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ND STATE LEASE SALE *to be held on* February 2, 2016

The ND DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS will hold two ND Oil & Gas Lease Auction in February.

The **REGULAR** Lease Auction will be held:

Tuesday
February 2, 2016
at 9:00 AM CT
North Dakota State
Capitol House
Chambers
Bismarck, ND

The **ONLINE** auction will close on February 11th at 3:45 pm. The tracts available online are posted and can be viewed at: http://www.energynet.com/govt_listing.pl.

For a complete list of nominated tracts, visit the Land Department's website at www.land.nd.gov.

The 2nd phase of the study utilizing online auctions consists of 22 tracts that are available online.

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

L.A.N.D. will be holding its quarterly meeting on **Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Kelly Inn in 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.



Inland Oil & Gas Corp is the proud sponsor of this first quarterly L.A.N.D. meeting and social.

What is a Landman?

Landmen constitute the business side of the oil and gas and mineral exploration and production team.

Company landmen negotiate deals and trades with other companies and individuals, draft contracts (and administer their compliance), acquire leases and ensure compliance with governmental regulations.

Independent field landmen serve clients on a contract basis and are generally the industry's contact with the public as they research courthouse records to determine

ownership and prepare necessary reports, locate mineral/land owners and negotiate oil and gas leases and various other agreements, obtain necessary curative documents and conduct surface inspections before drilling.

Independent land consultants serve clients on a contract basis and much effort is directed to due diligence examinations required in the purchase and sale of companies and properties.



President's Report

June Weeks, RPL

Greetings Land Members,

As we reflect on 2015, I'm sure most of you can relate and agree it was an interesting and somewhat slippery slope towards the downside. ☹️ With a New Year beginning, our hopes are renewed for an improvement to our industry. Let's start by staying connecting with our fellow Landman and attend our first quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting in a couple weeks.

Our upcoming L.A.N.D. meeting will be held at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck, ND on Monday February 1, 2016. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The North Dakota State Land Department will hold its regular State lease auction on Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Bismarck ND at the State Capital House Chambers. This sale includes roughly 24,628.68 net acres in 13 different counties. The State is also holding an online auction that includes approximately 1,796.61 net acres in six different counties. For more detailed information on the State Lease Sale go to: www.land.nd.gov.

With the industry slowdown, L.A.N.D. is researching ways to stay connected and informed of what's happening in

our industry. We would entertain any ideas for our future quarterly meetings. Ideas consist of continuing education, moving the meetings around the state, or any host of ideas. Please share your thoughts. You can email me at any time: june@verityresources.com

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and for supporting L.A.N.D by your membership. For those of you who are not yet members of A.A.P.L., I encourage you to join, go to: www.landman.org.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you at our February meeting in Bismarck.

Sincerely,

June Weeks



AAPL Director's Report

*Rick Frazier,
AAPL Director*

Why become an AAPL member?

The American Association of Professional Landmen is the leading source of information and guidance for the landman profession.

As a member, you will enjoy:

Networking –network with nearly 20,000 landmen.

Educational Meetings – AAPL hosts more than 80 educational programs, meetings and institutes nationwide.

Publications – AAPL publications include our bimonthly magazines, Landman and Landman 2; the AAPL membership directory and books.

Resources – AAPL provides resources that help make landmen effective.

Professional Certifications – AAPL offers three certifications that are recognized throughout the industry.

Legislative Advocacy – united voice to seek what is best for the energy industry.

AAPL Group Insurance Program – AAPL offers optional insurance coverage for health, life, automobile and errors and omissions for landmen in the United States and abroad.

For more information on becoming an AAPL member go to: www.landman.org



North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

Ron Ness, President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council

Williston Basin Petroleum Conference – The 2016 Williston Basin Petroleum Conference will be held May 24-26, 2016 in Bismarck, ND. **General registration for booths, sponsorships and attendees will open on January 26, 2016. If you participated in the 2014 WBPC as a sponsor or exhibitor or are an NDPC member, you may have already received an early-bird registration email.**

In consideration of current economic conditions, exhibitor (booth space) and registration costs have been reduced from the 2014 price.

NW Landowners to host expo – The Northwest Landowners Association will be hosting an oil and gas expo geared towards landowners on February 2 in Stanley, ND at the Mountrail County Extension Office Complex. The expo aims to bring landowners and industry together to learn and ask questions through educational speakers and booths. If you are interested in having a booth at the expo, please contact Tom Wheeler at wheelert@nccray.com or 701.641.1073 as soon as possible. Booth space is only open to producers and pipelines, and the cost is \$100.

Mark your calendar – The 2016 schedule of events has been released. Please add the following NDPC event to your calendar:

- May 19 – ND Oil PAC Sporting Clay Shoot, Bismarck (*registration opens at www.ndoil.org in mid-April*)
- May 24-26 – Williston Basin Petroleum Conference (*registration opens at www.wbpcnd.com on January 26*)
- June 23 – ND Oil PAC Minot Golf Tournament, Vardon Golf Club, Minot
- July 19 – Bakken Rocks CookFest, Mandaree
- July 20 – Oil Can! Fishing Tournament, New Town (*registration opens in early June*)
- July 21 – Bakken Rocks CookFest, Stanley
- August 24-25 – ND Oil PAC Medora Golf Tournament, Bully Pulpit, Medora (*expanded to a two-day event for 2016, registration opens at www.ndoil.org in late July*)
- September 19-21 – Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Riverside, Minot

More information will be available on each event as the date approaches at www.ndoil.org and www.northdakotaoilcan.com.



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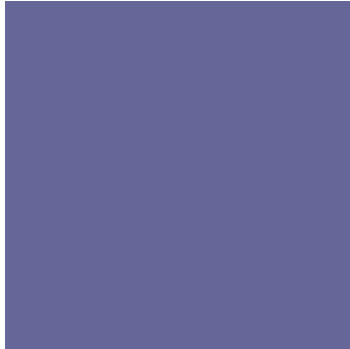
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Calendar

- Feb 1 1st Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting & Social
5:30 p.m. – Kelly Inn - Bismarck, ND
- Feb 2 ND Live State Lease Sale
*9:00 a.m. – ND State Capital House Chambers
Bismarck, ND*
- Feb 10-12 NAPE Summit
*George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX – register at napeexpo.com*

WELCOME New 2016 LAND Members

- Boncaldo, Vince
- Ford, Anthony J.
- Lenihan, Thomas
- Roberts, Taylor R.
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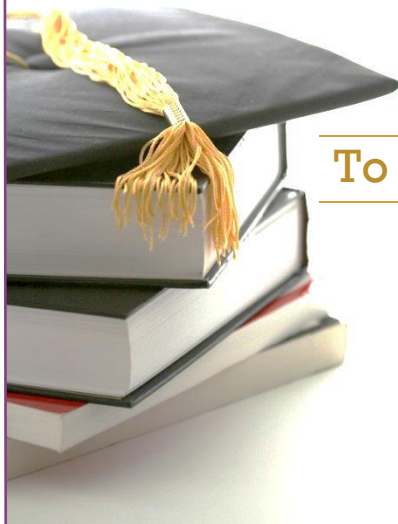
This scholarship is open to anyone pursuing an energy-related degree at an accredited institution and who is a graduate of a North Dakota high school.

Applications for the scholarship can be found at:

www.ndcf.net/receive/scholarships/sass.html

Application DEADLINE is April 1, 2016.

For further information, please contact
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