Law Firm cautioned against contract construction in E-mail correspondence when negotiating with a party for a lease or other contractual document through his presentation 'You've Got Mail ... and a Binding Agreement The Perils of Inadvertent Contract Formation'. Kevin recommended use of a disclaimer or to avoid the inclusion of contract elements in your E-mails.

Charles Ash and David Whitfield of Warner, Norcross & Judd, discussed oil and gas leases as viewed by bankruptcy courts. Bankruptcy laws do not define unexpired leases, but ordinarily regard them as leases on physical property such as a store front. Section 365 of the bankruptcy code allows the Lessor the right to assume or reject a lease. Typically Michigan oil and gas leases have been considered a grant or transfer of ownership interest, so caution should be taken if your client's lease or leases are involved in a bankruptcy action.

John DeVries of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones shared his knowledge of water usage in the context of hydraulic fracturing. The use of water in high volume fracs is an emerging issue with the anti frac groups and John's presentation defined circumstances in Supervisor of Wells Instruction 1-2011 that would require additional monitoring and reporting requirements for well permitting and completion.

Gene Smary of Warner, Norcross & Judd spoke on Cross Border Issues with Canada in regards to oil, gas and electric imports and exports and how the US and Canada share a unified energy economy and infrastructures. One interesting point Gene made was energy trading, in particular oil imports, with Canada could eliminate dependence on foreign oil from Venezuela and the Middle East by 2030 provided additional infrastructure and acceptance of oil sands imports is allowed by the US government.

Michael DeWilde, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Grand Valley State University presented a very entertaining discourse on the Science of Ethical Reasoning and how cognitive science and neurosciences have determined how the emotional brain makes ethical decisions and the reasoning brain rationalizes those decisions.

Kate F. Fetkenhier of The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC gave a presentation on Common Title Issue in the Oil and Gas Industry. Kate focused on 20 common title problems with advice on title curative measures that could resolve specific issues.

Kevin V. B. Schumacher-Glassen, Rhead, McLean, Campbell & Schumacher, PLC took a look at a particular tract of land in his presentation Learning About Patents the Hard Way. Kevin's search for a patent on a quarter quarter in the Trenton/Black River trend played out like a detective novel only to be stalled by an unfulfilled request for information. The search continues and Kevin will have to provide us with the results once the search has been exhausted. Thomas Riley assisted in the research and the presentation of this topic.

- Tad D. Stuart, President



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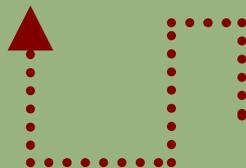
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AAPL Region II Director's Report

I appreciate the support given to me by the MAPL Board of Directors and MAPL members, along with all AAPL members located in Michigan. I am pleased that you continue to realize the importance of AAPL to our industry. Becoming the AAPL Region II Director for Michigan has been an amazing experience. Not only have I gotten the opportunity to travel to destinations I might not otherwise see, but I've also had the opportunity to meet some amazing people in our industry and bring more awareness to Michigan.

AAPL continues to work with the MAPL, MOGA's Legal & Legislative committee and several Michigan attorneys in regards to the employer vs. contractor status of land professionals. Once MAPL has more definitive news, AAPL will host a Field Landman Seminar (FLS) which will be free to all AAPL members to keep them informed. We also hope to have a FLS when the revised JOA is complete so you will have an opportunity to learn of the changes and how it affects you at a FREE event.

In addition, the following educational courses are currently scheduled for 2013 to be held at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, MI (all in Grand Rapids per the request of AAPL for ease in travel arrangements for the speakers, all of whom come in from out of state):

April 26, 2013: NEW JOA course being taught by Steven Williams or Jeff Weems,

July 18, 2013: WI/NRI Workshop Or New Due Diligence course being taught by Frank Klam

October 16-19, 2013: Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Review and Exam (this may move to March or April if there is enough demand - contact Leslie to express interest: leslie@airtimeland.com)

AAPL has agreed NOT hold a function in the same month as MAPL (so you don't have to choose one event over the other for financial reasons), but will strive to bring as many greats events to Michigan as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

- Leslie A. Irish, AAPL Region II Director

CHECK OUT THE AAPL WEBSITE:

www.landman.org

The Michigan Association of Professional Landmen, or MAPL, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuing education. The MAPL was founded in 1965 and throughout the years continues to operate at a high level of expertise and enthusiasm. Membership benefits include educational seminars, dinners, golf outings, and annual listings in the MAPL membership directory. The MAPL offers a place where oil and gas land professionals can meet and share our thoughts and ideas.

Additionally, attendance at MAPL meetings offers a chance to network with other Landmen and keep up with current industry events and employment opportunities. None of this would be possible without the generous support of our Sponsors listed to the left.

Please join the MAPL Board in giving gratitude to our 2012/2013 Sponsors