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LAND to Elect New Officers at May Meeting

L.A.N.D. members will elect a new slate of officers at our May 6, 2019 LAND meeting.

Nominations so far are: Kate Black, current Vice-President, will move up to President; Vice-President, Ian Vestal; Secretary, Lee Murphy; Treasurer; Tom St. Peter; and AAPL Director, Mike Dewald. Jason Mazigian will move to a Director's position. Nominations will be taken from the floor the day of the meeting.

Please contact Jason Mazigian for further information.

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

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

Monday, May 6, 2019
New York Room
Radisson Hotel
Bismarck, ND.

The business meeting, special guest and election of officers 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.

AAPL President Michel E. Curry Special Guest Speaker



Please plan to attend this quarterly meeting to meet and hear our guest speaker, Michel Curry the current President of AAPL. President Curry is a CPL and has chaired AAPL Forms, Ethics, Publications and Bylaw's Committees. He has also served as 2nd Vice President and Director of AAPL, along with participating in the drafting of the new 2015 Model Form Operating Agreements. Please come and meet President Curry.

FREE Educational Seminar

May 6, 2019 ~ Radisson Hotel ~ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
(more details on page 4)



President's Report

Jason Mazigian, CPL

Thank you to LAND!

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Spring is here, but has it sprung??!!! Please join us for our 2nd quarter meeting in Bismarck, Thursday, May 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the New York Room at the Radisson Hotel. We will have a special guest in attendance who may say a few words. We would like to welcome AAPLs President, Michel "Mike" Curry, CPL, to North Dakota and to our LAND meeting. Please plan on attending our Education Seminar held from 12:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. that same day, in the New York Room at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck. Our Education Committee has lined up a great slate of speakers to provide us with insight into the following topics:

- Common Title Issues Encountered When Operating on Federal Lands;
- Ethics and America's Landman;
- Missouri River and Lake Sakakawea Mineral Ownership Update; and
- Overview of Common Title Defects

In one of my last duties as your LAND President, a Golf Committee has been set up and Tom St. Peter will serve as Chair. This should come as no surprise to anyone as Tom has been 'THE' man coordinating and running this exceptional LAND event for many

years. I hope Tom continues in this capacity for years to come as he does a tremendous job and I want to make sure he gets the credit he deserves for such a great event. Thank you, Tom.

I would like to thank all of you for entrusting me with the responsibility of running our great organization, LAND. I have had the privilege to serve as your Secretary four years, Vice President two years, and President the past two years. Sorry, you are stuck with me for another six years in a role as a Director.

An organization is only as good as its members and those who participate in it. We have an organization that is great and will be for many years to come. Thank you to those who have served LAND alongside me: Jon Aisenbrey, Mike Dewald, Rick Frazier, Rick Larson, Jeff Skaare, Tom St. Peter, Ian Vestal, and June Weeks (alphabetically for those wondering about the order). I want to thank all of you who have served on the various Committees as well, please know all of your work and input does not go unnoticed. Many thanks to Kate Black for serving as Vice President with me. Her drive and passion for LAND and making it an

organization to be proud of will definitely continue under her leadership. She has also been stuck golfing on my team for a number of years, for that, I truly do apologize!

There are so many more people I would like to thank, but this would just turn into a list of pretty much every landman, broker, and/or client I have ever had the privilege to meet and work alongside. This is a very unique industry and I know I have met many lifelong friends though 'the oil business'. I am fairly certain most of you know that I have a dad and two brothers working as landmen as well. It can be difficult working with family, especially in this industry, but in our case, it has been a pleasure; so, thank you to them as well!

If you have any ideas on where or how we can make our LAND meetings of more interest, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Board.

I am honored and truly grateful to have served as your President. Continue to stay safe out there! Wishing you all good health, happiness, and success this year and every year thereafter!

Thank You!

Jason Mazigian



AAML Director's Report

Michael Dewald, RPL

I attended that last AAML quarterly Director's meeting held in Las Vegas, NV on March 10th. It was a great meeting even though the casinos took my money.

As all the quarterly board meetings start, first up was financials. They were presented by Treasurer Michael Pisciotte, and he reports AAML's net assets for the period ending on 12/31/2018 are \$33,164,684.

Following was the staff report, present by Melanie Bell, AAML's Executive Vice President. She indicated that AAML currently has 22 employees with 1 open role, a Publications and Marketing Association position, and NAPE now has 7 employees with 1 open role, a NAPE Business Development Representative position. AAML's membership is currently 15,239 vs. 15,668 at the same time last year. She also reported that a group of anonymous donors made a \$1 million donation to NAPE Charities Fund in honor of late President George H.W. Bush and the NAPE Charities luncheon raised \$1.3 million.

The 2019-2020 officer slate was present and approved by the board. The candidates are as follows:

President - Jay W. Beavers III, CPL – Beavers Energy, LP; Sanger, TX

First Vice President - Lester A. Zitkus, CPL – Gulfport Energy, Corp; Oklahoma City, OK

Second Vice President - Wendy G. Dalton, CPL – EOG Resources, Inc.; Midland, TX

Third Vice President - Sean W. Marshall, CPL – Centennial Resources Development, Inc.; Denver, CO

Treasurer - Jason T. Maloy, CPL – Tall Cotton Energy, LLC; Dallas, TX

Secretary - Britney Crookshanks, CPL – Infinity Natural Resources LLC; Morgantown, WV

To learn more about the above nominees you can visit AAML's website. The deadline to complete your ballot is May 20, 2019. Please take the time to do so. These candidates will do great in their new leadership roles.

The board also approved the budget for 16 new ethics videos to replace the existing outdated one. These videos may become available for free viewing during the 3rd Thursday free video series.

As I have reported in the past, AAML engages when legislation is introduced that would adversely

affect the industry. This was no different for SB1-181 in Colorado. Primary, this bill would change the mission for the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission from fostering development to one that "protects public health, safety, and welfare, including protection of the environment and wildlife resources." This bill ended up passing. However, AAML and DAPL, along with other industry stakeholders, helped facilitate the submission of more than 700-member letters to legislators and the governor, which positively influenced some of the adopted amendments.

I would encourage everyone to attend our next LAND meeting. Michel E. Curry, the current AAML President, will be our special guest.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming AAML Events:

Annual Meeting – June 19 - 22, 2019 – Pittsburgh, PA

Summer NAPE – August 21- 22 – Houston, TX

I plan to attend the annual meeting in June. Please get a hold of me with any concerns, questions, or suggestions, and I can bring them to AAML's attention.

Thank you,

Mike Dewald

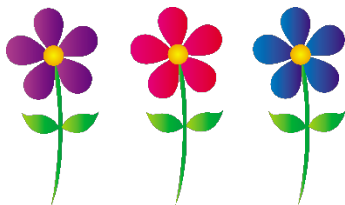
Mining Report

by Jerry Haas

2018 was definitely a busy year for the North Dakota coal industry. The five lignite mines in our state produced a total of 29.7 million tons of coal in 2018, which ended up being a 2% increase from 2017. BNI Coal operates the Center Mine, Dakota Westmoreland operates the Beulah Mine, and North American Coal Corporation operates the Falkirk Mine, Freedom Mine and Coyote Mine.

Some quick facts on the coal industry:

- Our seven coal-based power plants generate enough electricity to serve 2 million families in North Dakota and surrounding states.
- The coal industry generates approximately \$5.7 billion in gross business volume in North Dakota
- Nearly 4000 people are employed by the mines, generation plants and electricity firms in North Dakota
- The Freedom mine located north of Beulah is the largest lignite mine in the United States



3rd Annual L.A.N.D. Seminar

May 6, 2019 • Radisson Hotel, Bismarck

- **12:45 PM Registration & Check-in**, *New York Room*
- **1:00 PM Opening/Welcome/Safety Minute**
Nicole Bement, Incoming Educational Co-chair, LAND
- **1:15 PM Common Title Issues Encountered When Operating on Federal Lands**
Brad Gibbs – Partner at Kiefaber & Oliva LLP
- **2:10 PM Ethics and America's Landman**
Stacey Garvin, Director of Education and Member Services - AAPL
- **3:20 PM Missouri River and Lake Sakakawea Mineral Ownership Update**
Craig Smith, Partner - Crowley Fleck, PLLP
- **4:00 PM Overview of Common Title Defects**
Shane Hanson, Partner - Crowley Fleck, PLLP
- **5:00 PM Adjourn, Hosted Happy Hour & hors d'oeuvres**, *New York Room*
- **5:30 PM LAND Meeting**, *New York Room*

CEU and CLE credits: 3 Credit, plus 1 Ethics Credit

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NOTE: Seminar/Meeting Attendees may park in the ramps to the East or West of the Radisson and will receive a free parking meter pass at the seminar/meeting. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson for \$89/night. Call 701-255-600, use Online Booking Code: LAND19.

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>. The auction is scheduled to be held online on at: <https://www.energynet.com>.



North Dakota Petroleum Council Report

Ron Ness, President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council

NDPC Emerging Leader Training

As part of their Enhanced Member Benefits program, the NDPC hosted their first session of New and Emerging Leaders Training in November 2018. The program was a great success, the class was more than full, and participants recommend more people from their companies to participate. The next sessions are scheduled for April 30 – May 1 and May 2 – 3. This valuable program was featured in Bismarck Tribune in January: <https://bismarcktribune.com/business/local/oil-group-growing-next-generation-of->

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2019 ND Legislative Session

NDPC has been monitoring a number of bills during this legislative session, including bills pushed by the Northwest Landowners and friends. They had a handful of bills dropped this session that could have been troublesome and that NDPC was monitoring. Each of the bills of concern we mentioned in the previous newsletter have been defeated or failed to move through their respective houses.

NDPC 2019 Events

June 12, 2019
Denver Social
Denver Petroleum Club
Denver, CO

June 17 – 20, 2019
Teacher Seminar
Bismarck State College
Bismarck, ND

July 16, 2019
Bakken Rocks Cookfest
Bowman, ND

July 17, 2019
Bakken Classic Fishing Derby
Four Bears Marina
New Town, ND

July 18, 2019
Bakken Rocks Cookfest
Van Hook, ND

September 17 – 19, 2019
NDPC Annual Meeting
Rough Rider Center
Watford City, ND



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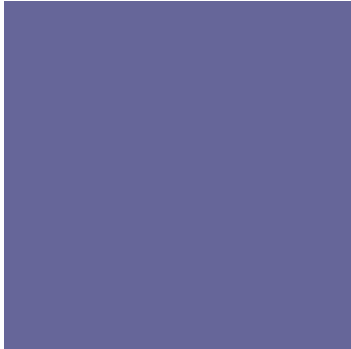
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Calendar

- May 6 *2nd Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting – 5:30 pm
New York Room, Radisson Hotel, Bismarck, ND*
- June 12 *NDPC Member Denver Social - DPC*
- July 16 *Bakken Rocks CookFest – Bowman*
- July 17 *Bakken Classic Fishing Derby
Four Bears Marina, New Town, ND*
- July 18 *Bakken Rocks Cookfest – Van Hook, ND*
- Aug 5 *3rd Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting
Golf Tournament, Bully Pulpit, Medora, ND*
- Aug 21-22 *Summer NAPE – Houston, TX
George R. Brown Convention Center*
- Sept 17-19 *NDPC Annual Meeting
Rough Rider Center - Watford City, ND*
- Sept 17 *4th Quarter L.A.N.D. Meeting
In conjunction with NDPC Annual Meeting
Watford City, ND*

WELCOME New 2019 LAND Members

- Fitzwater, Katie R.
- Gibbs, Bradley
- Glasser, Linda A.
- Lupi, Jennifer M.
- Pickell, David A.
- Regan, Molly
- Reis, LaVonne C.
- Stephenson, Whitney J.
- Yourk, Danielle V.



IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM (BILL) BUTCHER



We are again saddened by the loss of another LAND member. William T. (Bill) Butcher, Bismarck, founder of W.T. Butcher & Associates, Ltd, a private investigative and advocacy business and a long-standing member of L.A.N.D.

William T. (Bill) Butcher, Bismarck, age 79, died April 5, 2019. A memorial service was held Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Elks Lodge. Internment was held at the Veteran's Cemetery south of Mandan, N.D. on Friday, April 12, 2019. An avid sailor, his ashes will also be spread on the waters of Lake Sakakawea. A full obituary can be found at: <https://www.eastgatefuneral.com/obituary/william-t-bill-butcher>

LAND would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Dina along with his family, friends, and fellow LAND members who knew him well. LAND has sent a memorial to the "SASS Scholarship fund" in Bill's memory.

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