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# letter from the president



Jeremy D. Preston, RPL

**I**t truly is amazing how quickly time can pass. Sitting down to write my last address as President of the MLBC, looking back at the growth and accomplishments over the years, I find myself wondering...where did it go?

It seems like just the other day when our Land Director, Cecil Ray, “strongly suggested” that I “voluntarily” attend my first MLBC meeting. This was an opportunity that I had foolishly shrugged off earlier in my career but, as a new

employee of Big E&P wanting to do all the right things, I went to sign myself up. As it turned out I was already on the list. This was the beginning of my understanding.

I don’t remember much about those first couple meetings in 2010 but what I do remember is a line that then President Brad McPherson consistently repeated. “This is your organization, it is what you make of it.” A specific need for someone who knew something, or anything about websites was the call from the podium. After the second or third time of hearing this plead, and seeing what they were working with at the time, I started to think maybe I should help. As MLBC Secretary, Chuck Heilmann was the officer responsible for the website at the time and just so happened to work in the same office. One day in passing I inquired about the situation with the website and offered my help to do a redesign. Relief and enthusiasm would best explain the reaction. At his suggestion I

put together a mockup for a new site, presented it to the Executive Committee, and the rest is history.

Looking back, I find it profound the factors that coalesced to get where we sit today. A recognition of the importance that a professional association like the MLBC can play in shaping a young career together with the understanding that any organization is only as good as its people, the acceptance of new people with new ideas and a willingness to get involved and further your profession. These principles have and continue to be the foundation of this organization’s success. We are fortunate to have the great group of incoming officers, committee chairs and volunteers that we do, working hard every day to make the MLBC and the profession we represent the best that it can be. Rest assured, you are in good hands. The torch is passed...my time is up!

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- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.

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Full page ad \$500 per month, Half page ad \$250 per month

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Cost \$250.00 per meeting. Companies will receive advertising at the dinner meeting as well as your logo displayed on our website for the month of the meeting you sponsor.

To secure a corporate sponsorship, advertise in the Take-Off, or if you have questions please contact Abby Veigel at [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org). Please contact Lhag Bowers at [Lhag.Bowers@percheronllc.com](mailto:Lhag.Bowers@percheronllc.com) for dinner meeting sponsorships.

# Mary Sue Schulberg Scholarship established to support WVU energy students



Mary Sue Schulberg

West Virginia University students in the energy land management program will be given an additional opportunity to thrive, thanks to the establishment of a scholarship fund that will honor the memory of WVU alumna and long-time oil and gas attorney Mary Sue Schulberg.

Schulberg was a two-time

graduate of WVU, receiving degrees from the College of Business & Economics and the College of Law. She had a long and distinguished career in oil and gas law practicing as a title attorney. She worked for many years with Columbia Natural Resources and NiSource before her passing in 2008.

The Mary Sue Schulberg Scholarship, set up by The Mary Sue Schulberg Family Trust, will provide financial support for ELM students to encourage their studies and professional development.

Arnold Schulberg, widower to Mary Sue and private practice attorney, became interested in supporting the program through his participation with the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL) and its support for ELM students.

As Trustee of the Family Trust, Arnold Schulberg wanted to do something for ELM students that would help them grow and develop necessary skills not

always taught in the classroom, such as networking.

"Education is not just in the classroom, it can be meeting people in the industry," he said. "Sometimes, it is not what you know, but who you know. Make as many contacts as possible and attend as many educational seminars for networking and knowledge as you can."

The gift creates an endowed fund, giving the WVU ELM program a permanent resource to benefit its students. Shawn Grushecky, ELM program coordinator and assistant professor, believes the scholarship is a great investment in the program and its students.

"Mr. Schulberg's generous gift will help our ELM students continue to thrive and grow," Grushecky said. "We are extremely thankful for this opportunity and what it will do for the ELM program."

For more information on how to support WVU's ELM program and other WVU Davis College programs, contact Andrew S. Barnes.

## MLBC Broadcast Text Messaging



The MLBC Technology Committee is excited to announce that we now have the ability to communicate to our membership via text message. Beginning this month we will begin communicating via a text message sent to your mobile phone number associated with your membership record. Messages will be sent on a limited basis (one or two per month) and reserved for major announcements/events.

To ensure that you are able to receive text messages from the MLBC please **log in to your member profile** and make sure

you have a valid number entered in the **"Broadcast Text Phone"**

field. Members not wishing to receive text messages from the **MLBC may opt out by logging in to their member profile and un-checking the "SMS Text List" option.**

This new text messaging system is part of the MLBC's ongoing effort to better connect to the membership via technology.

# DUTY

By Anthony Romeo



Duty is defined as a moral or legal obligation; a responsibility, a task or action that someone is required to perform. As land professionals we have many duties; follow the code of ethics, toe the company line, do not represent yourself as an attorney or give legal advice, fill out paperwork with extreme accuracy, put in an honest day's work, do not bully or lie to landowners to get them to sign (no matter how bad you need them to) and the list goes on and on. If you are a long-standing member of the MLBC, this ongoing and ever-changing list is nothing new. But what I think needs our attention now more than ever, is our duty to serve our community both within and outside of our growing profession. I have had the pleasure of serving our community in a couple of worthwhile and rewarding ways. It is my hope, that if you have not already, you will add to your list.

A duty often overlooked but is imperative to the success of our profession is our responsibility as experienced land professionals to help guide the next generation of landmen. We can help them have a successful career, or at least provide them with opportunities and advice they will need to do so. Think back to when you were first getting your start. Did you do it without any guidance? Did you step out of school knowing everything you needed to know as a land professional? Were you negotiating leases on day one with the ability to understand the implications and intent of every clause in the lease? Chances are, the answer is no. In fact, many of us still cannot do all of these things without a little input from colleagues. Maybe there was someone early in your own career that took you under their wing and provided you with an understanding of the foundational building blocks needed.

My expectation is not that every MLBC member will go out and choose an up and comer in the industry to take under their wing but wouldn't it be nice if you did? My guess is you will not have to look far for that opportunity. The more educated the next generation is, the better off we will all be. Plus, who knows, perhaps one of these youngsters can teach us something. Maybe they know a more efficient way to find unlocatable owners, ways to improve our Excel skills with a couple of simple keystrokes, or advanced GIS practices? I encourage you to take the time to find out. You will not be disappointed.

Recently I have experienced helping young students and professionals by serving as one of the Trustees of the AAPL Landman Scholarship Trust (LST). The LST is something I was unaware of until becoming a trustee. Through this role I have had the good fortune to meet scholarship candidates from accredited programs

throughout our country. This chance to provide insight and get their perspective has been a very rewarding process. I have talked with these talented and hardworking students who have recently graduated and are excited to enter the industry. The MLBC also supports students enrolled in AAPL accredited land management programs by providing scholarships to deserving students. These programs are so important to students and are very much appreciated. Here is a brief submission from Reid Croft of the Energy Land Management Program at West Virginia University, recipient of the LST Scholarship in 2018 and the MLBC Scholarship in 2017, to give you some insight on the LST, the MLBC Scholarship Program, and the university's perspective:

### AAPL Landman Scholarship Trust Recipients

*Another year has passed and West Virginia University's Energy Land Management program is proud to announce six recipients of the AAPL Landman Scholarship Trust (LST) award. This prestigious award is given to the top students in the program and is very competitive. To be considered for the scholarship, students must meet the five requirements, submit an application with a three-page essay, and then interview with a representative from the AAPL.*

*The five minimum requirements students must meet to be considered for the scholarship are as follows: be enrolled in an energy land management program at an AAPL accredited university/college, be a full-time student taking 12 or more credit hours, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater, have earned a 3.0 GPA or greater in the student's previous semester, and be an active student member in the AAPL.*

*This year, the six students who received the award at WVU are Brad Smith, Jared Foreman, Peyton Palmer, Reid Croft, Jonah Taylor, and Nathaniel Carlson. We are also excited to announce that this year we have had the most recipients of this award since being eligible in 2015. Our first eligible year for the scholarship saw two students receive the award. In both 2016 and 2017, ELM had five students receive the award.*

*WVU ELM students have also had students receive the MLBC scholarship, although the recipient of this year's MLBC scholarship has not been announced yet. In 2016, WVU had a single recipient of the scholarship, Gary Short. Last year, WVU ELM had two students receive the award, Brad Smith and Reid Croft.*

*"The AAPL and MLBC Scholarships are very important for our program. At base level they provide needed funding for a student's education. They also give the students a chance to compete for an award, and to meet new people along the way. I always tell them that this not only will provide assistance with education but it is also a*

*great networking opportunity and resume booster. We are very proud of our students and congratulate them for their achievements. These students have worked hard to maintain their high GPA's and will most certainly continue the good work for the rest of their collegiate career."*, said Shawn Grushecky, Coordinator of the Energy Land Management Program at WVU.

Scholarship programs such as this are expanding within MLBC. We can provide the same support and opportunities to students in our local communities by way of the MLBC Scholarship Program. If you are interested in getting involved or making a contribution visit the links below or contact Kevin Pierson.

Another duty I hope to bring focus to is to giving back to those outside of our immediate professional community. MLBC holds multiple charitable events throughout each year which have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to local non-profit organizations throughout the Appalachian Basin. There are numerous ways to get involved and give back. Both time and money are accepted. It can be as simple as writing a check or as involved as leading your own event. If you are interested in giving either your money or time (or both); visit the links below to see some of what is offered.

As land professionals we have an obligation, a duty, to help mold our future professionals and assist in helping our communities. As motivated, new graduates and employees join our ranks, we have the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the importance of mentorship, scholarships, and community and charitable involvement. These duties should not be ignored while building a successful career. We do not need to pave their way, but rather be there when it gets bumpy as that is when we all learn the most. We should do our best to ensure the experiences of the newest among our ranks is well rounded and filled with constructive insight and guidance. While at the same time making any formal or informal opportunity that allows us to give back to our communities a priority every day. Associations like ours is what sets us apart from others as we use this organization to benefit our own growth, that of those around us and our communities where our friends and families thrive.

<https://www.mlbc-aapl.org/mentorship.php>

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# legislative update



Ryan J. Pankiewicz

The weather is finally breaking in Appalachia and that means it's time to tune the bike up, clean the grill, prep the boat and relax in the pool, all of which are better when your friend has them and you just need to bring the local craft soda and snacks. As always remember safety procedures and practice caution.

Let's start in Harrisburg where the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the largest employer, speaking of that employer, the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee passed Senate Bill 835 with 14 yeas and 1 no vote which would make a mandatory registration of land agents. The scope of work would be the following:

i Negotiating the acquisition or divestiture of oil, gas or mineral rights, including the acquisition or divestiture of land or oil, gas or mineral rights for a pipeline.

- Negotiating business agreements that provide the exploration for or development of oil, gas or minerals.

- Determining the ownership of oil, gas or minerals through research of public and private records.

- Reviewing the status of title, curing title defects, and otherwise reducing title risk associated with ownership of oil, gas or minerals.

- Managing rights or obligations derived from ownership of interest and oil, gas or minerals.

- Activities to secure the unitization or pooling of interests in oil, gas or minerals.

Some of the requirements to become a licensed Pennsylvania Landman are as follows:

Subchapter K

## LAND AGENT Registration Certificate

Section 596.1. Requirements for registration certificate.

Each applicant shall as a condition precedent to obtaining a land agent registration certificate:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age.

(2) Submit to the commission the following information:

(i) In accordance with 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record information), a report of criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that the State Police central repository contains no such information relating to the applicant. The report of criminal history record information shall be no more than one year old.

(ii) If the applicant has not been a resident of this Commonwealth for the two years immediately preceding the date of application, the applicant shall submit a report of Federal criminal history record information obtained pursuant to 28 CFR Pt. 16, Subpt. C (relating to production of FBI identification records in response to written requests by subjects thereof).

There are still a lot of questions that need to be ironed out and the AAPL has been working tirelessly on this issue. No action is currently scheduled, we do need to pay attention as this can affect each and every one of us.

From Columbus, Ohio where 48% of all Americans live within 600 miles, the Buckeye is the state tree and the scarlet carnation is the state flower. More importantly, Ohio Supreme Court Case 2017-0448: Thomas Dundics, et al. v. Eric Petroleum Corporation, et al. on the topic of Landmen having to be a licensed real estate broker. In Ohio the requirements to be a licensed real estate broker is not just taking a class and passing a test, once you become a licensed salesperson you have to wait two years, complete at

least 20 real estate transactions, complete four broker prerequisite courses, complete 90 quarter credit hours and pass the state exam. If this is to pass we should all become Ohio Real Estate Agents, list and sell houses and work towards the brokers' license. Oral arguments were held on May 08, 2018 which you can watch at <http://www.ohiochannel.org/video/case-no-2017-0448-dundics-v-eric-petroleum-corp> and read the summary from the Court News of Ohio at <http://www.courtnewsOhio.gov/cases/previews/18/0508/0508.asp#OA170448> as they have provided a detailed report discussing the arguments from Dundics and Eric Petroleum. Dundics argues that a Landman does not fall under real estate broker licensing and "put in jeopardy the livelihoods of oil and gas professionals." Eric Petroleum states that independent oil and gas professionals that are licensed will ensure they meet legal, ethical and educational standards. There are some exemptions from being a real estate broker. In a worst case scenario, if the Supreme Court rules in favor of Eric Petroleum, the law at Ohio Revised Code 4735.01(I) excludes certain people from the "Licensing requirement." In short, company landmen working directly for the firm acquiring leases and paying rentals would be exempt from the licensing requirement (others are also exempt, namely attorneys, and if you acquire leases for your own benefit for your own firm or LLC). This could be a game changer for The Ohio Landman, let's keep a close eye on this.

Ryan J. Pankiewicz with contributions by John Thomas Catsonis.

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# FORE!

## Spring Golf Outing 2018 – Recap

On Friday, May 11th, the Michael Late Benedum Chapter (“MLBC”) of the American Association of Professional Landmen held their annual charitable golf event benefitting WVU Children’s Hospital. Once again the event was held at the beautiful Oglebay Golf Resort in Wheeling on both the Palmer and the Jones courses. The weather was terrific, and a record 225 golfers and 29 sponsors were in attendance to enjoy a day filled with golf, fun, friends, and a BBQ dinner. At the end of the day, the MLBC was proud to present a donation of \$42,000! Over the past ten years the organization has been responsible for raising nearly \$225,000 for the hospitals.

The donation provided to WVU Children’s Hospital will be used for renovation/construction of the new, freestanding hospital that is currently being built.

During the event, golfers were treated to some great on-course sponsors, another fantastic slate of prizes, and a Million Dollar Shootout, where one lucky golfer was given the chance to win \$1,000,000! Unfortunately it didn’t happen this year, but we’ll try again next year to give away a million bucks. After the round, the golfers, sponsors, charity representatives, and other attendees gathered for the winner announcements, prize distributions, and check presentation. Mr. Bobby Nicholas from WVU Children’s Hospital once again serenaded those in attendance with a moving rendition of God Bless America.



From left: Jud Byrd, Brad Byrd, Chris Wallace, Aaron Yost



From left: Joe Haas, Jim Haas, Chris Lawrence, Sean Haas

MLBC would like to thank everyone in attendance, from golfer to sponsor and everyone in between. A special thanks goes out to our Miracle Sponsors – Sean Cassidy and Associates, EQT, and

Appalachian Mineral Partners, and everyone else who helped make this event a tremendous success!

-Jeff Junstrom

spring golf cont.



## member spotlight



**Ryan J. Pankiewicz**

It is with great pleasure we introduce our members to Ryan J. Pankiewicz in the June edition of the MLBC Takeoff. Ryan is a Registered Professional Landman and holds a RWA certification with the IRWA (International Right of Way Association); he currently resides in Washington County, Pennsylvania. You may recognize Ryan from his contributions to the Land and Regulatory articles he publishes for the MLBC in each Takeoff newsletter. Ryan is currently the head of the Legislative and Regulatory committee at MLBC and on the Legislative and Regulatory board of the AAPL.

Ryan began his career as a Landman approximately eight years ago performing title-abstracts in Greene County, PA; since that time, he has been involved in land projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Louisiana. Ryan suggested jokingly,

anyone who finds themselves in Greene County should stop by the Moose Lodge for a great lunch! And if your travels or work takes you to Louisiana, it is imperative to ask the courthouse staff for directions to the best place to try étouffée.

In his time as a Landman, Ryan has gained experience in title, lease acquisition, lease-curative, due-diligence, heirship research and most recently he has worked on a right of way project to replace bridges where he learned an entirely new skill set to add to his resume. Ryan states he was fortunate to have an opportunity to work for a Pennsylvania Attorney handling all aspects of land, including coal, oil and gas, real estate closings and tax sale purchases. When asked if he has a mentor in the industry, Ryan stated "I have learned so much from so many and have always tried to get to know people in the industry and learn from their different skill sets as they all have success in their own regard. One thing I have learned is everyone I met in the industry has their own style and has accomplished their own success. I will say that I have been told never to get comfortable and to continue to grow and learn new skills, the only constant is change."

In his free time Ryan said he likes to stay active and enjoys traveling. Ryan said "my bag is always packed, you pick the destination, it could be a quick weekend trip for golf or a day at the pool. When I need to relax I will head to the botanical garden and photograph the trees and flowers, there's something special about nature." Ryan enjoys sports and cuisine; he is a Penguins fan and for some reason he roots for the Chicago Cubs (he converted in 2003). Ryan says in the future he plans to get certified through the Kansas City BBQ Society to judge BBQ competitions.

When asked about his community service and ways he gives back to his community Ryan said he has worked the fish fries at the Knights of Columbus in Waynesburg, PA where "they have some of the best fish around, and you can stop by the county fair this summer for a fish sandwich!" Ryan said he enjoys the relationships the MLBC promotes and encourages all members to respect the local communities they frequent or where their travels take them as a way to foster goodwill for all future Landmen or when your travels take you back to an area you had previously worked.

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# Spring Social Recap

On Friday, April 27 members of the MLBC enjoyed a relaxing night at the Tropics Restaurant in Morgantown, WV. This year's MLBC Spring social was a great opportunity to network with colleagues as well as help raise money for the MLBC Scholarship Fund.

Members and Guests enjoyed complimentary appetizers, live music by Black Dog Hollow, the opportunity to win big at the silent auction, and most importantly... an open bar! Highest bidders from the silent auction were able to walk away with items such as a YETI cooler, sin basket, Titleist golf clubs, a Nico Spalon package, Pete Dye Golf, Golf lessons with Russel Reid & Sarah Yost, a Seven Springs trip, and much more. Proceeds from the auction helped raise funding for scholarships granted to exceptional students enrolled in local AAPL accredited degree programs. In addition, a 50/50 raffle took place in which roughly \$800 was given to the lucky winner, Seth Jarvis. Seth generously donated his winnings back to the MLBC Scholarship Fund.

There is no doubt this year's Spring Social was a huge success. The 85 members and guests in attendance were able to raise a whopping \$5,000.00 for the MLBC Scholarship Fund, as well as enjoy a beautiful evening at Tropics. A win-win!

-Tyler C. Murray





# Put it in Writing



Rebecca Hunn

If you're an oil and gas leasing agent with writing skills, start writing. I can't imagine any vocation that gives you as much rich material as this one.

I'm a West Virginia oil and gas leasing agent and abstractor, with significant

experience in heirships. And that means I'm privy to a family's stories, to their secrets, and their mysteries. It wasn't hard to take some of those real-life stories, add a good dose of imagination, and turn it into my recently published mystery novel, "Finding Joe."

I call "Finding Joe" reality-based fiction since the main character, Donna Cain, has my job, is married to my husband, has a Sheriff's Deputy son, as I do, and lives in my house.

As you might suspect, Joe -- full name Joseph Morgan Tredloe -- is missing, and it's Donna's job to find him. Joe is one of four siblings who own all the oil and gas under 247 acres in Taylor County, West Virginia. Their ownership stems from an oil and gas reservation made over a century ago by their great-grandfather, Barrett Tredloe..

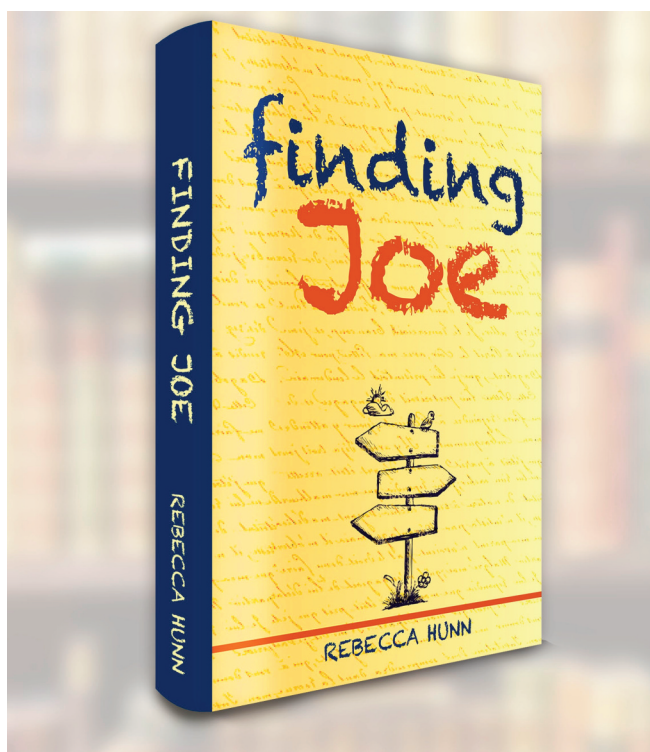
But the land was purchased with dirty money given to Barrett by his ne'er-do-well brother, Axel. The lead abstractor on the job, Tony, can tell from the odd way the land was bought and sold, that something was up. Donna agrees, and it's not long before she and Tony find themselves in the middle of a criminal investigation that, by virtue of understanding the title, they hold the

clues to.

In short, "Finding Joe" is about a missing brother, a nefarious uncle, three generations of art thieves, and a body or two. It's a rollicking read set in the modern-day West Virginia gas patch.

And really, start writing things down. The stories we hear, the people we meet, and the situations we find ourselves in, are all perfect springboards to compelling fiction. As Aunt Maud says in the book, "Truth is stranger than fiction."

"Finding Joe" is available on Amazon. And visit my Facebook page at [facebook.com/rebeccahunnbooks](https://facebook.com/rebeccahunnbooks).



# upcoming events

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June 15, 2018 - Summer Clay Shoot at Hunting Hills

July 27, 2018 - Summer Social on the Gateway Clipper

August 9, 2018 - Dinner Meeting at Salt Fork Lake (Cambridge, OH)

September 13, 2018 - Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown WV

September 22, 2018 - Fall Golf at Southpointe

October 12, 2018 – MLBC Veteran's Charity Clay Shoot – Hunting Hills, Dilliner, PA

October- Appalachian Land Institute - Date and location TBD

November 8, 2018 - Lunch Meeting at the Pines Country Club Morgantown, WV

December 6, 2018 - Pete Dye Country Club, Bridgeport, WV

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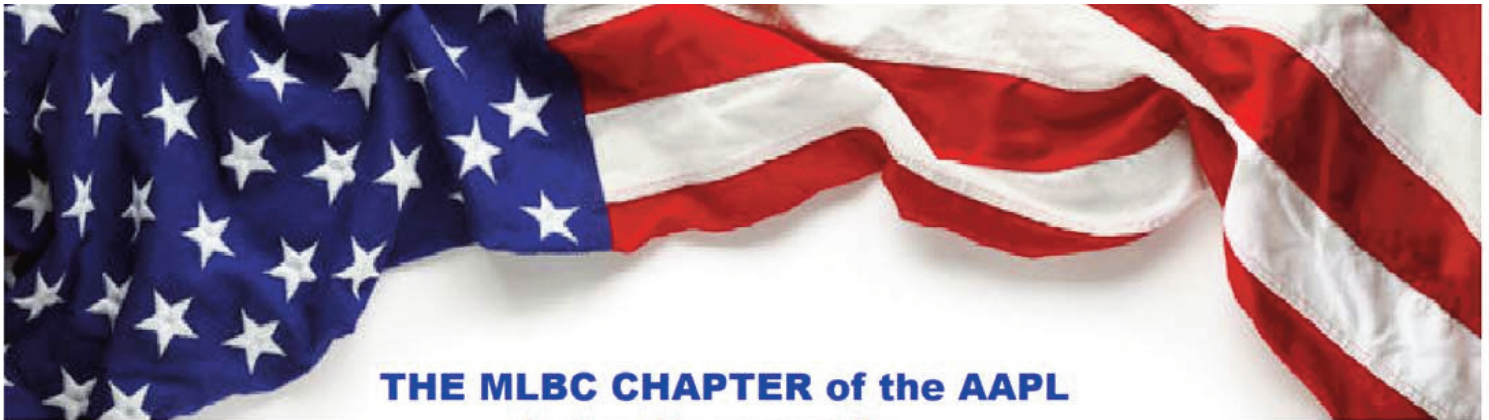
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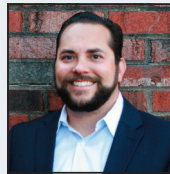
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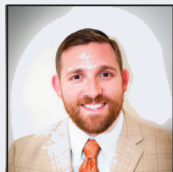
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# new members

## April 2018

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Dell	Bolser	1886 Land Services	Active	Pierson, Kevin
Matthew	McClelland	Babst Calland	Associate	Capcara, Chris
Michael	Hammond	DMC Bradley	Associate	Butcher, CPL, Ryan
Regina	Hanna	Heir Quest, LLC	Associate	Pierson, Kevin
Mike	Smith	Martin Land Services	Active	Martin, D. Paul
Anthony	Selbe	Prosper Mineral Brokers, LLC	Active	Fox, Brittany
Justin	Bossert	Sample 1 Title Abstracting LLC	Associate	Davis, Meronaca
Jason	Nutter	Honor Resources	Associate	Darryl Griwatz
Brett	Doeffinger	Honor Resources	Active	Darryl Griwatz
Jason	Cooper	Honor Resources	Active	Darryl Griwatz
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**Total Members:**  
**1,190**

**Active:** 835  
**Active, PP:** 28  
**Honorary:** 9  
**Total Active:** 872  
**% Active:** 73.28%

**Associate:** 246  
**Student:** 72



**Congratulations to the following members recently gaining their CPL Certification through the AAPL:**

**Lester L. Hebert IV**

# membership information



Michael Late Benedum  
"The Great Wildcatter"

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 Abby Veigel at [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@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.

**The Mentorship program is an excellent avenue for MLBC members to become more involved with each other. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or are just starting out in the "business", the Mentorship committee will welcome you with open arms. The first mentorship soiree was held on March 7 and the committee hopes to plan a few more. For more information on this new program, please see Justin Nixon at the next meeting for email him at [jrnixon@nne-llc.com](mailto:jrnixon@nne-llc.com)**

The MLBC Website, [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org) is a great link to stay up to date with our schedule of events or to learn more about the organization. In addition, numerous resources are available through the site. The MLBC Job Board is a great tool for Job Seekers and Employers alike. The MLBC Photo Album features photos from past events and is accessible under the resources tab.

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).