

# The Takeoff



News for Landmen

Published by the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL

June 2012 Issue



MLBC-AAPL  
P.O. Box 955  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

## *Inside this issue:*

<i>Presidential Address</i>	1
<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	3
<i>Secretary's Report</i>	3
<i>AAPL Director's Report</i>	4
<i>AAPL Regional Events</i>	5
<i>July Sponsors</i>	6
<i>June Photos</i>	6-7
<i>Job Bank</i>	8
<i>Meeting Schedule</i>	9-10
<i>Membership</i>	10

**Congratulations to  
our 2012-2013  
MLBC  
officers installed  
on June 7, 2012!**

## The Presidential Address

First, I want to thank you the MLBC membership for the opportunity to serve as your President this upcoming year.

Secondly, I would like to thank Mark Acree for a job well done. Under Mark's guidance, the MLBC has grown and had many positive changes. Mark pressed until the newsletter was totally revamped to the excellent newsletter you're

now reading, He obtained board approval to hire our first Executive Assistant, Tara White, and changed our meeting schedule from eight to eleven meetings annually. Mark continues to be involved with the MLBC and AAPL and I know I can count on him for help and advice this next year. Mark said his next job could be GREETER. So if you see him standing at the door, please thank him for all he has

Cont.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### President

Richard B. Robb  
Vantage Energy

### Vice President

Charles E. Heilmann, CPL  
EQT Production

### Secretary

Cynthia L. Torbeck, CPL  
Hawkeye Research, Inc.

### Treasurer

Aaron R. Yost, CPL  
Mason Dixon Energy, LLC

### Sergeant-At-Arms

John Kimbleton, CPL  
Chesapeake Energy

### Director

Anthony Farr  
Hawkeye Research, Inc.

### Director

Rex Cecil Ray  
EQT Production

### Director

Britney Robinson, RPL  
Mason Dixon Energy, LLC

### President Emeritus

Mark A. Acree, CPL  
Noble Energy, Inc.

### Regional Director

Arnold L. Schulberg, CPL  
Huron Land Services, LLC



## The Presidential Address

done for the MLBC.

We should all remember to thank the board members and committee members for all their help. The board members and the committee members play an important role in our organization. A great deal of their time is devoted to scheduling our meetings, setting up speakers, organizing educational seminars and much more.

*“We are always looking for new faces and new ideas.”*

We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. It takes a lot of time and energy to have a successful organization. As your new President, I welcome anyone who wants to contribute their time to volunteer on committees or who just want to share their ideas. Please feel free to contact myself or any one of your board members.

Several MLBC members attended the AAPL Annual Meeting in San Francisco recently and I think they would all say it was great. Next years meeting is in Washington, DC on June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone that loves this profession should try to attend. Start making your plans now.

After several years, the MLBC is returning to Zanesville, OH. We hope to attract many of the Landmen now working in that area. The industry slowed down in Ohio until the Utica Shale took off and it is now one of the hottest plays in the industry. Please contact any Landmen you might know who works in the Ohio area and invite them to our July Meeting. Attending the meetings gives us the opportunity to network with others in the same profession and to learn what others are doing in other areas of the industry.

MLBC’s main purpose is to serve its members by providing education and networking opportunities you need to be successful in our ever-changing industry. Will Rogers once said... If you want to be successful, it’s just this simple, know what you’re doing, love what you’re doing, and believe in what you’re doing. Will Rogers would have made a good Landman. Hope to see everyone at Eaglesticks!

Richard Robb  
MLBC President  
2012-2013



## Treasurer's Report



Cynthia Torbeck reports the bank balance is 69,381.54.

## Secretary's Report



**M**LBC held an Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2012 at Bridgeport Conference Center

at Charles Point, Bridgeport, WV. The agenda for upcoming meetings, educational events, fall golf outing and planning for upcoming 2012-2013 meetings were discussed.

The new slate of officers for the upcoming 2012-2013 term was announced. While on this topic, I want to say it was somewhat disappointing that only 9% of members voted. I suspect the reason for the low voter turnout was due to the lack of candidates. I want to remind all **Active Members** (Members of the MLBC who are also members of the National AAPL) the floor is open for nominations for three meetings before the ballot is set in May. I would encourage nominations from the Membership.

Again this year we gave to the Glenville State College \$3,500.00. Denny Pounds,

Vice President for College Advancement/ Executive Director of GSC Foundation, Milan Vavrek and Miranda Frame, scholarship winner for last year were present to receive the award.

Remember you can update your membership information online, simply access our website (Via the website or one of our "Apps") and enter the "Members' Area."

Be sure and check out the new online MLBC Apparel Store and the new Membership App.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Secretary and look forward to serving as VP this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone July 12, 2012 - Eaglesticks Country Club, Zanesville, Ohio.

*Chuck Heilmann*  
MLBC Secretary  
2011-2012

## AAPL Regional Director's Report



Arnold L. Schulberg  
AAPL Regional Director

The June 2012 Board Meeting of the AAPL was held at the Hilton Union Square in San Francisco, California on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Attendance for the Annual Meeting was pegged at a record 1,429. A wonderful combination of tours, social events, and educational seminars was arranged by AAPL and the Annual Meeting Chairman, Greg Zerkel.

As you will see below, AAPL continues its diligent efforts to promote the interests of its membership as to education, professionalism and defending against attempts to impede our tradition of self-regulation. The following is my report:

- ◆ The Leg-Reg Committee has been very busy on all fronts and parts of the nation but particularly in Appalachia where efforts to regulate or license landmen have popped up in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Ohio. The latter two states have had legislation introduced and AAPL will be actively participating with other industry representatives to oppose this legislation.

I participated in a telephone conference recently with representatives from OOGA, NALA and with Marty Schardt of AAPL among others to address some unfavorable legislation that has been brought forward in Ohio. If we are successful in combatting this legislation, all landmen whether or not they are members of AAPL will benefit.

- ◆ The Tax Issues group is working to amend the Workmen's Compensation statutes in a number of states to assure that landmen are, in most instances, classified as independent contractors. Pennsylvania is one of the group's target states.
- ◆ Final Winter NAPE results are in. There were 17,000 registrants. Summer NAPE looks to be, on historic trends, about 1/3 the size of Winter NAPE. Space at Winter NAPE 2013 is down to fewer than 100 booths remaining and with a high level of sponsorship. NAPE East which will be held in Pittsburgh is coming together. The first top level sponsor is EQT.

I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the July meeting but look forward to seeing everyone in Pittsburgh in August.

## Join AAPL!

To apply for AAPL Membership, visit website  
[www.landman.org](http://www.landman.org)



## ***July 2012 Sponsors***

*Abstract WV, LLC*  
*Babst Calland Attorneys at Law*  
*Complete Title Solutions*  
*Duncan Land Services*  
*EQT*  
*Jackson Kelly PLLC*  
*James T. McEvoy*  
*Mountaineer Keystone, LLC*  
*Steptoe & Johnson*  
*Triad Hunter, LLC*

### **June 2012 Installation of Officers and GSC Scholarship Presentation Photos**







# Appalachian Basin JOB BANK

## Looking for a Job?

Are you looking for a job or maybe even just a better opportunity? Finally there is a place that can better assist you to find the job/opportunity you've been searching for!

## Looking for Resumes of Job Seekers?

Is your company looking for an experienced Landman or Abstractor? Thanks to the MLBC Job Bank you no longer have to waste time and money with local newspapers placing costly ads that reach no one and run according to THEIR schedule. Finally an opportunity to target the **local** experienced individuals you are looking for! Here you can post your job opportunities 24/7 - when YOU need them! ALL AT NO COST TO OUR MEMBERS!



## Direct Link from MLBC-AAPL website

It's so easy! Visit [www.mlbcjobbank.com](http://www.mlbcjobbank.com) today and log in using your current MLBC username and password. The Job Bank is also accessible from our homepage at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org). Just click on the "MLBC Job Bank" on the left or simply click "Employment" under the Featured Segments.

## 2012 AAPL Regional Events

October 10th-11th	The Appalachian Land Institute Pittsburgh, PA
November 30th	Oil and Gas Titles Workshop Pittsburgh, PA
December 6	Fundamentals of Land Practices & RPL Exam Williamsport, PA

## 2012 –2013 MLBC Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
July 12, 2012	Eaglessticks Golf Club Zainsville, OH	An Overview of New Regulation in Ohio	Kevin West
August 16, 2012	Gateway Clippers Station Square Pittsburgh, PA	Social/Networking	
September 14, 2012	Nemacolin Woodlands Resort Nemacolin, PA	TBD	TBD
October 11, 2012	Doubletree Hotel Washington, PA	Joint Meeting with AAPL	TBD
November 8, 2012	Grand Point Conference & Reception Center Vienna, WV	TBD	TBD
January 10, 2013	Cantley, OH	TBD	TBD
February 7, 2013	Sheraton at Mars Pittsburgh, PA	TBD	TBD
March 14, 2013	Waterfront Hotel Morgantown, WV	TBD	TBD
April, 11, 2013	Pittsburgh, PA	TBD	TBD

## Fall Charity Golf Outing

The Annual MLBC Fall Charity Golf Outing at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa is just around the corner! It is scheduled for Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please mark this date on your calendar. More details regarding sponsorship, registration and lodging options will be coming in the next month. Look forward to seeing everyone there!





## Memberships

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org). Please check your information on the website prior to submitting your renewal. The MLBC website has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you can not find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Jeremy D. Preston at [jpreston@eqt.com](mailto:jpreston@eqt.com).



### June 2012 — New Members\*

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Member Type</u>
Kerry	Anthony	Clear Mountain LLC	Associate
Matthew	Belcher	Energy Corporation of America	Active
Adam	Blint	HG Energy, LLC	Active
Michael	Hooper	Jackson Kelly PLLC	Associate
Elisa	Butler	Noble Energy, Inc.	Active
Devin	Russell	S&A Property Research	Active
Steve	Cox	Self-Employed	Associate
Brian	Wisner	Western Land Services, Inc.	Active
Michael	Millinder	WPX Energy Appalachia, LLC	Active

### 2012-2013 Officers Installed

<b>President</b>	Richard B. Robb	<b>Seargent-At-Arms</b>	John Kimbleton, CPL
<b>Vice President</b>	Charles E. Heilman, CPL	<b>Director</b>	Anthony Farr
<b>Secretary</b>	Cynthia Torbeck, CPL	<b>Director</b>	Rex Cecil Ray
<b>Treasurer</b>	Aaron Yost, CPL	<b>Director</b>	Britney Robinson, RPL

\* Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter member(s) shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter "Takeoff" newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during for a period of thirty (30) days following the first publication to object to the potential members' application. Such objections to membership approval may be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee and shall be in writing. The Executive Committee shall take any such objection under counsel in the next regularly scheduled monthly Executive Committee meeting. A decision to accept or reject the membership application shall be determined by a majority vote at such meeting. The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant in writing of rejection.

Application for membership in the Chapter shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting, after the aforementioned thirty (30) day newsletter publication period, and shall require the signed approval by the acting President of the Executive Committee, as evidence of the Committee's approval. Names of any and all newly approved members shall be read at the following regularly scheduled general meeting of the Chapter.

MLBC-AAPL  
P.O. Box 955  
Bridgeport, WV 26330



*Michael Late Benedum*



**"The Great Wildcatter"**

---

**We are on the web!**  
**[www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org)**

---

## MLBC WEBSITE

If you experience any problems using the website or if you have any suggestions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at [JPreston@eqt.com](mailto:JPreston@eqt.com).

## JOB BANK

The direct link for MLBC Job Bank is [www.mlbcjobbank.com](http://www.mlbcjobbank.com). If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at [JPreston@eqt.com](mailto:JPreston@eqt.com).

## PHOTO ALBUM

We would like to share our Photo Album with you to show you what MLBC has been doing throughout the year. The direct link for MLBC Photo Album is [www.mlbc-aapl.org/VPhoto.php](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org/VPhoto.php).

## 2011-2012 Committee Chairs

Certification	James E. Talkington, Jr., CPL/ESA	<a href="mailto:jeta@frontier.com">jeta@frontier.com</a>
Membership	Jeremy D. Preston	<a href="mailto:jpreston@eqt.com">jpreston@eqt.com</a>
Meeting Coordinator	Rich B. Robb	<a href="mailto:RichardRobb@vantageenergy.com">RichardRobb@vantageenergy.com</a>
Education	Anthony Farr	<a href="mailto:AFarr@HawkeyeResearchInc.com">AFarr@HawkeyeResearchInc.com</a>
Historian	Frederick J. Kent, CPL	<a href="mailto:KentFrederick@Hotmail.com">KentFrederick@Hotmail.com</a>
Ethics	Jud Byrd	<a href="mailto:jbyrd@artexoil.com">jbyrd@artexoil.com</a>
Finance	Mark Acree, CPL	<a href="mailto:mark.acree@sylvanenergy.com">mark.acree@sylvanenergy.com</a>
Meeting Sponsors	Rex Cecil Ray	<a href="mailto:cray@eqt.com">cray@eqt.com</a>
Website	Jeremy D. Preston	<a href="mailto:jpreston@eqt.com">jpreston@eqt.com</a>
Photography	Britney Robinson	<a href="mailto:brobinson@mdenergy.com">brobinson@mdenergy.com</a>



**MICHAEL LATE BENEDUM CHAPTER**  
American Association of Professional Landmen