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## First Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting & Social

L.A.N.D. will be holding its first quarterly meeting.

**Monday, February 6, 2017  
ND Heritage Center  
Bismarck, ND.**

The business meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM, with social to follow.

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

**L.A.N.D.**

*would like to thank*



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*for sponsoring our  
LAND meeting and social  
for the evening.*

## L.A.N.D. to Elect New Officers at the May Quarterly Meeting

L.A.N.D. members will elect a new slate of officers at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter L.A.N.D. meeting in May.

Nominations will be received from the floor at that time. Any volunteers will also be welcomed.

Jason Mazigian, current Vice-President, will move up to President. June Weeks will move into a Director's position.

Positions that are open for election are: Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please contact June Weeks or any other board member for further information. Board members are listed on the last page of this newsletter, along with their contact information.

HUGE THANK YOU  
to the North Dakota  
Historical Society

L.A.N.D. would like  
to thank the State  
Historical Society of  
North Dakota for  
helping host our  
L.A.N.D. meetings  
for 2017 at the  
Heritage Center.

We look forward to  
utilizing the beautiful  
facility and enjoying  
their wonderful  
hospitality.

*Thank You!*



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## President's Report

*June Weeks, RPL*

*Greetings Land Members,*

So... we made it through 2016! I'm sure most of you can relate and agree it was a downright tough year in the petroleum industry. So with that being said, let's not wallow in the past, but look to the anticipated bright and shiny 2017 year.

Yesterday, January 20, 2017 was a glimmer of hope with a much needed and supportive governmental change of hands. By the chatter on the street and in the industry, it echoes extreme optimism and excitement to see what this new year will bring to the energy industry.

Let's start by thanking each other for collectively supporting one another during this last year and continue to appreciate and savor those special relationships going forward.

Our first quarterly meeting will be held at the Heritage Center of ND at 5:30 pm. I would like to thank Jason for working with the Historical Society of ND to secure a meeting room for our 2017 first, second, and fourth quarterly meetings at this beautiful facility. We held a couple of past meetings there and had nothing but good responses from our members that attended.

So please come and join us for our upcoming meeting.

I would also like to thank Kate Black for her continued efforts to bring training to our state. She is currently working with AAPL and would work with anyone else that would be willing to put on related training for us. Please contact Kate with your ideas or help at: [kate@inlandoil.net](mailto:kate@inlandoil.net).

Lastly, our election of officers will take place at our second quarterly meeting, in May. Our current Vice President, Jason Mazigian will move to President. I have received nominations for the open officers: Kate Black for VP, Ian Vestal for Secretary, Tom St. Peters agreed to run again for Treasure, Rick Frazier would like to step down as AAPL Director; Mike Dewald agreed to run for this position. If you are interested in running, please contact Jason or me.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you, at the February meeting, to be held at the Heritage Center.

Sincerely,  
*June Weeks*

## 2017 LAND Membership Dues

It's time once again to support your professional association. Your annual dues for 2017 can now be paid.

With our current membership choice of paying a five, or ten year membership, we have several members that are paid-up for next year. We will be sending out a dues reminder email to ONLY those memberships expiring, so if you receive the "2017 Dues Email" please comply with filling out the renewal form and send it in with your chosen payment.

If you have any questions regarding your dues payment, you can e-mail Tom at: [tom@greatnorthernenergy.net](mailto:tom@greatnorthernenergy.net)



## ND State Lease Sale

The list for the ND Department of Trust Lands' oil and gas lease offering has been posted to its website:

<https://land.nd.gov/minerals/oilandgasleasing.aspx>

The auction is scheduled to be held online on <https://www.energynet.com>, starting January 31, 2017 at 8:00 AM CT, concluding February 7, 2017



## North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

*Ron Ness, President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council*

**SB 2134** was heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on the morning of Thursday, January 12. This bill seeks to define the ordinary high-water mark of the Missouri River. A number of disputes have arisen between private citizens and the State of North Dakota as to who owns the minerals along the river and under Lakes Sakakawea and Oahe. By defining the ordinary high-water mark, this bill would settle that issue. Ness testified in support and Craig Smith, Crowley Fleck, also testified on behalf of NDPC. Smith provided fantastic

testimony, and likely the best explanation and examination of the issue to date. NDPC members Preston Page and Peter Masset, Jr. also testified in support of the bill. Testimony in opposition to the bill came from citizen's whose minerals west of the Highway 85 Missouri River Bridge have been claimed by the State of North Dakota. The bill as currently written would not apply to minerals west of the bridge, and they hoped to see the boundary removed and their minerals included. MHA Tribal Chairman also testified in opposition,

seeking to have the FBIR exempted from the bill, as the Tribe and State are currently in a dispute over ownership of minerals under Lake Sakakawea. The bill sponsor and committee seemed receptive to this amendment. The committee did not act on the bill this week. It does appear the committee will eliminate the Highway 85 bridge boundary and bring in the Pick-Sloan acreage to the west.

**Mark your calendar** – The 2017 schedule of events has been released. Please add the following NDPC event to your calendar:

- **March 7** - Legislative Social – National Energy Center of Excellence, Bismarck, ND
- **May 25** - ND Oil PAC Sporting Clays Event – Capitol City Sporting Clays, Bismarck, ND
- **June 15** - Denver Social – Brown Palace, Denver, CO
- **June 19-22** - NDPC Teacher Seminar – Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND
- **July 18** - Bakken Rocks CookFest – Westhope, ND
- **July 19** - Oil Can! Fishing Tournament – Four Bears Marina, New Town, ND
- **July 20** - Bakken Rocks CookFest – Medora, ND
- **August 23** - ND Oil PAC Golf Tournament – Bully Pulpit, Medora, ND
- **September 26-28** - NDPC Annual Meeting – Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND

More information will be available on each event as the date approaches at [www.ndoil.org](http://www.ndoil.org) and [www.northdakotaoilcan.com](http://www.northdakotaoilcan.com).

## Brian Bjella Recognized for Years of Service to L.A.N.D. and Kim Backman Welcomed as the New Education Chairman

L.A.N.D. recognized and thanked Brian Bjella for his 25+ years of service as the Education Chairman, at our 4th quarterly meeting, held in November 2016.

Brian filled this position with such grace, professionalism, and knowledge of this industry. His soft spoken, down to earth and knack to present to a group is undeniable. L.A.N.D. has been very lucky to have him serve for not only us, but for the industry as a whole. Please take the time to thank him for his years of service to L.A.N.D.

Brian felt it was time to step down and allow for someone new to serve. However, Brian agreed he is not going away and will always be here for us AND we are going to hold him to it! 😊



*Brian Bjella (left) was honored at our 2016 fourth quarterly L.A.N.D. meeting for his 25+ years of service as the Education Chairman. Kim Backman (right) has been appointed to fill Brian's position.*

In turn, we are excited to announce Kim Backman from Crowley Fleck agreed and was appointed to service as the new Education Chairman. Please welcome Kim as she serves with Kate Black to continue bringing education to our L.A.N.D group.



## AAPL Director's Report

*Rick Frazier,  
AAPL Director*

NAPE Summit is quickly approaching on February 15-17, 2017. The annual NAPE Summit is a networking event that brings together all the players necessary to forge, facilitate and close deals. In the upstream oil and gas business, it is the largest and most successful event of its kind in the world.

This massive three-day event offers prospects, producers and purchasers a unique chance to connect, reconnect and make deals. For those who seek to be successful in the upstream oil and gas business, the NAPE Summit is a "must attend" event that has the potential to open up a myriad of new and unexpected opportunities.

For more information or to sign-up go to: [www.napeexpo.com](http://www.napeexpo.com)




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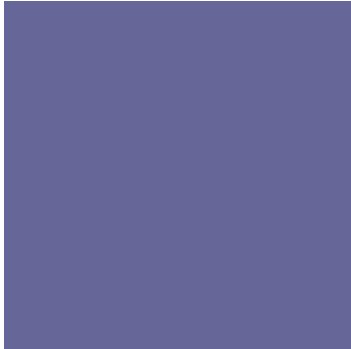
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# Calendar

- Feb 6            1st Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting & Social  
*5:30 p.m. – ND Heritage Center – Bismarck, ND*
- Feb 15-17      NAPE Summit  
*George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, TX – register at napeexpo.com*
- March 7        Legislative Social  
*National Energy Center of Excellence  
Bismarck, ND*
- March 16      ND Law Review Energy Law Symposium  
*9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., social at 4:30 p.m.  
Bavendick Stateroom, National Energy Center of  
Excellence, Bismarck State College*

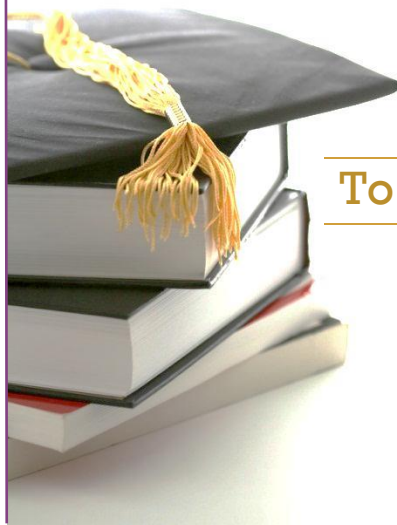
## WELCOME New 2016 LAND Members

- Boncaldo, Vince
- Ford, Anthony J.
- Lenihan, Thomas
- Roberts, Taylor R.
- Sauber, Travis
- Scherer, Charlie N.

## 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](http://www.ndcf.net) > Receive > Scholarships > Apply for Scholarships > Statewide Scholarships > Donald B. Sass Memorial Scholarship

**Application DEADLINE is April 1, 2017.**



For further information, please contact  
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email her at [kate@inlandoil.net](mailto:kate@inlandoil.net).

## To Donate to the Sass Scholarship

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