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## 2015 L.A.N.D. Directory to be Distributed

We are happy to inform you that the 2015 L.A.N.D. Directory will be completed by the Third Quarter L.A.N.D. meeting. We will be distributing them before the meeting. If you are attending the meeting and tournament, please plan to pick-up your directory. It would also be very helpful if you could grab anyone else's who you are associated with that will not be attending.

The directory is a HUGE job and I would like to thank the officers, members, and companies that have volunteered many, many extra hours to gather, assemble, proofread and complete the directory. We couldn't have done it without you!!

A special thank you goes to Matthew Kostelecky and his team for handling the yellow page ads sales, and Tom St. Peter for handling the financial part.

## L.A.N.D. Holds 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

The 24th Annual L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament will be held at the Bully Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, ND, on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Tournament registration begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Bully Pulpit Clubhouse. The L.A.N.D. meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. MDT at the Clubhouse before the tournament; Rules at 12:10 p.m.; Carts leave clubhouse at 12:20 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start.

Lunch for the golfers will be served before the tournament at the Clubhouse starting at 11:00 a.m.

### L.A.N.D. MEETING, SOCIAL HOUR & DINNER

The 3rd Quarterly meeting will be at Bully Pulpit Clubhouse at 11:00 am MDT before the Golf Tournament starts.

The social hour and dinner will begin after the tournament (around 6:00) at the Chuckwagon.

The social hour is open to all L.A.N.D. members, friends, industry guests and personnel.

For those who aren't playing in the golf tournament and would like to eat dinner, you are strongly urged to preregister (\$50.00 a plate). Contact Tom St. Peter, 701-354-7567 or email tom@energylandservices.net.

# We would like to THANK the following sponsors for their tremendous support:

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THANK YOU TO ALL!

## L.A.N.D. Welcomes New Officers

At our second quarterly meeting in May a new slate of officers were elected for the upcoming two-year term.



#### Past-President – Jeff Skarre

L.A.N.D. would like to thank Jeff for the two years he served as President. Jeff did a wonderful job as President. Jeff will continue to serve as a Director for the next six years.



From right to left: June Weeks, President; Jason Mazigian, Vice-President; Tom St. Peter, Treasurer; Michael Dewald, Secretary.

#### President – June Weeks, RPL

June has been involved with L.A.N.D. for several years and looks forward to working with both the new and re-elected officers. She served as Jeff's Vice-President for the past two years and will continue to serve as the Editor/Publisher of L.A.N.D. Thank you June for serving another two years.

#### <u>Vice-President – Jason Mazigian</u>

Jason has served on the board for the past four years as the L.A.N.D. Secretary and has done a great job. Thank you Jason, for your continued commitment to sever L.A.N.D. as the new Vice-President.

#### Secretary - Michael Dewald, RPL

Michael has been in the industry for several years and is eager to service L.A.N.D. We welcome Michael and look forward to having him as our new Secretary.

#### Treasurer - Tom St. Peter, RPL

Tom has served for the past four years as Treasurer and has done a fantastic job of keeping track of the L.A.N.D. finances. He was re-instated as the Treasurer for a third term. Thank you Tom for your commitment to serving L.A.N.D.

## ND Oil & Gas Update to be Held in Bismarck

Plains Energy Tech, Steger Law Office and Wolitarsky Law Office are hosting a North Dakota oil and gas update.

Kelly Inn, Bismarck, ND **Thursday, October 23, 2014** 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### SCHEDULE:

1:00 pm - 2:10 pm: New Horizontal JOA form with Bruce Wolitarsky, Esq. of Wolitarsky Law Office

2:20 pm - 3:40 pm: Case law updates in the last year for North Dakota oil and gas with Jannelle Steger Combs, Esq. of Steger Law Office

**3:50 pm – 5:00 pm:** Regulatory updates in the last year for North

Dakota oil and gas with Laura Erickson, Owner of Plains Energy Tech

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Hosted social for clients

There will be a charge for attending this update (TBD) and credits from AAPL are in the process of being approved.

More information to follow.



## AAPL Director's Report Rick Frazier, AAPL Director

We've been bombarded from all directions about the gloom and doom in the "awl binness" and how the sky is falling on our industry – enough already. I refuse to kick that dead horse further or honor the issue by wasting everyone's time with pseudowisdom from a hazy crystal ball. Contrary to the nay sayers' negative notions, here are a few hopeful pillars of wisdom (sorta) to hold on to:

- We live in a cyclical business.
- We've been through this before.
- We always land on our feet and hit the ground runnin'.
- The world is NOT going to stop using petroleum products; and MOST IMPORTANTLY:
- The light at the end of the tunnel is not a menacing freight train roaring to crush us.

Sooooooo, let's reject the negativity and move onward and upward with more beneficial "stuff". Here goes:

AAPL recently held its Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. The event just keeps getting bigger and better. This year was no exception. Each Annual Meeting marks the passing of the gavel to AAPL's in-coming leadership. AAPL's new cabinet is of particular importance to me because AAPL's in-coming President is a good friend of mine. Marc Strahn began his career as a book pullin' landman here in North Dakota during the late 70's to early 80's, mas o menos, along with Kathi Hanson, his soon-to-be bride. Marc and Kathi moved to Wyoming where they opened and continue to operate an oil and gas brokerage and consulting company that is, and has been, what I consider to be the symbol and shining example of what a "brokerage" should be. He is an innovative, open-minded thinker with a sense of business savvy and wisdom that I genuinely respect. His vision/leadership will bring a dimension to AAPL that will have longlasting benefits. My congratulations to both Marc and Kathi.

You may recall Ron Ness' Industry Affairs Committee report at LAND's last quarterly meeting. Ron discussed a new pilot program that received legislative authority in this past session. This new program is known as the **PIPELINE RESTORATION AND RECLAMATION PILOT PROGRAM.** 

The Program is under the direction of North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner, Doug Goehring, and will "... provide technical assistance and support to surface owners and surface tenants on pipeline restoration and follow-up support to surface owners and surface tenants on pipeline reclamation". Commissioner Goehring and his leadership team have engaged five independent contractors to serve as "Ombudsmen". I know, that's a word I've never heard of either. Essentially, the Ombudsmen will act as NEUTRAL facilitators. information gatherers, communication coordinators, and liaisons between Surface Owners, Surface Tenants, the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, and industry.

Commissioner Goehring, Ken Junkert, Ron Ness, Tom Wheeler (with the Northwest Landowners Association), and many others, devoted numerous hours lobbying for this Program and played a pivotal role in its adoption. This Program serves a long-awaited purpose and provides a much-needed conduit for communication between industry and North Dakota landowners. It is an absolute pro-active and positive step towards resolving critical pipeline reclamation issues. Thanks to Commissioner Goehring, Ken Junkert, Ron Ness and Tom Wheeler. I know this program will be an enormous success. Please visit the North Dakota Agricultural Commission's website http://www.nd.gov/ndda/ for more details.

That's the latest from Lake Woebegone.

One final thought for y'all to ponder: "I was angry because I had no shoes, until I saw a man with no feet." Keep lookin' up.

As always, thank you all for allowing me the privilege to represent L.A.N.D. as its regional director to AAPL. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, issues, or concerns that relate to the well-being of our industry. I will be happy to present them to AAPL as appropriate.

## Rick Frazier, CPL

Region 7 Director to AAPL and Chairman of the Field Landman Committee



## President's Report

June Weeks, RPL

Greetings Land Members,

L.A.N.D. held our second quarterly meeting this past May at the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capital grounds. Those in attendance were treated to a private viewing of the "Tom Leach: The Father of North Dakota's Petroleum Industry". There was a great turn-out with many wonderful comments "stories" from those that attended. Our thanks to Gina Buckholtz, the ND Heritage Center Development Officer, who was the key coordinator for this event and did a fantastic job. Thank you also to Loren Kopseng (Missouri River Royalties Corp.) for sending Gina our way and for sponsoring the social hour. For those of you that were unable to attend the meeting/special event, I would encourage you to visit the ND Heritage Center and check out the Thomas and Frances Leach Great Plains Theater and presentation.

May's meeting also included election of officers. L.A.N.D.'s slate of officers for the next two years is as follows: President – June Weeks; Vice-President – Jason Mazigian; Secretary – Michael Dewald; Re-elected: Treasurer – Tom St. Peter; AAPL Director – Rick Frazier. I personally would like to thank Jeff Skaare for his two years as President, it was my pleasure to serve L.A.N.D. as his Vice-President, I enjoyed working with him and hope for his continued friendship. I would also like to thank the members for their support of the new and re-elected officer's positions and for those members that accepted and are committed to their two year term. I look forward to working with the board/committee chairs and serving L.A.N.D. as your new President.

Drew Combs, of the ND Department of Trust Lands, announced at the ND Lease Sale that "Trust Lands" expects transitioning from the customary live auction to an online auction, using EnergyNet, a Texas company focused in online sales (www.energynet.com). This news prompted several days' of concerned conversation, phone calls, and emails from our members. As a result, a meeting was held with the Department of Trust Lands for a more detailed discussion. The meeting provided an opportunity for representatives from industry and L.A.N.D. to voice comments and express concerns on the issue. The State indicated that it would be placing several tracts on EnergyNet before the next auction sale in August. Trust Lands that are not presented on EnergyNet will be offered for public auction in Medora as in the past. This is a pilot project to determine if the State will change its position and place all future available tracts on EnergyNet. Please see the article on page 5 in this

newsletter for more details or call the ND Department of Trust Lands with any questions you may have.

L.A.N.D.'s traditional Golf Tournament and third quarter meeting will be held in Medora, on Monday, August 3, 2015. The meeting is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m., with the tournament getting underway at 12:20 p.m. There will be a social and dinner to follow (around 6:00 p.m.) at the Chuckwagon. Check out the article on the front page of this newsletter for more details.

A big thank you to Tom St. Peter for ALL his hard work and dedication to this year's Golf Tournament. Despite best efforts, Tom tells me that sponsorship and golfing entries are significantly reduced this year with the slump in the industry. So, if anyone would still like to be a sponsor or golf in the tourney, please contact Tom at tom@energylandservices.com.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you at our August meeting and golf tournament in Medora, ND.

Sincerely,

June Weeks



### North Dakota Petroleum Council Report Ron Ness, President of the North

ND Oil Tax Structure: The North

Dakota Petroleum Council has prepared a white paper on the new oil and gas tax structure in North Dakota. It can be downloaded here:http: //www.ndoil.org/image/ cache/OET\_White\_Paper.pdf

North Dakota Petroleum Council Events:

- July 14, 2015
   Bakken Rocks CookFest
   Alexander, ND
- July 15, 2015 Oil Can! Fishing Tournament New Town, ND
- July 16, 2015
   Bakken Rocks CookFest
   South Heart, ND
- August 27, 2015
   ND Oil PAC Golf Tournament Medora, ND
- September 21-23, 2015 Annual Meeting Fargo, ND

## ND Department of Trust Lands Announces Change to Leasing Sale

The ND Department of Trust Lands will be offering 28 Oil and Gas Leases/tracts on the **EnergyNet.com** which will be available for review beginning July 1, 2015. **The bidding will open July 21, 2015 and this process will conclude July 28, 2015.** In order to participate in this online auction, you must register on EnergyNet.com.

The Department is doing this as a pilot project to gauge the viability and profitability of using an online service. We have used EnergyNet, for various reasons, for the past three years and it has become a useful tool. This pilot project will allow us to explore using the internet as the primary way of auctioning leases. Also being offered is a ND State Board of Higher Ed tract in Williams County. The details will be available July 1, 2015 on the EnergyNet.com site as well.

The regularly scheduled quarterly oral auction will be held August 4, 2015 in Medora, ND at AmericInn Conference Center. This auction is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM MT. The tracts being offered in the oral auction will be available on the ND Department of Trust Lands website Thursday, July 2, 2015.

For more information on the pilot project, please contact Drew Combs at the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands, phone: 701-328-1909 or email: drew.comb@nd.gov.

### Trouble Finding Missing Mineral Owners? Contact. W.T. Butcher & Associates, LTD. Toll Free: 1-800-700-1541 Email: dina.wtba@midconetwork.com Serving LAND Members Since 1982 Search Fee: basic \$50 & up (depending on degree of difficulty) Turn Around Time: 24-48 hours







July 16	Bakken Rocks CookFest! South Heart, ND
Aug 3	Second Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting 11:00 am MT – Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Medora, ND
Aug 3	24th L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament 12:30 am MT - Bully Pulpit Golf Course, Medora, ND
Aug 4	ND Oral State Lease Sale 9:00 A.M. MT – AmericInn – Medora, ND
Aug 19-20	<b>SUMMER NAPE</b> George R. Brown Convention Center Houston, TX – register at napeexpo.com
Aug 27	ND Oil PAC Golf Tournament Bully Pulpit Golf Course in Medora, ND
Sept 21-23	NDPC Annual Meeting Fargo, ND
Oct 23	ND Oil & Gas Update Kelly Inn, Bismarck, ND (see page 2)

Calendar

## WELCOME New 2014 LAND Members

Bengtson, David E. Cymbaluk, Tyler D. Everson, Trent A. Johnson, Terry L. Koller, Daniel G. LaCrosse, Stacy A. McCabe, Garett R. Schulz, Joel G. Ulmer, Jason L. Weiss, Katelynn M. Wendt, Bobbi

## DONALD B. SASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is open to anyone pursuing an energy-related degree at an accredited institution and who is a graduate of a North Dakota High School. Applications for the scholarship can be found at www.ndcf.net > View the Map > Statewide Funds > Donald B. Sass Memorial Scholarship.

> For further information, please contact Kate Moser Black at 701-255-1416 or email her at <u>kate@inlandoil.net.</u>

## To Donate to the Sass Scholarship

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