

# Michael Late Benedum Chapter

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# the TAKE-OFF

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Abby Cogar, Lee Hebert, Daniel Cooper, Tom Baker, and Mike Yates at the check presentation for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh at the MLBC Fall Golf Charity Event ( See Page 6 for recap)

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# letter from the president



Britney Crookshanks, CPL

The MLBC has had a couple of busy months. In July we cruised down the river in downtown Pittsburgh telling landman stories and drinking cocktails.

The August meeting took us over to the Buckeye state to visit with some friends we haven't seen in a while at the Salt Fork Lodge and listen to Drew Romig speak about the Duhig Rule. September brought everyone to Morgantown at the Erickson Alumni Center to a sold-out lunch meeting where Allison Farrell spoke about Cotenancy issues in West Virginia.

September also brought the Annual Fall Charity Golf Outing at Southpointe Country Club which raised an amazing amount for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. This was an awesome event all around thanks to Mike Yates, Lee Hebert and the rest of the Fall Golf committee. The MLBC is proud to support the charity work of the membership and being able to give back to the community!

October is another busy month for the basin as we gear up for the Appalachian Land Institute Oct 4-6. This is a great seminar organized by AAPL and the dinner meeting is co-hosted by MLBC and NALA. At the dinner we will get an update from AAPL President Mike Curry with regards to AAPL's future goals and current efforts. October also brings the annual Veteran's Charity Clay Shoot on October 12th. I hope everyone can join us and take advantage of the opportunity to gain educational credits and to participate in a great Clay Shoot benefiting a very worthy cause.

When someone asks "What does MLBC do?" it's very easy for me to rattle off what MLBC has

done for me personally and professionally. I explain the networking opportunities which has provided friendships and mentorships that I call upon often when faced with situations I haven't dealt with before or the continued education and certification opportunities that help market myself as a Landman, but the association does so much more than just helping us as individuals. The MLBC has been doing charity work since it's conception. This association has given over a quarter of a million dollars to different causes over the past decade. The association has helped individual veterans, communities, schools, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations. The MLBC board and chairmen are working hard to create new opportunities to grow and connect within our membership and create new ways and ideas to support local organizations and to give back to our community. If you have an idea for a way the MLBC can give back or help a community, reach out and share your thoughts. Nothing brings people together like helping each other!

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# 7TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF CHARITY EVENT



With one golf course and 184 golfers, the 7th Annual Charity Golf Event was a jam packed day. Held at the Southpointe Golf Club on Friday, September 21st, the first round of golfers teed off at 8:00 a.m. with the second flight following that afternoon

at 1:30 p.m. It was a wonderful day for some time away from the office for all who attended and the MLBC presented Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh with a check for \$28,000 at the end of the day! Enjoy the photos from the event!



Mike Yates, Fall Golf Co-Chair, speaks to the afternoon golfers



Dan Crawford, Madeline Fitzgerald, Jack Arnold and Brian Leonhard



Thank you to Southpointe Golf Club for hosting the golf outing!



Tom Baker and Kristy Giandomenico pose at the Big Brother Big Sisters tent



Daniel Cooper, Rob Greiner and Aaron Yost



A huge Thank You! to our Title Sponsor, Babst Calland



Rachel James and Matt McClelland pose at the Babst Calland tent



Andrea Taylor, Seth Jarvis and Sara Peter pose at the Layne Land & Leasing tent



Golfers practicing their putting prior to teeing off



# EDUCATION & NETWORKING



The August Dinner meeting was held at the picturesque Salt Fork State Park



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Lou Clark and Clayton Keevic pose for a photo at the August meeting



Morgan Griffith presents Drew Romig with a gift for his presentation on the Duhig Rule at August meeting



A large crowd gathered for the September Luncheon Meeting at WVU Alumni Center



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Morgan Griffith thanks Allison Farrell for her presentation on Co-Tenancy in West Virginia at the September Luncheon Meeting

# What's Going on With the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia



By Morgan Griffith, Esq., CPL  
Claire Sergent Walls Legal  
Group, Morgantown, WV

Every day something new occurs in the saga of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Some justices have resigned, some are facing criminal charges, some are dealing with impeachment proceedings, some have been charged with violations of the code of judicial conduct, one is suspended- all are facing uncertain futures. According to the AAPL's Standards of Practice, landmen shall be informed regarding laws, proposed legislation, governmental regulations, public policies and current market conditions in their area of represented expertise, in order to be in a position to advise the employer or client properly. In this article, I hope to provide information so you can assist your client/employer in making informed decisions.

The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals is the highest state court in West Virginia. Its offices are located at the State Capital in Charleston. There are five justices, and they are elected officials. Until 2015, the candidates ran on either the democratic, republican or independent tickets. Now elections are non-partisan. The five justices serve 12 years each, and their terms are staggered. For example, Justices Workman and Ketchum were elected in 2008. Justices Davis and Loughry were elected in 2012. And Justice Walker was elected in 2016. The next election will be in 2020.

In 2017, Justice Allen Loughry was elected Chief Justice. One of his first actions as chief justice was to fire long time court administrator, Steve

Canterbury. According to the Charleston Gazette newspaper and WCSH-TV, Canterbury, displeased with his termination, talked to news reporter Kenny Bass about the Court's alleged expenditures. Bass investigated, which led to investigations by other entities (House Judiciary Committee, Judicial Investigation Commission, and the U.S. Attorney's Office).

Through the investigations and audits, it was learned that Justice Ketchum had, for many years, been using a state car, including the state's gas card, for non-work-related purposes. Ketchum resigned as justice, effective July 27. He pled guilty to one felony count of wire fraud, and will be sentenced on December 6, 2018. (Wire fraud is a federal crime, and according to 941.18 U.S.C. 1343, the elements are: 1) scheming to defraud another out of money; 2) with intent; 3) it was reasonably foreseeable that interstate wire communications would be used; and 4) interstate wire communications were actually used.)

Through the investigations and audits, it was also learned that Justice Loughry may have been using a state car, including the state's gas card, for non-work-related purposes. It is also alleged that Loughry unauthorizedly took the court's furniture to his home, purchased a \$32,000 couch for his office, and then lied about it all to federal investigators. In June, the Judicial Investigation Commission recommended Loughry's immediate suspension, and the United State's Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia has filed a 25-count indictment against Loughry (mail fraud, wire fraud, witness tampering, and lying to federal investigators). On June 8, Loughry was suspended from the court without pay. His criminal trial is scheduled for October 2. Paul T. Farrell has been appointed as a justice to fill in for Loughry.

The Judicial Investigation Commission found no ethical violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct by Justices Walker, Davis or Workman. However, on August 13, the House of Delegates voted to impeach the four justices (including Loughry). The 14 articles of impeachment alleged

mismanagement of the court, lavish spending, and overpayment of senior judges.

Justice Davis announced her retirement on August 14. On August 25, Governor Justice appointed Tim Armstead and Evan Jenkins to fill in for Ketchum and Davis until a general election is held in November. The impeachment trials are slated to begin in October (Walker - October 1; Workman - October 15; Davis - October 29) and run through November (Loughry - November 12).

How this affects you? First, should your client/employer have pending matters before the Court, or is considering whether to file an appeal (or bring action), there will be a delay. The Court, which usually resumes its term in September, has pushed its September docket back to at least October. Second, we are facing a period of judicial uncertainty. Currently, Justices Farrell, Workman and Walker are the sitting justices. If Justices Workman and Walker (and suspended Justice Loughry) are found guilty of the impeachment charges by the Senate in October, they will likely be removed from office at that time. Third, there is mass confusion. During the 30 day interim period before Armstead and Jenkins can assume their seats on the bench, writs have been filed to prohibit them from being appointed as justices. Attorney Wayne King has filed a writ, challenging Evan Jenkins appointment. Attorney William Schwartz filed a writ, challenging Armstead's and Jenkins' appointments. Who will hear those cases? Fourth, whomever is elected in November's general election may not have any experience as a judge. In fact, if Walker, Workman, Davis and Loughry are removed from office, there could be five brand new justices with no judicial experience at all. (Governor Justice would appoint justices to fill in for Walker and Workman and Loughry who would preside until the 2020 election.) In sum, now is not the time to pursue matters with the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Much more on this will be discussed at the Appalachian Land Institute on October 5, 2018. We urge you to attend.





# The WVU ELM Internship Program

Summer is now over and school is back in full swing, however, it is never too early to start thinking about internships for students in the WVU ELM program. In energy land management, internships are not only sought after for the valuable learning experience they provide, they are actually a requirement for graduation per our curriculum. While students are encouraged to apply for internships after their freshman and sophomore years, students who are entering into their senior year must take Energy Land Management 491 – Professional Field Experience (ENLM 491). For this course, students must keep a daily journal as well as create a presentation of their internship experience and give the presentation to the student association in the fall semester.

Ideally, students in ENLM 491 are able to satisfy the requirements with an internship, however, with the continuous increase we have experienced in the major, it is becoming more difficult to place all students going into their senior year. To remedy this situation, a second track was created. The second track is known as the ELM Bootcamp. The boot camp is a week-long event in the summer that immerses students in hands-on field experience related to the field and industry. The boot camp consists of three assignments, a field project, keeping a journal, and a final exam.

The field project is assigned to students at the beginning of the week and is developed in group sessions with content supplied by industry collaborators as well as WVU faculty. The assignment provides students with the opportunity to gain skills in property title, basic abstracting, permitting, energy development and production. The project is structured in such a way that it is reported to industry collaborators as the students would have had they been working in a full-time internship.

This past summer, 21 WVU ELM



students had the opportunities to participate in an internship and 16 students participated in the boot camp. Students had internships with Antero, Arsenal Resources, Gulfport Energy, Cabot Oil and Gas, Cunningham Energy, DPS Land Services, EnerVest, GMS Mine Services, Huntley &

Huntley, Land & Heir Solutions, Southwestern Energy, and Texhoma Land Consultants.

By: Reid Croft  
Energy Land Management  
Association President

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# legislative update



**Ryan J. Pankiewicz**

## Legislative and Regulatory Update

Over the summer there is not much legislative action, but it is an election year. In November, the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will have candidates seeking the governorship as well as every seat in the state House of Representatives. It's not too early to do research before voting Nov. 6.

Pennsylvania is considering increasing the Well Permit Application fee to

\$12,500, more than doubling the current rate. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ordered three oil and gas companies to plug 1000 wells by 2020.

In the Liberty State of New York, it is also election year for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, among many other offices. A climate change lawsuit brought by the City of New York (1:18-cv-00182) was dismissed against numerous oil and gas companies including BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell, the judge dismissed the suit because "climate change is a fact of life".

In the Buckeye State of Ohio, there also is a race for governor. If you're an Ohio voter, get prepared for Nov. 6. In the Dundics Case, the Ohio Supreme Court has taken no action regarding landmen being required to become real estate brokers.

Remember to do your civic duty and vote!

*Ryan Pankiewicz  
Legislative Committee*



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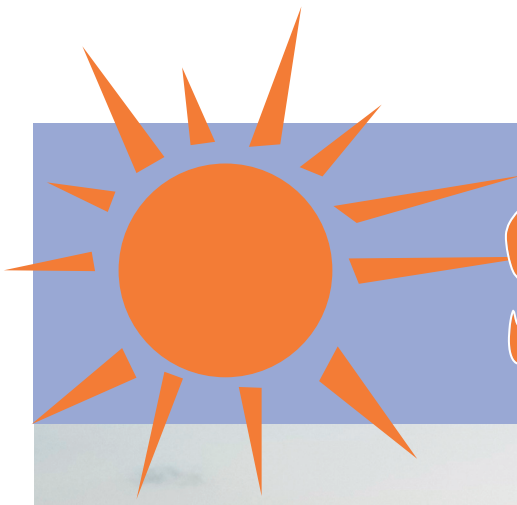
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# SUMMER SOCIAL



On July 27th the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL hosted an evening on the Queen Ship of the Gateway Clipper Fleet in downtown Pittsburgh. Even though it was a late July evening, the weather and temperature were perfect as most of the landmen, attorneys, and other oil and gas professionals and family members comfortably spent the evening on the open upper deck listening to music and seeing the sights. The ship took a route up both the Monongahela and the Allegheny Rivers, passing by PNC park as the lights lit up for that evening's Pirates game. We were also able to get a close up look at Pittsburgh's famed bridges and buildings as the Queen Ship sailed the local waters.

The event was a great opportunity to network and socialize as we all took time to step away from our busy jobs helping America maintain her energy independence. We were also fortunate enough to have access to MLBC President Britney Crookshanks and Executive Assistant Abby Veigel to hear the newly-installed Executive Committee's plans for the upcoming year to both grow the MLBC network, and find new, creative ways to engage our existing membership base. The value in attending these events can't be understated, as they are a fun and easy way to make friends and cultivate business relationships. The MLBC and the Executive Team are a great resource for our industry and I look forward to attending more events this year. Be sure to keep your eyes open for emails for upcoming opportunities to get involved with the MLBC!

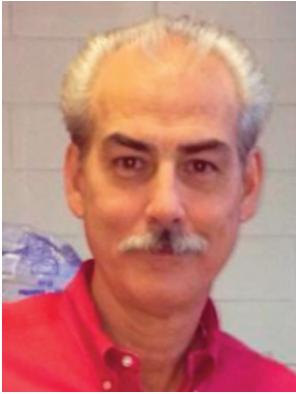
—Anthony Selbe



Left to Right: Joy Selbe, Ally McCluskey, and Mike Hammond



# member spotlight



**Bradley Bowers, CPL**

The MLBC is pleased to introduce Mr. Bradley Bowers, CPL to our membership as we feature him in our October MLBC Takeoff. Brad has served in the MLBC, AAPL and other affiliated organizations for many years and it was a real pleasure speaking with him and featuring him in the October Member Spotlight Q&A.

**MLBC:** Tell us about yourself, your family, and what you do for fun?

**Bradley Bowers:** I was born and raised in Butler, PA, the youngest of four siblings. I stayed pretty active in school. I graduated from Butler Area High School in 1979 where I played basketball, ran cross-country, and was involved in student government. Back then, my summers were filled with attending basketball camps, riding dirt bikes, flying and camping. After bouncing around a few colleges, I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with a degree in Petroleum Engineering Technology in December 1983. These days I call Charleston, WV home where I live with my wonderful wife of 17 years, Donna, and our 14-year-old daughter, Amelia. As a family we enjoy skiing in the winter and boating and rails-to-trails biking/hiking in the summer. I really enjoy motorcycle riding (street & dirt) and I'm a certified cavern diver and licensed pilot. In addition, I am a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Recently, I've followed

my daughter into surfing. She really loves to "throw buckets" my way as pay-back for the spray I send her way while skiing.

**MLBC:** What is your current position within the industry? With whom are you employed or contracted?

**BB:** I've been an Independent Landman my whole career, providing Professional Land and Brokerage Services through Bradley Land Services, Inc., of which I'm President.

**MLBC:** How long have you been in the oil and gas industry?

**BB:** Not counting college, I've been in the oil & gas industry since May, 1984, so 34 years. It hasn't always been easy or profitable, there were many periods I had to bartend on the weekend just so I could afford to go back to land-work on Monday! That said, I love being a Landman, I don't think I will ever really retire, even if it means just a few weeks a month; I'll always stay involved.

**MLBC:** What was your first job in the oil and gas industry?

**BB:** My first job was with Douglas Exploration, Inc. as a contract Landman running title in the morning and afternoon, buying leases in the evenings, and coloring maps at night. That was in Clearfield, PA.

**MLBC:** Who has been your biggest influence/mentor? Tell us about them.

**BB:** I feel like there were three and I should mention all of them. First, Charlie Beck, who unfortunately is no longer with us. Charlie gave me my big break after my initial job with Douglas Exploration. In my opinion, Charlie Beck ran the premier Land Brokerage company in the eastern US, back in the 60's - 90's. If you worked for him, that in itself, was a big deal. He paid the best and expected the best. Charlie

forced us to do things right, whether it was leases, title, or reports. A funny story, I was in Central PA and there was a parcel of land that the company really needed leased. I had worked all day on Saturday to get this lease and signed it late Saturday night. While working on the purchase package on Sunday, my yellow pencil was down to the stub, and the stores were all closed. So, I used orange. When I turned in the purchase package on Monday, it wasn't long until my phone rang, and Charlie started reading me the riot act. He went on declaring that "any landman worth his salt knows that you color the client acreage yellow!" My second influence was the late Ross Curll. Ross was old school like Charlie, but more mechanical. He would call me at 6:30 in the morning to see what my plans were, and there were many incidences when he would call and ask me to meet him at the office late at night. If you were supposed to get a lease, Ross would always call to see if you got it. Lastly, Jeff Keim has always been a solid individual and friend. He was not so much a mentor, but someone who was always there and very helpful when needed. He would usually have work for me, and if he didn't, I'd be one of the first people he'd call when he did. He trusted me, but all three of them trusted me. If they didn't trust you, you didn't work for them.

**MLBC:** How long have you been a member of the MLBC? Have you every held office or been involved with committees?

**BB:** I have been attending MLBC meetings since 1984, but I can't remember the exact year I joined the MLBC. I joined the AAPL in 1987, so it was probably sometime around then. I have been a CPL since 2001. I am also a member of the Southern Appalachian Association of Professional Landmen where I serve on the Board and on the Ethics Committee.

**MLBC:** What benefits have you found as a member of the MLBC? What are your favorite aspects?

**BB:** The first thing I would say is certainly networking. I enjoy going to the quarterly, bi-annual, and annual events for social and networking purposes. Also, I'd add that I appreciate the educational benefits. I like to make sure I'm continuing my education and keeping my CPL current and active is very important to me.

**MLBC:** What are your plans for the future?

**BB:** Well, things have slowed down a little where I am working, although I am still staying busy. I am in the process of getting my FAA drone pilot's license. I have always enjoyed aviation and I have recently had some folks asking about perhaps monitoring pipeline rights of way, drill sites, access roads, etc. The drone I am in the process of getting has a gas sniffer. I could fly the right of way and save someone the trouble of walking all those miles. I can take still pictures as well. It's a pretty neat concept that I am actively pursuing.

**MLBC:** Is there anything that you would like to add?

**BB:** The oil and gas business has been very good to me. It hasn't always been easy or convenient, but it has provided a good life for my family and me. I enjoy what I do, I am proud of what I do, and I think I am good at what I do. The MLBC, Southern Appalachian, and AAPL have always been supportive of me and that is something that I have always appreciated. So, to all those that endeavor to maintain these organizations, thank you.

*Interview by Adam W. Anderson, RPL.*

*MLBC Marketing Committee*

# Sunday Funday At The Links

On Sunday, August 16th, members from the MLBC and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (“BBBS”) met at the Southpointe Golf Club for the 1st annual Kid’s Day event. The event was added this year in addition to the Fall Golf Charity event at Southpointe that was held Friday, August 21st in support of BBBS. Michael Yates, one of the co-chairs of the golf outing, put this event together with the generous support of Babst Calland, who was also the title sponsor of this year’s golf outing. The purpose of the event was to give more than just a big check at the end of the day and Mike wanted to provide a memorable day for 2 kids who are part of the program. The 2 kids

who were chosen to participate, referred to as littles within the BBBS program, attended with their mentors, referred to as Bigs, with them and were provided with new golf clubs, balls, tees, shoes and an entire golf outfit. They were also given a tour of the golf club, had a lesson with the club pro and were also able to play a few holes of golf on the course. Overall, it was a fantastic day and an event that will be a fitting start to the charity efforts the MLBC conducts for BBBS each year!

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters visit <https://www.bbbspgh.org/beabig>

—Daniel Cooper,  
Newsletter Committee



Big Sister Carolyn and Little Sister TyLynn and Little Brother Vaughn and Big Brother Mike



Kid’s Day Participants pose for a picture at Southpointe L to R: Matt Denesha, Lee Hebert, Lindsay Litterini, Mike, Vaughn, Daniel Cooper, TyLynn, Carolyn, Kristine Pace and Mike Yates



# director's report



**Christa Dotson, RPL**

On Sunday, September 16, 2018, the AAPL held its quarterly board meeting at the Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook, in Birmingham, Alabama. I was very proud to attend and represent the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL as Director. I received a very warm welcome from existing AAPL Members of the Board and staff.

## Membership & Certification

Total membership for AAPL stands at 13,498 as of August 31, 2018. Of those, 12,010 are Active Members and 1,171 are Associate members. Membership renewals are continuing. Certification designations are as follows:

Designation	Total
CPL	2,720
CPL/ESA	45
RPL	1,929
RL	337
Ret. CPL	68
	5,099

The Certification Committee is looking to increase the number of AAPL members holding certification designations. The goal is to grow the number of certified members by 3% this year.

## AAPL Headquarters

AAPL currently has 20 employees with current vacancies for Member Services and Membership. Additionally, there are 7 NAPE employees with one open role for NAPE BD Representative. The AAPL staff celebrated two anniversaries this quarter. Sarah Tinsley, Creative Design/Marketing Manager celebrated 10 years and Heather Hunt, Publishing/Marketing Operations Associate celebrated 5 years with AAPL.

## Corporate Partnership Program

The AAPL recognizes those companies who have made a commitment to hire or engage only AAPL members through its Corporate Partnership Program. Corporate partners receive recognition on the

website and will also be recognized at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in June 2019. Companies who are active locally and participating in the program are Percheron and Holland Services.

## NAPE

Summer NAPE Recap – Total attendance for Summer NAPE was 2,866 up slightly from 2017. Total sponsorship revenue increased to \$476,225 up over 44% from the prior year. There were 367 booth spaces sold and 225 exhibiting companies participating.

Year in Review - AAPL's total net income from NAPE in the 2017-2018 fiscal year was \$3,444,148. This represents a \$423,722 increase from the prior fiscal year.

2019 NAPE Summit – Houston, TX  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
February 11-15, 2019

2019 NAPE Summit is shaping up to be a very exciting event. NAPE Summit sponsorship revenue has exceeded \$2.3 million. Sponsorship revenue has already surpassed final revenue from last year's Summit by over \$100,000. This is an incredible statistic considering that the event is still five months away! Additionally, exhibitors are ahead of last years pace with 401 registered versus 335 at this point last year. Booth spaces are also up and currently stand at 996. Thus, one can expect over 16,000 square feet of additional exhibitor space over the prior year.

There will be several other exciting features including:

Connections and Conversations for Women in Energy  
Expanded NAPE Summit Job Fair  
NAPE Charities Luncheon with keynote address by former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush  
The debut of the new AAPL Negotiations Seminar and much more!

## AAPL Annual Meeting

Recap of 2018 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO - The AAPL's Annual Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado in June 2018. There were 890 attendees of which 637 were AAPL members. Meeting attendance was up considerably from the prior annual meeting in Seattle which saw total registration top out at 571. Additionally, income exceeded expenses by \$168,318 for the Denver meeting – an accomplishment that has only been realized twice (i.e. Denver and Boston) in the past ten years.

Save the Date! 2019 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (June 19-22, 2019) – The next Annual Meeting will be in our region

and it is a great opportunity to engage with the AAPL if you have not been able to attend the event in the past! MLBC member, Mark Acree, CPL, is Chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee this year. Early sponsorships are progressing well with \$78,250 secured. Plans are currently being developed for the meeting and events. More details to come.

## Education

The AAPL held 12 seminars last quarter with an Oil and Gas Lease Seminar being held locally in Charleston, WV, in July 2018. A new educational opportunity titled "Negotiation Strategy & Technique" has been developed and the first offering will be at NAPE 2019.

2018 Appalachian Land Institute – The AAPL will be in our region very soon for the annual land institute. This year's event will be held at the Doubletree Pittsburgh-Meadow Lands in Washington, PA on October 4-5, 2018. In addition to a full day of educational presentations, the event will be followed by an MLBC dinner meeting featuring a very special guest speaker, AAPL President, Mike Curry, CPL. You don't want to miss this event!

## Educational Foundation

The Educational Foundation, chaired by the MLBC's own Aaron Yost, CPL, has a mission of promoting education, instruction and training for members, instructing the public on subjects useful and beneficial to the community and supporting other charitable purposes such as natural disaster relief for members. The mission of the Foundation was expanded in 2017 in an attempt to assist members who are facing adversity due to natural disasters such as flooding. During the last quarter, the Foundation approved two grant applications. The Southwest Land Institute (SWLI) received a grant to help sponsor its event and the New Mexico Landmen's Association (NMLA) received a grant to hold an Independent Contractor workshop. Additionally, a \$5,000 disaster relief grant was awarded to a member in our region whose home was affected by flooding. Additional information concerning the Foundation as well as grant applications are available at <https://www.landman.org/about-aapl/educational-foundation>.

## Treasurer's Report

Statement of Financial Position – As compared to June 30, 2017, total assets have increased from \$33,408,171 to \$36,394,241 a change of \$2,986,070 or 8.94%. This is primarily due to market activity related to the investment account as well as fewer operating fund withdrawals. Funds withdrawn from the



Left to Right, AAPL Third Vice President, Aaron Yost, Director, Christa Dotson and Annual Meeting Chair, Mark Acree, attending the Board Meeting in Birmingham, AL on September 16, 2018.

investment account for FY 17-18 total \$585,764 as of June 30, 2018 and are solely related to Disaster Relief. Total liabilities as compared to June 30, 2017 have decreased from \$2,517,677 to \$2,489,047; a change of \$28,630 or 1.14%. This decrease is a combination of less prepaid membership dues and the effect of resetting the salary and compensation period from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

Statement of Activities – Revenues (exclusive of investment revenue) compared to June 30, 2017 have increased from \$6,099,351 to \$7,387,596. The



AAPL President, Mike Curry, CPL with Christa Dotson, AAPL Director at her first Board Meeting representing the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL.

increase in revenue is due to income received from NAPE, membership dues, annual meeting, educational programs, Contract Center and rent income. Expenses have increased 4.34% from \$6,942,071 to \$7,243,351. The increase in expenses is due to the \$585,764 disaster relief contributions AAPL made to the AAPL Educational Foundation as well as the \$100,000 donation to CRED for the Colorado initiative. When these one-time expenses are excluded, expenses totaled \$6,557,587, resulting in a 5.54% decrease from prior year.

Statement of Investment Accounts – Investments as of June 30, 2018 total \$26,919,197, an increase of \$2,369,776 or 9.65% as compared to the same timeframe last year. The change is the result of unrealized and realized gains in the AAPL investment account as well as fewer operating fund withdrawals. Funds withdrawn from the investment account for FY 17-18 total \$585,764 as of June 30, 2018 and are solely related to Disaster Relief.

### Get Involved!

Committee Service Application – Want to be a part of shaping the AAPL? There are a number of ways to get involved including volunteering to serve on one of the AAPL's many committees. Additional information concerning AAPL Committees and their respective missions can be found at [https://www.landman.org/about-aapl/Committee\\_Service\\_Application](https://www.landman.org/about-aapl/Committee_Service_Application). The Committee Service Application is also available on the site. So far, the AAPL has received 142 member applications.

Landman Advisory Connection Program – This program reflects the AAPL's commitment to the professional development and networking opportunities of its members. This unique online networking and mentoring program enables participants to engage with one another and build relationships - without geographic limitations. Here, participants may opt to be either an Advisor or Participant. Opportunities for sharing advice and general support abound with this program.

For more information, please see <http://aaplconnect.landman.org/advisory>. A total of 19 Advisors have been matched with 19 Participants to date.



# upcoming events

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- October 4-5, 2018: Appalachian Land Institute, Washington, PA
- October 12, 2018: Veterans Charity Clay Shoot, Hunting Hills, PA
- November 8, 2018: Lunch Meeting, The Pines Country Club, Morgantown, WV
- December 6, 2018: Pete Dye Country Club, Bridgeport, WV
- January 18, 2019: Winter Social, Penn Brewery
- February 7, 2019: Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV
- March 14, 2019: All Day Seminar, The Meadows Casino, Washington, PA
- April 11, 2019: Dinner Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe, PA
- May 3, 2019: Spring Social, Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort, Farmington, PA
- May 10, 2019: Spring Golf Outing, Oglebay, Wheeling, WV
- June 13, 2019: Dinner Meeting / Awards, Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV



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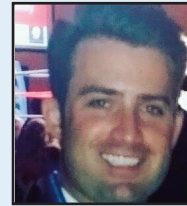
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# new members

## August 2018

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Phillip	Glyptis	Burns White	Associate	Haas, Ed
Matthew	Brouse	Burns White	Associate	Haas, Ed
David	Yoksz	Dudley Land Company	Associate	Duffy, Shawn
Jamie	Shivery	Eclipse Resources	Active	Volk, Chad
Evan	Stull	Mark A. O'Neal & Associates	Active	Kraus, Brian
Mary	White	Mylan Title LLC.	Active	Richards, Cheryl
Melissa	Brockett	Purple Land Management	Active	Wilcox, Christopher
Alexander	Romero	Valinor Land Services, LLC	Active	Grushecky, Shawn
Bethany	Ware	Ware Research Services, LLC	Active	Holmes, Stephen A.

## September 2018

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Gabriel	Gonzalez		Active	Brown, Butler
Phillip	Glyptis	Burns White	Associate	Haas, Ed
Ambria	Britton	Claire Sergent Walls, Legal Group PLLC	Associate	Britton, Travis
Letisha	Brown	Layne Land & Leasing, LLC	Associate	Jarvis, Seth
Drew	Romig	McDonald Hopkins	Active	Griffith, Morgan

Total Members: 1,094

Active: 750  
 Active, PP: 28  
 Honorary: 9  
 Total Active: 787  
 % Active: 71.93%

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Associate: 229  
 Student: 78



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

**CPL:**  
 Anthony M. Drezewski  
 Brian C. Leonhard  
 Edward P. Skazyk  
 Jacob A. Velasco  
 Lawrence R. Skrzysowski  
 Eric S. Lee

**RPL:**  
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 William Ferrell  
 Michael Rodriguez  
 Aaron Rohlfig  
 John Wilshere

**RL:**  
 Shauna Clark  
 Carrick Tuck



# 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.

## ***Ohio Legislative Update:***

The Supreme Court of Ohio made a decision in *Dundics vs. Eric Petroleum* on 9/25/2018, commonly referred to as the "Landman licensing case." Please follow the link to read more about the dispute and the decision. The MLBC will continue to provide updates regarding this case and how it impacts oil and gas professionals in Ohio once proper analysis is conducted.

<http://www.courtnewsOhio.gov/cases/2018/SCO/0925/170448.asp#.W7T4P9dKiM->