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**ND STATE  
LEASE SALE**  
*to be held on  
May 6, 2014*

The ND DEPARTMENT  
OF TRUST LANDS  
will hold its quarterly  
ND Oil & Gas  
Lease Auction on

**Tuesday**

**May 6, 2014**

**at 9:00 AM CDT**

**North Dakota State  
Capitol House  
Chambers  
Bismarck, ND**

For a complete list of  
nominated tracts, visit the  
Land Department's website  
at [www.land.nd.gov](http://www.land.nd.gov).

**Second Quarterly L.A.N.D. Meeting & Social**

L.A.N.D. will be holding its  
quarterly meeting on  
**Monday, May 5, 2014, at the  
Kelly Inn, Bismarck, ND.**

The business meeting is  
scheduled to begin at 5:30 PM  
and the social at 6:00 PM.

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



*We would like to thank  
**Dakota Land Services, Inc.**  
for sponsoring our LAND  
Social for the evening.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament  
will be held:

- **Monday, August 4, 2014**
- Bully Pulpit Golf Course  
Medora, North Dakota
- Registration: 10:30 AM
- **L.A.N.D. Meeting: 11:00 AM**
- Shotgun Start: 12:30 PM

- **Social & Dinner:** 6:00 PM at the  
Chuckwagon (included with golf  
fee), \$50.00 per person if you are  
not playing Golf
- Golf fees will be \$160.00 per player  
limited to the first 144 players.
- A block of 30 rooms has been  
reserved at the Roughrider and  
65 rooms at the Badlands.  
Call 1-800-633-6721 to reserve  
your room today!

More detailed information with registration  
and sponsorship forms will be emailed to  
current L.A.N.D. members in early May.





## President's Report

*Jeff Skaare, RPL*

*Greetings Land Professionals,*

I recently visited with a good landman and good friend of mine and I asked him how things were going. He responded that work was really slow. I have found that to be a shared feeling of many of the brokers in North Dakota these days. However, all of these brokers are currently working and they are keeping some of their good hands busy. I have suggested to these friends of mine that perhaps we are just settling into the future of brokerage work. Do not get me wrong, I still believe there is plenty of work available for good landmen in North Dakota. I simply believe that we are finally settling in and stabilizing from the first seven to eight years of the Bakken rush.

As I stated in my last newsletter, North Dakota is seeing more development of existing "HBP" acreage rather than a lease play. We are witnessing some new formations getting attention, i.e. the Red River formation and the Tyler formation, However we are not currently in the middle of a rush to gain control of spacing units in the heart of the Bakken. I think the state sale list suggests the same. The current sales list shows roughly 120 tracts approximately 30,885 gross and

18,132 net acres in 13 different counties. The majority of the tracts are in the counties with well-established production. Interestingly, there are a few outlying counties represented that have not been on the list in recent sales. The overall size of the sale reflects an increase from our previous state sale and hopefully is a sign of good things to come.

Our upcoming meeting is Monday May 5, 2014 and will be held at the Kelly Inn. Dakota Land Services, Inc. has agreed to be our sponsor and we thank them for their support. The meeting time is 5:30 p.m. Additionally, the North Dakota State Land Department has agreed to hold its State lease auction on Tuesday May 6, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m. in Bismarck at the State Capitol House Chambers.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve in this position and I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting and at the State sale the following day.

Godspeed,

*Jeffrey L. Skaare*



## Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam to be held in Bismarck, ND

**May 7 – 10, 2014**

Ramada Bismarck Hotel  
1400 E. Interchange Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58501

The Oil and Gas Land Review is a fast-paced, intensive study of the topics covered by the CPL and RPL certification exams. Lectures will be interactive and enhanced with problem-solving sessions. It is highly acclaimed as a thorough land review and an excellent means of preparation for the CPL and RPL exams. This class is accredited by AAPL for 18 CPL/RPL/RL credits, including one ethics. Day one of the review covers both CPL and RPL review material and days two and three cover CPL material only. The CPL exam will be offered on Saturday, May 10th, following the three-day review. The RPL exam will be offered on Thursday, May 8th following the one-day review, as well as on Saturday, May 10th. The registration fee for the full review is \$470 for AAPL members and \$570 for non-members. The registration fee for the Day one RPL review and exam is \$300 (AAPL Active members only).

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



# North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

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

The ND Oil PAC promotes good government through involvement of industry members and support of candidates who understand the oil and gas industry. The ND Oil PAC's by-laws include the following items in the description of the group's purpose:

- Collect funds to support candidates and issues within the state of North Dakota.
- Identify candidates whose positions best serve good government and the North Dakota oil and gas industry.
- Distribute funds to candidates selected by the ND Oil PAC.

### Who can join the ND Oil PAC?

The ND Oil PAC is a voluntary, non-partisan, non-profit, unincorporated committee of individual oil industry members and others interested in the exploration and development of oil and gas in North Dakota. Corporate contributions are prohibited.

### Who determines how the funds are used?

Investments in any amount are welcome; however, VOTING memberships are restricted to those who contribute \$200 or more. All voting members comprise the ND Oil PAC's Board of Directors, who determine which issues and candidates should receive support and allocates how much money shall be given to each candidate or issue.

### The ND Oil PAC's Role in Politics

The ND Oil PAC is made up of employees, business owners and anyone involved in the state's oil and gas industry. The ND Oil PAC supports political candidates whose positions support the oil and gas industry and the business community in general.

The ND Oil PAC is the way for you to have a more effective voice in North Dakota politics at this critical time in our state's history. We URGE you to support your industry and join the ND Oil PAC.

Please complete this portion and return it along with your personal contribution to:  
 ND Oil PAC, PO Box 1395, Bismarck, ND 58502. CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

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# ND Oil PAC

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Jeff Herman  
Co-Chair

Ryan Kopseng  
Co-Chair

April 1, 2014

Dear North Dakota Oil Industry Member,

The 2014 elections are approaching quickly, and we need to raise Oil PAC funds in order to impact legislative and statewide elections. The North Dakota Oil PAC was formed in 1981, and has since helped elected many candidates who support the oil and gas industry and work to create and maintain a positive business climate in North Dakota. We must continue to support the candidates who support our industry.

It continues to be an exciting time for our industry and the State of North Dakota. Production will soon reach one million barrels per day, and we are making significant progress in dealing with the challenges brought on by rapid development. In fact, in our recent public perception survey 89 percent of North Dakotans were supportive of our industry. However, that favorability does not always carry over to the legislative process. Some want higher oil taxes, more burdensome regulations, or changes in mineral estate laws; while others blame the oil industry for all the supply problems and high energy prices. While the 2013 Legislative Session was a tough but successful session, we are even more concerned with what the next session will bring for our industry. Providing campaign support to good candidates will help ensure that business-friendly candidates are elected to office, and we trust they will make good business decisions.

Next year, statewide offices up for election include Agriculture Commissioner, two seats on the Public Service Commission, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Tax Commissioner. The Oil PAC is a state PAC and does not support federal candidates. The North Dakota Legislature has been supportive of our business in recent years, and we need only look at other oil producing states to know how fast that can change. Many of our biggest supporters will be facing re-election in 2014, and there will be a number of new business friendly candidates who need our support as well. Please consider contributing to the ND Oil PAC at one of the following levels:

- \$500 and above: Bakken Strong Supporter and Director – Bakken Strong Supporters will be listed as sponsors for all 2014 ND Oil PAC Events.
- \$350-\$499: Silver PAC Supporter and Director
- \$200 - \$349: Oil PAC Directors
- \$50 - \$199: Contributor – We appreciate your support. There are no reporting requirements for contributions less than \$200.

We urge you to support your industry and the North Dakota Oil PAC with a contribution. Please share this information with your friends and colleagues and encourage them to support the Oil PAC as well. Thank you.



Jeff Herman  
North Dakota Oil PAC Co-Chair



Ryan Kopseng  
North Dakota Oil PAC Co-Chair



## AAPL Director's Report

*Rick Frazier, AAPL Director*

Several changes to AAPL's Bylaws were discussed in great length at the March Board of Directors' meeting. These proposed changes address the following separate concerns and issues:

- Comprehensive updates proposed by the Ethics Committee to tighten up some of the language on requirements to gain membership, certification acceptance and the formalization of the approval process by the Ethics committee, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Additionally, there is a new requirement that each member must annually reaffirm that he or she has not committed a felony.
- The other language addressed in the Bylaw changes was to redefine the timing of the voting process after the March Board meeting. Some members of the AAPL are not getting enough time to cast a ballot for the new slate of officers and the intent of these changes is to expand the amount of voting time plus open the door in the future to electronic voting.

Be advised that due to the proposed Bylaw changes regarding the reaffirmation by members that they have not committed a felony, as well as AAPL's current membership renewal payment system, renewals for this year will only be accepted via regular mail. Online payments will not be available this year. AAPL intends to have this payment process corrected by next year.

**AAPL's 60th Annual Meeting will be June 25th through the 28th in Montreal, Canada.** The Annual Meeting is always an exciting and entertaining event, both for company and field landmen alike. It presents a tremendous venue for networking and education. One can potentially earn 23 CE Credits by attending the Thursday, Friday and Saturday Education Sessions. That is a great opportunity for those of us who may be a bit behind on their continuing education credits. Also, a new slate of elected 2014 Officers will be installed at the Annual meeting. George Will is the scheduled Keynote Speaker. He is a renowned syndicated columnist and recipient of the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary. Beginning as a founding member in 1981, he has served on ABC television's This Week with George Stephanopoulos, and is additionally a Fox News contributor. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You will not regret it. I will be providing LAND's membership with an in-depth review of the Annual Meeting at our Medora meeting in August.



The agenda for the 2014 Williston Basin Petroleum Conference has been released! The line-up is jam packed with three days of exciting and informative speakers, including talks on crude oil transportation, Bakken optimization, geology, remote capture technologies, regulatory and environmental issues, and investment. The full agenda can be found at: [www.wbpcnd.org/agenda](http://www.wbpcnd.org/agenda).

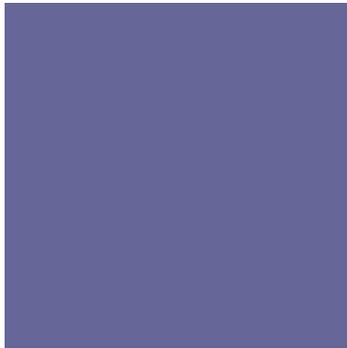


Wednesday will feature keynote speaker and **Marathon Oil Corporation CEO and President, Lee Tillman,**

and we'll wrap the conference up Thursday afternoon with an exciting session titled *Bakken Strong: Leadership for Energy Security*. The session will feature an incredible line-up of speakers, including **Tom Petrie of Petrie Partners**, and major Bakken operator **CEOs Harold Hamm, Continental Resources; Jim Volker, Whiting Petroleum;** and **Tommy Nusz, Oasis Petroleum**. You're not going to want to miss it!

General registration for WBPC 2014 will open at 9:00 AM CST on January 29, 2014 at [www.wbpcnd.com](http://www.wbpcnd.com). Hotel rooms fill up quickly, so we strongly encourage you to book them now by contacting the Bismarck-Mandan CVB [here](#).

For more information regarding the conference, please visit [www.wbpcnd.com](http://www.wbpcnd.com) or contact us at 701.223.6380 and [ndpc@ndoil.org](mailto:ndpc@ndoil.org). **See you in May!**



# Calendar

- May 5      **Second Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting**  
*5:30 pm CST ~ Kelly Inn ~ Bismarck, ND*
- May 6      **ND State Lease Sale**  
*9:00 A.M. CDT – House Chambers  
North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, ND*
- May 7-10   **Oil & Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam**  
*Ramada Bismarck Hotel – Bismarck, ND  
For more info – [www.landman.org](http://www.landman.org)*
- May 15     **2014 ND Oil PAC Sporting Clay Shoot**  
*2:00 P.M. CDT – Capital City Sporting Clays  
12951 71<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE, Bismarck, ND*
- May 21     **2014 WBPC ND Oil PAC Social**  
*7:00-10:00 P.M. – Dakota Ballroom  
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND*
- June 25-28 **AAPL 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
*Montréal, Canada – [www.landman.org](http://www.landman.org)*
- June 26     **ND Oil PAC Golf Tournament**  
*Vardon Golf Club – Minot, ND*
- Aug 4       **23rd L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament**  
*Bully Pulpit Golf Course – Medora, ND*

## WELCOME New 2014 LAND Members

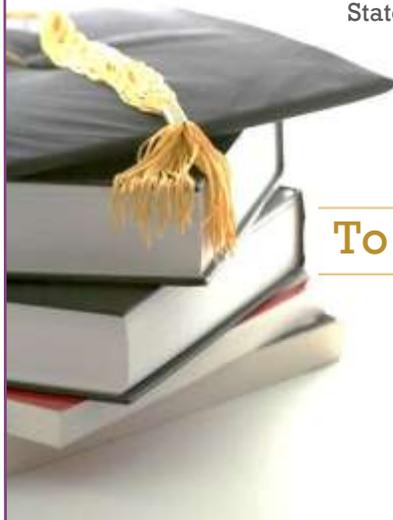
- Davis, Gerry J.
- DeMorrett, James N.
- Joersz, Ben D.
- Johanson, Janet
- Kemp, Kruise B.
- Prewett, Travis H.
- Stanek, Keenan M.
- Williams, Jerald R.

## DONALD B. SASS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The 2014 Donald B Sass Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Drew Groves. Drew is a Minot native who is attending the University of North Dakota in pursuit of a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He hopes to one day work in North Dakota but would be interested in gaining further experience by working for a time overseas in the petroleum industry. Drew was awarded the full grantable amount of \$900. *Congratulations Drew!*

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) > 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 [kate@inlandoil.net](mailto:kate@inlandoil.net).



## To Donate to the Sass Scholarship

If you would like to donate to the SASS Scholarship, please send your contributions to:

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