



|          |  |          |  |
|----------|--|----------|--|
| [Page 1] | LAND Meeting<br>ND State Lease Sale<br>2015 Membership Due | [Page 4] | Petroleum Council Report                                   |
| [Page 2] | President's Report<br>Honor LeRoy Fettig                   | [Page 5] | New LAND Members<br>Calendar of Events<br>SASS Scholarship |
| [Page 3] | AAPL Report<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Golf Winners               | [Page 6] | L.A.N.D. Officers &<br>Committee Chairs                    |

**ND STATE LEASE SALE**  
*to be held on*  
**November 4, 2014**

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

**Tuesday**  
**November 4, 2014**  
**at 9:00 AM CT**  
**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).

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

L.A.N.D. will be holding its quarterly meeting on **Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Kelly Inn in 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.

L.A.N.D.

is the proud sponsor of this fourth quarterly

L.A.N.D. meeting and social.

We are excited to honor Roger Soape, the current President of AAPL, as our guest speaker!



## 2015 LAND Membership Dues

It's time once again to support your professional association. Your annual dues for 2015 can now be paid.

A Renewal Form has been emailed along with this newsletter. Please fill-out your renewal form completely and mail along with your membership fee.

Membership choices are as follows:

- One (1) year x \$25.00 = \$25.00
- Five (5) years x \$25.00 = \$125.00
- Ten (10) years x \$25.00 = \$250.00

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



## President's Report

*Jeff Skaare, RPL*

*Greetings Land Professionals,*

I have a couple of important points I would like to make regarding our upcoming November 3, 2014 meeting. First and foremost, we have a great opportunity to listen to our guest speaker, Roger Soape, current President of the AAPL. We are looking forward to his visit. Also, we have a request from one of our great members Duane Fadness, AAPL's Landman of the year, requesting L.A.N.D.'s co-sponsorship with D.A.P.L. for an event at the upcoming NAPE Rockies. Third, we are looking for a local representative from the area to act as a writer for the Landman2 magazine reporting on the Williston Basin. Additionally, we will be giving out the date and information on an upcoming educational event hosted by the AAPL in the great state of North Dakota that includes the RPL & CPL examination. Lastly, we will likely have a discussion on the impact of certain statewide measures that will be on the ballot on the following day November 4th, 2014. I am looking forward to seeing you all there and getting your input on these important topics.

Our last meeting was the annual golf tournament. We had a great list of sponsors for this event as well and I want to personally thank all of you for your attendance and sponsorship of

this event and I hope to see you all there again next summer. Thank you also to Tom St. Peter and everyone who volunteered their time to make this a successful event.

Our upcoming meeting will be held at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck, ND. The meeting time is back to the usual 5:30 p.m. Additionally, the North Dakota State Land Department has agreed to hold its State lease auction on Tuesday November 4th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Bismarck at the State Capitol House Chambers. This sale includes roughly 19,583.36 gross and 14,114.95 net acres in 9 different counties.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and thank you all for your membership in L.A.N.D. Of course, for those of you who are not yet members of A.A.P.L., I encourage you to join.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey L. Skaare*



## In Memory of LeRoy Phil Fettig

*L.A.N.D. honored a pillar of the Oil and Gas industry, LeRoy Phil Fettig, passed away August 24, 2014 in his home in Dickinson*

LeRoy Phil Fettig was born November 16, 1947 in Killdeer, ND. He attended school in Killdeer, ND. He attended Casper College on a rodeo scholarship and later transferred to NDSU where he continued to rodeo for the Bison. Following his graduation from NDSU in 1969, LeRoy taught Vocational Ag in Mandaree, ND for three years. He spent the next six years on his ranch northeast of Hebron, ND raising cattle.

After leaving his ranch, LeRoy moved to Dickinson and began working as an Oil and Gas Landman. After spending several years working as a Landman in the oil and gas industry, LeRoy developed his own company, Williston Basin Oil and Title Brokerage. LeRoy always said he didn't work for oil companies, but rather worked for the land and mineral owners from whom he was leasing.

LeRoy was a generous, selfless man, and treasured the time he spent with his family. He also believed in leaving the world a better place. He and Carla (wife) planted and replanted thousands of trees every spring for the last 30 years.

*LeRoy requested memorial gifts go to the Wounded Warrior Project and St. Joseph's Heartland Hospice.*



## AAPL Director's Report

*Rick Frazier, AAPL Director*

I recently returned from AAPL's quarterly meeting in San Diego, which I found customarily interesting and beneficial. Many of the "most-common" issues were discussed and debated, some with greater vitality than others. Since most of the issues fall under the "old business" heading of Roberts Rules of Order, this report will be uncharacteristically brief when compared to others in the past. At the risk of being redundant from my last report, here is a general re-cap of the most salient topics and issues recently discussed in San Diego:

**TAX ISSUES:**

The Independent Contract issue continues to be a controversial topic. With that in mind, AAPL is assembling an informational packet that will provide lead brokers, and the independent contractors they retain, with valuable information to better understand how this issue may potentially affect them directly. The impact deserves serious consideration by all concerned.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:**

Like the Independent Contractor issue, Licensing of Landmen remains a "hot button" to our industry. A Pennsylvania Senator was actively pushing to enact legislation that would require landmen working in Pennsylvania to be licensed. Because of AAPL's effective lobbying, and its reputation to "police its own", the Senator has decided not to pursue the issue further. This is a classic example of what AAPL does "behind the scenes" for all

landmen, whether members of AAPL, or not.

AAPL has rolled out its "Ethics 360" presentation to many local venues across the United States. The second of these seminars was presented in Dickinson last week. Although the initial registration was somewhat less than I had anticipated, I found that the event was well-attended, with landmen coming from Minnesota as well as Montana. Despite technical difficulties, the presentation went quite well. I have received nothing but positive feedback. AAPL, through the Field Landman Committee and Education Committee, is committed to promoting continuing education and to being the consummate resource for all landmen, whether in-house company landmen, or field landmen. As with anything else, we are judged according to those with whom we associate. Having said that, I strongly encourage all landmen to support AAPL within their means, and to the best of their abilities. I know of no other organization that is dedicated without compromise to advancing the professionalism, reputation, and general welfare of today's landman. Please consider becoming a member; if you have not already done so.

As always, thank you all for allowing me the privilege to represent L.A.N.D. as its regional director to AAPL.

*Rick Frazier, CPL*  
Region 7 Director to AAPL

## L.A.N.D. Golf Tournament Winners!

L.A.N.D. held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on August 4, 2014 in Medora, ND. The view was outstanding; the weather was nearly perfect and most all had a very good day, including several that received the honors to call themselves winners!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**



*Shawn Souther, Tony Hauck, Deon DeWitt, and Parker Scott*

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**



*Jeff O'Brien, Bryce Bohl, Ben Larson and Clark Crawford*

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**



*Mike Huber, Jeff Herman, Justin Vander-Linden, and Andy Weygant,*



### Trouble Finding Missing Mineral Owners?

Contact  
W.T. Butcher & Associates, LTD.  
Toll Free: 1-800-700-1541  
Email: [dina.wtba@midconetwork.com](mailto: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



North Dakota Records Information Network



### ACCESS N.D.

- Fast
- Convenient
- Cost-effective
- Subscribe Today

% High Plains Technology  
1351 Page Drive, Ste. 106  
Fargo, North Dakota 58103  
Phone: 701.364.1280  
Fax: 701.271.1557  
[www.ndrin.com](http://www.ndrin.com)



## North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

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

The North Dakota Petroleum Council would like alert you to **Measure #5** on the ballot November 4, 2014 – **vote NO**. This Measure would take 5% of the oil extraction tax (\$150 million per year) and give it to special interest groups like Ducks Unlimited for conservation purposes.

**This takes \$150 million of oil tax revenues off the table for these critical issues:**

- **Oil counties/cities – funding for community infrastructure and impacts**
- **Critical infrastructure for roads and schools**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Social issues**
- **Tax Relief**

Don't be mistaken, there is a trade-off if this money is not available for the legislature to spend. Now is not the time to divert these oil tax dollars elsewhere. The roads in six oil counties were closed for nearly two days last week, which likely cost businesses hundreds of millions of dollars and only makes traffic worse the following days. We need to prioritize getting this money back to the communities to get caught up on infrastructure – **the oil and gas industry MUST get out and vote against this measure**. You can request an absentee ballot here: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee/> or vote early in many locations. You can find your polling place here: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/WhereToVote.aspx?tab=AddressandVotingTimes>. A full description of the measure and why we oppose it is below.

### **Measure 5: Clean Water, Wildlife and Parks Amendment**

**What it is:** This initiated measure would add a new section to the North Dakota Constitution creating the Clean Water, Wildlife, and Parks Trust Fund to be

financed by five percent of the revenues from the State's share of oil extraction taxes. The Fund would be used to make grants to public and private groups for conservation purposes. The Fund would be governed by a Clean Water, Wildlife, and Parks Commission comprised of the governor, attorney general, and agriculture commissioner. A thirteen-member Citizen Accountability Board would be appointed for three-year terms to review grant applications and make recommendations to the Commission.

**Why we oppose it:** There are too many uncertainties and concerns raised by this measure.

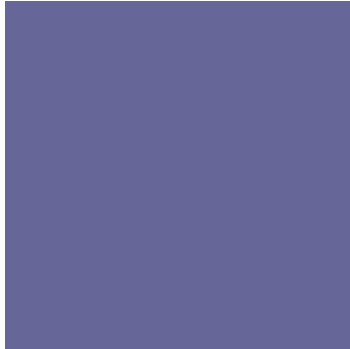
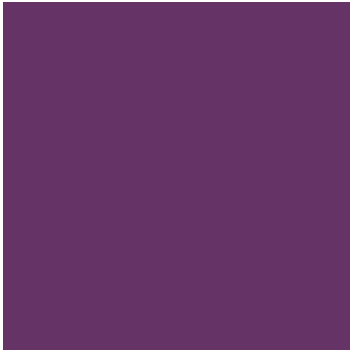
1. **Driven by out-of-state interests:** The supporters of the proposed Clean Water, Wildlife and Parks Amendment are being funded primarily by out-of-state special interest groups; it's hard to believe they have the best interests of North Dakotans in mind.
2. **Lack of flexibility:** According to the amendment, the new conservation fund would receive 5% of North Dakota's revenue from the oil extraction tax, no matter what. Five percent is almost \$300 million per biennium right now. Under the amendment, 75% of that massive conservation fund must be spent each year, even if there aren't any relevant conservation needs. Under the proposed amendment, conservation funding receives legal precedence over every other need in the state.
3. **Constitutionally-mandated funding:** The proposed Amendment would mandate conservation spending as part of the state constitution. It would be the first-ever constitutionally mandated spending in the state of North Dakota and as an amendment, the only way to change or repeal it would be through another vote of the people. The amendment takes away our legislators' abilities to address

urgent funding needs that arise because, instead, they would first have to make sure the conservation fund is fully funded.

4. **Biased advisory board:** The 13 members of the advisory board who would provide funding recommendations would be required to have a background in land conservation and/or conservation activism. Of the 13 advisory board members, there would be only one farmer/rancher member and one energy member, which stacks the deck against North Dakota's agriculture and energy industries.
5. **Amount of money spent:** Under the proposed amendment the conservation fund would receive almost 2.8 million per week right now. The money mandated for the conservation fund is money that could be spent on schools, education, infrastructure, property tax relief, water issues, and health and human services.
6. **No spending plan:** There's no language that details how the money will be spent other than that it will be spent on conservation. Given the conservation backgrounds required of advisory board members, it's likely that radical environmental and animal rights groups would receive the bulk of the conservation funding, and the money could be used to purchase land.

**How you can get involved:** Like us on Facebook and request your NO on 5 yard sign here: [www.facebook.com/NOonMeasure5](http://www.facebook.com/NOonMeasure5).

For more information or any questions, visit [www.ndcommonsenseconservation.com](http://www.ndcommonsenseconservation.com) or contact Alexis Brinkman-Baxley, NDPC, at 701.223.6380 or Jon Godfread, Greater North Dakota Chamber, at 701.222.0929 or [jon@ndchamber.com](mailto:jon@ndchamber.com).



# Calendar

- Nov 3      Fourth Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting  
*5:30 – Kelly Inn, Bismarck, ND*
- Nov 4      ND State Lease Sale  
*9:00 A.M. CT – House Chambers  
North Dakota State Capitol, Bismarck, ND*
- Nov 4      VOTING  
*At your local district*
- Dec 10-12      NAPE Rockies  
*Colorado Convention Center  
Denver, CO*

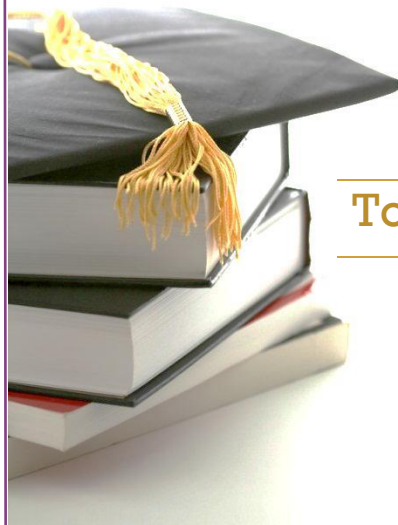
## WELCOME New 2014 LAND Members

- Axtman, Jaylene M.
- Blake, Bruce W.
- Bohl, Bryce A.
- Cook, Michael D.
- Duursma, Kimberly K.
- Everett, Jim C.
- Fisher, Brian P.
- Harris, Brandon
- Harris, Wayne R.
- Leer, Andrew W.
- Lewis, Van
- Thorstad, Jerry E.

## 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) > 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:

Tom St. Peter, L.A.N.D. Treasurer  
P.O. Box 2703  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2703

**OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT ..... JEFF SKAARE, RPL ..... 701-590-3995 ..... jskaare@calibermidstream.com  
VICE PRESIDENT.....JUNE WEEKS, RPL ..... 701-751-2121 ..... june@verityresources.com  
SECRETARY ..... JASON MAZIGIAN ..... 218-791-0110 ..... jason\_mazigian@yahoo.com  
TREASURER.....TOM ST. PETER, RPL ..... 701-354-7567 ..... tom@energylandservices.net  
AAPL DIRECTOR ..... RICK FRAZIER, CPL ..... 701-354-7500 ..... rickf@legacyresourcesinc.com  
DIRECTOR .....JON AISENBREY, RPL ..... 406-488-7848 ..... jon@bakkenoil.com  
DIRECTOR ..... RICK FRAZIER, CPL ..... 701-354-7500 ..... rickf@legacyresourcesinc.com  
DIRECTOR ..... JOHN HOLT, RPL ..... 701-774-1200 ..... john@jhop.com

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

ADVERTISING ..... MATTHEW KOSTELECKY ..... 701-690-9985 ..... mkostecky@bjkdrmasinc.com  
CERTIFICATION and  
EDUCATION .....KATE MOSER-BLACK ..... 701-255-1416 ..... kate@inlandoil.net  
& BRIAN BJELLA ..... 701-223-6585 ..... bbjella@crowleyfleck.com  
ETHICS..... JOHN MORRISON ..... 701-223-6585 ..... jwmorris@crowleyfleck.com  
INDUSTRY AFFAIRS ..... RON NESS ..... 701-223-6380 ..... ronness@ndoil.org  
MEMBERSHIP ..... TOM ST. PETER, RPL ..... 701-663-2251 ..... tom@greatnorthernenergy.net  
MINING/GEOTHERMAL.....JIM MELCHIOR ..... 701-222-7587 ..... jim.melchior@nacoal.com  
PUBLICATIONS.....JUNE WEEKS, RPL ..... 701-751-2121 ..... june@verityresources.com  
PUBLIC INFORMATION and  
PUBLIC LANDS .....DREW COMBS, RPL ..... 701-328-1909 ..... drew.combs@nd.gov

**CREDITS**

This newsletter is the quarterly publication of the LANDMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

\*\*\* EDITOR \*\*\*

JUNE WEEKS  
701-751-2121  
june@verityresources.com

GRAPHICS, DESIGN,  
LAYOUT & PUBLISHING:  
JUNE WEEKS

L.A.N.D.  
P.O. Box 2703  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2703

