ND STATE LEASE SALE

to be held on
November 1, 2011

The ND DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS will hold its fourth quarter ND Oil & Gas Lease Auction on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 9:00 AM CDT at ND State Capitol House Chambers, Bismarck, ND.

The November sale list is significantly abbreviated with the offerings totaling roughly 5100 acres in six (6) counties.

For a complete list of nominated tracts, visit the ND Department of Trust Lands website at www.land.nd.gov.

L.A.N.D. Has a NEW Mailing Address

With the appointment of our new officers in August, we also received a NEW MAILING ADDRESS for all L.A.N.D. communications by mail:

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

If you have outdated forms, such as the membership application, etc., please discard them. I will be attaching the current membership application along with this newsletter for your use.

If you would like hard copies or any other updated L.A.N.D. forms, etc., email me at: junew@legacyresourcesinc.com or call me at 701-751-2121.

We would like to thank Crowley Fleck Attorneys, PLLP for sponsoring our L.A.N.D. Social for the evening.
I hope everyone’s ahead on building locations, surface inspections and pipelines because the days seem to be getting quite a bit shorter and although the temperature is still palatable I can feel the Seasonal Affective Disorder creeping up on these cloudy fall days.

We are busy…. I should say June “Newsletter Lady” Weeks is busy trying to get all the information ready for our semi-annual Landman Directory compiled and ready for printing. Matthew Kostelecky is our newly appointed advertising chair and has made great efforts to make sure the directory is fully funded and then some. Thank you to all our advertisers and to the individual salesmen we had help from, as busy as everyone seems to be I had assumed support and help would be sparse but help was instead plentiful. The Directories should be out soon.

We also have a new member of the Education Chair as Kate Moser-Black is diligently pursuing educational opportunities for our region and has taken the reins on scholarships as well.

We are still having the L.A.N.D. meeting on Halloween, that still seems to be the time most out-of-town members make their way to Bismarck, no one will kick you out if you wear a costume but I think we’re a scary enough bunch in regular work attire. So don’t look for me to show up anymore ghoulish than normal.

Cordially,
Jon Aisenbrey
L.A.N.D. President

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**President’s Report**
*Jon Aisenbrey, RPL*

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**2011 L.A.N.D. Directory**

As most of you know, we are in the process of assembling the 2011 L.A.N.D. Directory. I would like to thank the members that completed, and emailed to me, the directory sign-up form. Approximately two-thirds of the membership returned forms. For the remaining members, I used your information on file, so if your information is incorrect in your ad, I apologize in advance as that is all I could go by.

This 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!!**

Our goal is to have “hot off the press” copies at the next meeting. If you are not at the meeting, we will be mailing your copy to the mailing address we have on file.
SASS Scholarship

The SASS Scholarship Committee is excited to announce Joe Lokken as a recipient of the SASS scholarship. Joe received a $550.00 scholarship that will be used towards his Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management at Bismarck State College. Congratulations Joe!

The scholarship is open to anyone pursuing an energy-related degree at an accredited institution and is a graduate of a North Dakota High School. SASS Scholarship grants are not limited to young, recent High School graduates, but are available also to non-traditional students who may be “older than average” and are studying for graduate as well as undergraduate energy-related degrees.

Applications for grants are available through Kate Moser-Black at Inland Oil & Gas (kate@inlandoil.net or 701-255-1416).

If you would like to donate to the SASS Scholarship, please send your contributions to:
Tom St. Peter, L.A.N.D. Treasurer,
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North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

Ron Ness, President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council

ND Oil PAC seeking contributions – Established in 1981, the North Dakota Oil PAC aids North Dakota’s political candidates who support the oil and gas industry and work to promote good government and maintain a positive business climate for the industry in North Dakota. Only contributions in excess of $200 are reportable. Sorry, corporate contributions are not allowed; only personal checks are accepted. For a donation application, or for more information, see the Petroleum Council’s website.

2012 WBPC

The 2012 WBPC will be held May 22-24, 2012 in Bismarck, ND. Registration will open February 1, 2012 at www.ndoil.org.
AAPL Director’s Report
Rick Larson, AAPL Director

The September 11, 2011 meeting was held in Palm Beach, FL. This report will paraphrase AAPL President’s report.

We had one of largest turn outs for a board meeting in the last several years with the participation of 39 directors, 13 Committee Chairs and 3 Committee Assistant Chairs. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of the World Trade Center.

We have initiated an informal gathering on Saturday mornings where directors and committee chairs can meet in an open forum to discuss various topics of interest. Most of that discussion centered on NAPE, AAPL membership and the current state of the AAPL.

During the board meeting, Marty Schard, AAPL Executive Vice President, reported that 1,080 people attended the annual meeting. He also advised of several issues on the legislative front that affects Landmen. Finally, Marty provided an overview of Summer NAPE and the new things that were introduced at the event.

Houston Kauffman provided an update on the 2010-2011 year end financials reflecting a strong balance sheet with continued growth.

Mike Curry made his initial presentation to the board of proposed changes to the AAPL By-Laws. He asked that all comments and suggestions be returned to his attention before review at the December board meeting. The plan is to finalize all the proposed By-Law changes by the March 2012 Board meeting at which time they will be published for review and a vote by the membership at the annual meeting in June 2012.

Stacy Armijo, Vice President of Pierpont Communications, gave the directors an update on the next steps going forward with our marketing strategy that was previously approved at the June board meeting.

At the request of the Annual Conference committee, the board approved a motion to begin planning for the 2013 annual conference to be located in Washington, D.C.

The board voted to approve the transfer of $100,000 to the Landman Scholarship Trust.

Finally, the committee chairs brought the directors up to date on their activities some of which are summarized as follows:

1) IT/Website committee, gave an overview on the process of developing the new AAPL website in anticipation of a first quarter 2012 rollout.

2) NAPE Operators committee, gave an overview of the new Ambassadors program instituted at Summer NAPE and plans for the coming year.

3) Sub-Nominating committee, requested members start thinking about candidates they would like to suggest for next year’s officer positions.

4) Forms committee, advised they have created a sub-committee to look into creating a horizontal model form JOA.

5) Field Landman committee, advised they have 12 Field land seminars scheduled to date and they are reviewing other possible locations.

6) Publications committee, said his committee was looking into various new sources for articles of interest to be published for the membership.

7) Tax issues committee, gave an update on the many tax issues affecting Landmen.

8) Education committee, gave an update on the many educational events that are currently scheduled. In addition, they are looking into many new educational opportunities for the future. Also, planning is underway for the different educational tracts for the annual meeting in San Francisco.
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