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president



Jeremy D. Preston, RPL

would like to take this opportunity to welcome Abby Veigel as the new MLBC Executive Assistant. Maintaining an association of this size is no small task and we are thankful that she is up to the challenge.

As we roll into our 2018 event

schedule, please make it a point to introduce yourselves and make her feel welcome. As with any transition, Abby brings renewed enthusiasm and a fresh perspective. We look forward to what the future holds for our organization. Below is a sampling of what we have got coming up for the first quarter of 2018.

Upcoming Events:

On Friday, January 12th we'll be kicking off the new year with a winter social at Seven Springs Resort. Rooms and lift tickets will be available at a discounted rate. For the diehard sporting clays enthusiasts we will be doing a group shoot at 2:00 that afternoon. Beverages, dinner and entertainment will be on hand for the evening.

February 15th at the Bridgeport Conference Center will be our first regular dinner meeting of 2018.

Mark your calendar for a full day seminar on March 8th at the SouthPointe Hilton Garden Inn. Great opportunity for CEU credits and of course the cherished ethics credit.

The 2018 schedule will provide many opportunities for networking and education. Be sure to check the schedule and make plans to attend. If you like to suggest an event in your area please feel free to contact myself, one of the ExCom members, or Chris Helmick, our planning committee chairman, via email at chelmick@eqt.com. Have a safe and happy holidays. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming 2018 events!

Jeremy D. Preston, RPL President 2017-2018

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legislativeupdate

by Ryan Pankiewicz, Legislative Committee Chair

reetings from Ohio. In March of 2017, Dundics v. Eric Petroleum Corp., an Ohio Court of Appeals decision ruled that landmen were required to obtain a real estate brokers license to broker leasing between acquisition companies and mineral owners. In November the Supreme Court decided to hear the case (no date has been scheduled). Let's

keep our ears open and stay updated on this case.

Other news out of Ohio is that a deed "reserving all the minerals and coal" did not reserve oil and gas as the reservation was in 1848 in case Sheba v. Kautz. At the time of reservation there was no indication of oil and gas being produced close or nearby. Detlor v. Holland from 1989 concluded that parties to the deed did not intend to reserve oil and gas because the deed predated

the development of oil and gas in Ohio.

In the Great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 835 would make all landmen in the Commonwealth be registered. This includes title agents, curative agents, lease buyers, oil and gas pipeline, unitization and mineral management. When this article was written no action has been pursued on this bill.

memberspotlight

It is with great pleasure we introduce to you Contessa "Tessa" Kennedy, CPL. Tessa is a long-time member of MLBC and is employed as a Project Manager for Honor Resources Company. Tessa's favorite aspect of being a part of MLBC is the connection she finds in "belonging to such a well-known organization within our industry."

Tessa received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Professional Studies, with a minor in Sociology, from Marshall University in 2008. In 2010, she received her Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Marshall University.

Tessa became interested in the oil and gas industry through her husband, Josh Kennedy, who is also currently employed as a Project Manager for Honor Resources Company. She began as an Abstractor before also gaining experience in leasing, due diligence, title-curative and right of way projects. After many years of experience, her favorite aspect of working in the oil and gas

industry is the in-depth research that goes into so many projects, especially title-curative.

Tessa lives in Winfield, WV with her husband, Josh, and their daughter, Addison (Addi). In addition to spending time with her family, Tessa uses her free time to train for the Ironman Triathlon; she successfully completed three Ironman races. The Ironman is an endurance race organized by the World Triathlon Corporation (WTC). The race consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride, and a marathon 26.2 mile run, raced in that order, without a break for a total of 140.6 miles. Currently, Tessa is working towards the Ironman Triathlon in Wisconsin in September of 2018 with hopes of qualifying for the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii in October of 2019.

When asked who she considers her mentor in the oil and gas industry, without hesitation, she named Darryl Griwatz, President of Honor Resources Company. She shared that Darryl helped her learn about the industry and has shaped her into the



Contessa "Tessa" Kennedy, CPL

professional she is today. She and her husband, Josh, both work at the Honor Resources Company office in Ravenswood, WV.

Make sure you say hello to Tessa at our next event!

Adam Anderson Marketing Committee

committeereport

New MLBC Executive Assistant — Abby Veigel

By Daniel Cooper, Newsletter Committee

had the opportunity to sit down and chat with our new Executive Assistant, Abby Veigel, at the recent MLBC Luncheon at the Pines Country Club in Morgantown, WV. When I first met Abby as I walked in the entrance, I was struck by her outgoing personality and warm smile. Our interview for the article was not until after the meeting was over, but I was pleased to see her ensuring the meeting went smoothly and even handling an issue that occurred during the speaker's presentation with a faulty microphone with quick action and resolution.

Abby grew up in Canton, OH and eventually found herself at Capital University in Columbus, OH where she graduated with a degree in Social Work. She would go on to obtain a Masters Degree at Pitt in Social Work a short time later. Abby has been married to Bill Veigel for 13 years and they have 2 daughters, Addison who is 9 years old and Anniston who is 6 years old. Bill works for Arsenal Resources in Bridgeport, WV as a Petroleum Engineer. He has been a Petroleum Engineer for 14 years and has worked at Linn Energy and Exco in the past.

Abby has no prior oil and gas

experience before coming on board to work with the MLBC. She previously Certified a Running and Holistic Health Coach in Moon Township, PA where she and her husband used to live before recently moving to Bridgeport. She worked to create nutritional plans for her clients but also developed running plans for those clients interested in running marathons down to 5K events. Abby has personally ran 3 marathons and over 25+ half marathons in a variety of different places including Disney, Virginia Beach and Pittsburgh.

To close out the interview, I thought I would ask her some of the stock interview questions that everyone always asks. So here goes......Fall is her favorite season, Christmas is her favorite holiday, she is a diehard Buckeyes fan, and her favorite sport is golf.

Abby's first impression of the MLBC is that it does great work and is a great resource for its members. She is excited for this new challenge in her life and looks forward to working with the Executive Committee and the membership to bring the MLBC to greater heights.

Take the time at the next business meeting or social event you attend to say Hello to our new Executive Assistant, Abby Veigel!





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Mentorship Pays



by Justin Nixon, Mentorship Program Committee Chairman

he benefits of being mentored are clear – you gain access to years of knowledge, experience, and wisdom that can guide you through uncertain waters. But, what about mentors? Is there really any value to be gained by mentoring someone? Of course, there's the satisfaction of doing something good for another – but, is that it?

To answer that question, we urge you to consider the following points:

• NEW ALLY When you mentor someone, you make a new friend, but more than that you make a trusted ally. One day, that person may be in a company or a position that could be advantageous for you. For example, maybe you need to

strike up a trade deal with another operator and, after some digging, you realize your old friend is now in the business development group there. Or, maybe the mentee ends up in your own organization and does well, proving to be someone you can count on, someone who understands exactly what you're looking for. Whatever the scenario, the mentee could turn out to be a strategic ally that helps you when you need it most.

 YOUNGER NETWORK In our industry, networking is key and, over the years, you've probably built a wide network of colleagues and contacts. Yet, as the years progress, newer and younger landmen begin to enter the field as our older contacts may dwindle. To keep ourselves fresh and viable, we need to expanding continue contacts, especially with the younger or newer folks. mentoring someone, you gain not only the new ally discussed above but access to mentee's own allies as well. In other words, mentoring is a direct route to staying well connected and versatile.

• NEW INSIGHTS Now you have a new ally and an expanded network of up-and-comers. What do they bring to

the table? Well, do vou remember landwork before email? Before smart phones? Before real-time GIS, Dropbox, complex land management software, Ancestry.com? There will always be new technologies and innovations in our industry. If we want to stay sharp and valuable remain to company, we need to continue learning. What better way than by building connections with people who are "in the know" with these new developments. Imagine being the person in your company that brings the next "big" idea to the table.... Mentoring may help you get there.

There's also a great sense of satisfaction in mentoring our younger landmen. By mentoring, we find truth in the words "there's more happiness in giving, than receiving." Knowing you've helped shape the future not only of the individual, but of the industry as a whole, is a privilege that can't be purchased for any amount of money.

At the end of the day, the sum of all parts is this: there's nothing to lose, but everything to gain. The executive committee of the MLBC warmly encourages all who are eligible to take part in this valuable opportunity.

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Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL raises over \$22,000 for West Virginia Veterans

ver 150 people attended the third annual MLBC Veterans Charity Clay Shoot in support of the West Virginia University College of Law Veterans Assistance Clinic, which provides free legal help to West Virginia Veterans. The Charity Clay Shoot, Dinner and Auction, which took place October 6, 2017 at Hunting Hills in Dilliner, Pennsylvania raised over \$22,000 through ticket sales, sponsorships and auction item sales, making it the most successful in the three-year history of the event.

Critical to the success of the event was the support that the event received from the oil and gas community. Twenty-seven oil and gas companies and service providers pledged between \$500 and \$1500 each to sponsor the charity event. Anthony Romeo, founder of



the shoot, who is a veteran and employee at Arsenal Resources, said, "I'm very humbled by the support but I'm not surprised at all. We are surrounded by great people that show up and support worthy causes such as the WVU Veterans Law Clinic. A huge thank

you to everyone that was able to make it to the shoot, to our sponsors, and to the volunteers that make it all happen behind the scenes."

Individuals and companies also donated items, which were then auctioned off to raise additional funds. Pittsburgh Penguins box seats, Mountaineer basketball floor seats, a yeti cooler full of craft beer, and a smoker were just a few of the items auctioned off by Wayne Yoder and Andrew Yoder from Kaufman Auctions and Realty.

Michael Kalany, event volunteer, WVU law school

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graduate, fellow Veteran and employee at EQT Production Company, had the following remark, "Everyone I've spoken with since the event has said what a great time they had at this year's event. I look forward to helping Anthony make the fourth annual Clay Shoot even bigger and better. See everyone next year!"

Clay Shoot Committee





From left to rightL Anthony Romeo, Jeremy Preston, Jennifer Oliva and Michael Kalany

ABOUT THE WEST VIRGINIA **COLLEGE OF LAW VETERANS** ADVOCACY CLINIC

There are approximately 170,000 veterans that currently reside in the state of West Virginia, many with acute and unique legal needs related to their military service or return to civilian life. In the Veterans Advocacy Clinic (VAC), students will have the opportunity to represent West Virginia veterans in litigation before administrative agencies and courts, on benefits, discharge upgrades, employment claims and other civil and criminal matters. In addition, students will represent local and national organizations in non-litigation matters relating to the legal needs of veterans, including regulatory and legislative reform efforts, media advocacy, and strategic planning. Under Professor Oliva's leadership, the VAC has begun working with terrific partners to develop new projects aimed at expanding legal services to West Virginia veterans. For information, visit: https://www.law.wvu.edu/clinicallaw/veterans-advocacy

ABOUT THE MICHAEL LATE BENEDUM CHAPTER OF THE AAPL

On July 17, 1959, fifteen landmen held a luncheon in Pittsburgh,



Pennsylvania for the purpose of organizing a Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Professional Landmen. The new chapter was named in honor of the area's most famous landman, Michael Late Benedum. Today the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL is a dynamic organization representing over 1,500 members throughout the Appalachian Basin's Northern and Central Regions. The MLBC serves as a guiding

resource to support the region's land professionals as they navigate their careers in a rapidly expanding and ever evolving industry. Particular emphasis is placed on maintaining the highest ethical standards, providing relevant educational opportunities, social networking and contributing to the needs of our community through annual charity events. For more information, visit: https://mlbc-aapl.org/

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landmanupdate

Marietta College Landman Association Update

By Morgan Rich, Marietta College Landman Association President

Marietta College's Land & Energy Management program (LEMG) is one of the few AAPL accredited program's in North America and the only accredited program at a small liberal arts college. As of May 2017, the college has graduated 10 individuals under the accredited program. Currently, there are 31 students enrolled in the LEMG major out of approximately 1,100 students that attend Marietta College.

Although small in number, several Marietta College Land & Energy Management students are active in the Marietta College Landman Association (MCLA). With the help of appropriated funds from the student government association and several valuable industry connections, MCLA strives to provide for its members and the community.

In May, MCLA held the first ever "Senior Send-Off Cookout" to honor the first class of seniors to graduate from the accredited program. At the event, students and faculty enjoyed good food and good company as they celebrated the upcoming graduation of the seniors. At the event underclassmen were able to create connections with the 2017 graduates that will last long after they enter the workforce in the years to come.

After hearing about the devastation caused by hurricane Harvey, MCLA, like AAPL, was eager to help those in Texas. Students gathered several items, including canned food, cleaning supplies, and other needed materials. These items were then delivered to Lynn Street Church of Christ in Parkersburg, WV. From there volunteers took the items to El Campo, Texas where they were dispersed to victims.



Items donated by MCLA for Harvey Relief



Michael Kalany and students at MCLA Luncheon

Exposure to the industry and those who work in the industry is very important for all students, however, this is even more important for students in the land field. The Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL has always provided students with that exposure. On September 14th, 2017, Marietta College had the honor of hosting the MLBC September Dinner Meeting. At the meeting, students

from MCLA, gave tours and spoke with attendees about their recent internships. MCLA also provided attendees with an additional 0.5 continuing education credits thanks to a presentation by Morgan Griffith of TransCanada.

In the week following the MLBC meeting, students attended a luncheon with Michael Kalany, an employee of EQT. Kalany shared with

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students his unique experience that led him to become a landman. He also discussed information about the importance of being an MLBC member and how the MLBC advanced his career.

In early October, MCLA members took a field trip to Walker CAT Equipment in Parkersburg, WV. Rocky Peck, a CAT Equipment salesman and Marietta College Alum, shared advice with students on how to handle difficult career decisions. Peck also explained to students how the rental and purchasing processes for heavy machinery worked. To finish the trip, students were shown what heavy machinery they might one day encounter in the field.

As for additional speakers this semester, MCLA was fortunate enough to have many volunteers. Beth Minear, attorney, spoke about issues related to leasing gas storage in Professor Thomas's LEMG class. The organization also enjoyed hearing from Robert Greiner, Percheron, and Tom Cacchione, who addressed students on the opportunities that the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL provides.

MCLA also hosted the first ever Business & Economics (B&E) Department Pumpkin Carving Competition. As a B&E Major, it is important to bring together students in each of the nine majors within the B&E department. Students and faculty enjoyed a bonfire, s'mores, hotdogs and friendly competition. Unfortunately, for the Land & Energy Management students, the Marketing students won both the "Major's Choice" and "Marietta College Inspired" categories.

In the near future, the Marietta College Landman Association is looking forward to having Western Land Services on campus for a lunch discussion, as well as internship interview opportunities. The organization plans to host two more speakers before students dismiss for winter break and to end the fall semester on a high note, MCLA will be hosting the first ever Toys for Tots event in early December. After such a great semester, Marietta College Landman Association is looking forward to a great year in 2018!



Rocky Peck and students at Walker-CAT Equipment in Parkersburg, WV



Rocky Peck explain to students what equipment may be used for in the oil and gas industry



1st Annual B&E Department Pumpkin Carving Competition - Competitors and Judges

new**members**

new members october 2017

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Wade	Powell	WAP Land Services	Active	Powell, Travis
Rick	Lee	Dudley Land Company	Active	Jackson, Tim
Quinn	McCall	EdgeMarc Energy Holdings	Active	DeLallo, David
Kevin	Boyer	Ohio Valley Land Services	Active	Nabuda, Daniel
Richard	Corcovilos	Terra Services	Associate	Knopp, Jason E.

new members november 2017

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
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Jeremy	Gaul	Bobcat Hydrocarbons, LLC	Active	Nabuda, Daniel
Sheena	Lewton	Cimmaron Land, Inc.	Associate	Murphy, Hope
Devin	Burckart	DeSoto Land Services, LLC	Active	Emenhiser, Dustin
Adam	Felix	Ohio Valley Land Services	Active	Nabuda, Daniel
Richard	Repasky	Self	Active	Nabuda, Daniel
Matthew	Riva	Wildcat Land Enterprises	Active	Nabuda, Daniel

save thedate

MLBC Winter Social-January 12, 2018

Join us for a fun night of food, fun and laughter. A limited block of rooms at a discounted rate will be set aside for MLBC members. Enjoy the slopes all day and then join us for dinner, drinks and entertainment that night. Registration will be available soon!



Upcoming Events

January 12th - Winter social at Seven Springs February 15th- Dinner meeting at Bridgeport Conference Center

March 8th- All day Seminar at Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe

April 12th- Dinner meeting at the Art Museum in Parkersburg, WV

April 27th- Spring social at The Tropics in Morgantown

May 11th- Charity Golf Outing at Ogelbay Resort

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aapl award nominations

Nominations for AAPL's Annual Awards 2017-2018

The AAPL is seeking nominations for its 2017-2018 awards program recognizing members and local associations achieving the highest standards of excellence in the land profession. Once again, the MLBC will be gathering nominations and submitting nominees to the AAPL for consideration.

If there is an individual you would like for the MLBC to consider nominating to the AAPL, please submit a written nomination via email to the MLBC Awards Committee Chair, Christa Dotson (cdotson@eqt.com) by no later than Monday, December 11, 2017. Please keep in mind that each individual nominated for an award must be a member of the AAPL. Selfnominations will not be accepted for individual awards. Finally, all nominations are limited to one 81/2 x 11 typewritten page with 12 point font. Nominations should also include a photograph suitable for publication. Award Categories are as follows: Lifetime Achievement Award To be presented to an AAPL member who has

To be presented to an AAPL member who has honored and distinguished the land profession through demonstrated leadership, integrity, and his/her contribution to the industry, the community and the profession for his/her entire land career. Current AAPL Officers are excluded from nomination.

Landman of the Year Award

To be presented to an AAPL member who honored and distinguished the land profession through demonstrated leadership, integrity,

and his/her contribution to the industry, the community and the profession during calendar year 2017. Current AAPL Officers are excluded from nomination.

Best Member Communication

To be presented for the best single communication by a member of a local association during the 2017 calendar year. The communication may be written or oral, but if oral, a written transcript must be submitted. The communication may be to the local association membership, to AAPL or the industry but must pertain to AAPL. The individual must be a member of AAPL for his or her entry to be considered.

Special Awards

To be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- Education may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL's continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- Community Service may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- Other may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly to the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

membershipinformation



Michael Late Benedum "The Great Wildcatter"

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at 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 Tara White at twhite@mlbc-aapl.org.

Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter members shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter "Takeoff" newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during 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 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.

JOB BANK

The direct link for MLBC Job Bank is www.mlbcjobbank.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at 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.