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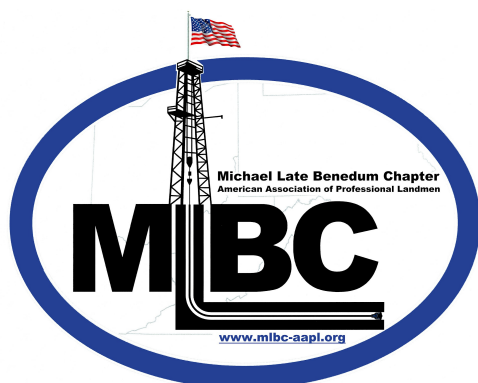


Curt Horne field questions after his Ohio Landman Registration presentation



Jeff Junstrom presents the check to Cheryl Jones from WVU Children's Hospital

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It's June? How did that happen! I feel like it was just yesterday I was writing you my first submission as president, and here I am writing my last. First off, I want to thank you for all your support and encouragement this year! Being president of MLBC has been a dream come true for me. I remember attending my first board meeting and watching how the committee chairmen would report their progress, the board would hear suggestions and make motions to vote on actionable items. I remember thinking, "I want to be part of this organization's leadership one day. I want to get involved." So I started showing up to every board meeting I could and volunteering to help with everything from registration, to taking pictures and doing research on potential venues. After three years of volunteering and watching the board work together and evolve with the times, I was nominated for 3rd Director in 2011. Since then I have had the pleasure of working with some of the industry's top leaders and truly inspirational landmen through the years on the Executive Committee and the numerous MLBC Committees. The best thing about the MLBC leadership is, just like the membership, the diversity. We have independents, attorneys, small to mid-size company landmen, entrepreneurs and corporate company landmen. The demographics of the board are also diverse, with representation from Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania with younger landmen and more seasoned landmen to ensure delivery of a collective direction for the future. I am so proud of the organization we are and the leadership we have in place. It has been

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MLBC President, Britney Crookshanks

one of my biggest honors and blessings to have been able to serve as your president this past year. I have learned so much and I am so thankful for this opportunity.

The MLBC has been able to recruit new volunteers with fresh ideas and perspectives, which is crucial in the evolution and growth of the association. Right now, many of the committees are reaching out to seek even more involvement and growth within the membership. I encourage all of you to think about getting involved and reach out to the committee chairmen of the areas that are interesting to you or to any board member. As our industry and our Land world continues to evolve and change, our association must also change in order to best support us as Landmen. You can be part of that movement! Each one of us is on the board because we showed up and wanted to volunteer. The next wave of leadership is within our membership right now, we are just waiting on you to volunteer!

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

# MLBC CORPORATE SPONSORS 2019

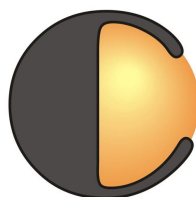
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# MLBC APRIL MEETING

The first dinner meeting for the MLBC in 2019 was held on April 11, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg, PA. Attendees were treated to a wonderful presentation on the History of Oil and Gas from Jason Lucas of Steptoe and Johnson. Everyone was quick to learn that Mr. Lucas expected crowd participation in his presentation, and those who chimed in with answers to his questions were quickly rewarded with various types of candy that he tossed to participants. The presentation was full of history of oil and gas, not only here in Appalachia, but in other areas around the United States. At the end of the evening, everyone certainly left with more knowledge of our industry and its origins, and some even left with a sweet snack for their drive home! Many thanks to Jason for his efforts in providing an outstanding presentation for our first dinner meeting in 2019!



Attendees listen to Jason Lucas give his presentation.



**Thank you to  
our April  
Dinner Meeting  
Sponsor!**



# Ohio Landman Registration Rollout

## Wednesday, April 17, 2019

By Daniel Cooper, Newsletter Committee Chairman

On an unusually warm April evening, 145 landmen who work in the State of Ohio, gathered at the Belmont Hills Country Club in St. Clairsville, OH to attend a seminar about Ohio Landman Registration. The event was sponsored by the AAPL, free of charge, as a way to provide the most up to date information about the registration process, provide the forms needed for registration and for conducting business as a landman, and finally to provide a forum for any questions and comments. The main speaker was Curt Horne, Chair of the AAPL Legislative And Regulatory Affairs Committee. Mr. Horne did an amazing job speaking to the crowd aided by an incredibly well done slide presentation that went through the background of how registration came into existence and also discussed how the forms were to be filled out and used when conducting business. Also in attendance was Anne Petit, Superintendent of the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing – Ohio Department of Commerce. Ms. Petit's department will be in charge of landman registration and handling complaints and other matters relating to registration. She proved to be an invaluable asset to the evening's presentation as she stepped in numerous times to assist Mr. Horne. The 2018-2019 AAPL President, Michel Curry was also in attendance and provided a few words at the end of the meeting. I reached out to him after the event and he provided the following statement:

*"AAPL's mission is to promote the highest standards of performance for all land professionals and to advance their stature. We accomplish that mission in part through education and advocacy. The passage of legislation in Ohio that guarantees an independent landman's right to work is an example of recent successful advocacy by AAPL on behalf of all land professionals. The registration rollout event in St. Clairsville is an example of AAPL's commitment to deploying resources in an effort to bring timely, relevant education events to landmen wherever they may be. AAPL is proud to have been a part of this successful effort."*

Overall the evening was incredibly helpful to many who had questions and concerns about the registration process and even if they should register at all. Thank you to those members of the MLBC who were instrumental in making this event a reality. Finally, many thanks to the entire AAPL staff who helped put on this event for our area, especially free of cost. Your dedication to our industry as a whole is much appreciated!!



Belmont Hills Country Club hosted the event



The event was very well attended



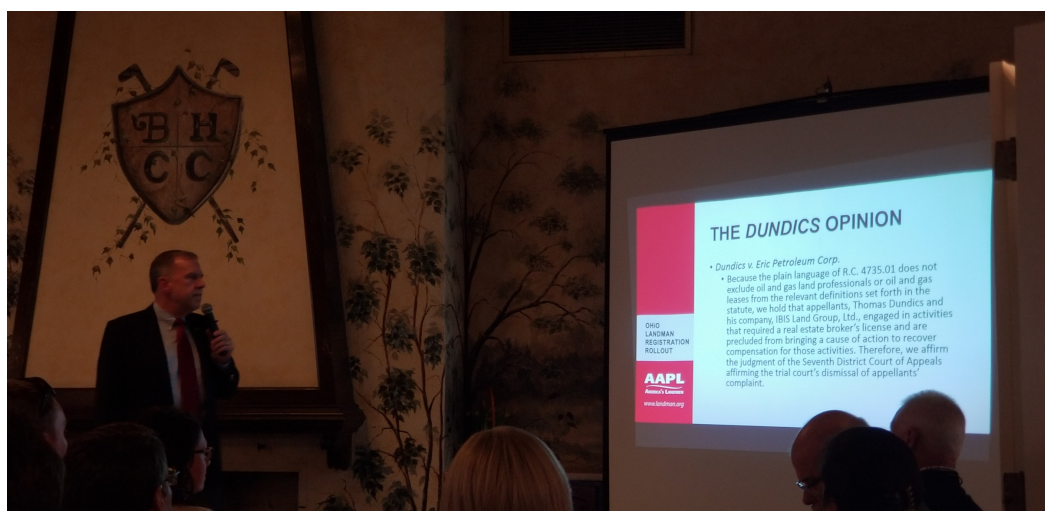
Many thanks to the main speaker, Curt Horne, for his informative presentation



# Ohio Landman Registration Rollout Photos



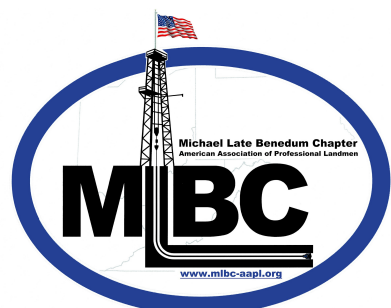
A little networking was happening before the event started.



Curt Horne speaking to the group about the Dundics opinion from Ohio Supreme Court



View from the clubhouse at Belmont Hills Country Club







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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



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# PAST PRESIDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



DAVID W. AMAN, CPL

In celebration of the MLBC's 60th anniversary year, we are pleased to interview past presidents of our organization. In this edition, we had an opportunity to talk with David W. Aman, CPL, the 47th President of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter and current chapter Historian. Dave is a Land Consultant with Dominion Energy and has a tremendous amount of experience in the Appalachian Basin. We appreciate Dave's service to our organization and industry and we hope our current membership enjoys the opportunity to learn more about him in our past president member spotlight.

**MLBC:**

When were you President of our organization? What years did you serve in office?

**DAVID AMAN:**

I served as President of the MLBC from July 2006 to June 2007. I first served the MLBC as Membership Directory Chairman in 1994-1995 and was then elected to the Executive Committee in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, Sergeant at Arms 2002-2003, Treasurer 2003-2004, Secretary 2004-2005, and Vice President 2005-2006.

**MLBC:**

Are you still actively involved in our organization?

**DA:**

I currently serve as chapter Historian – 2014 to present.

**MLBC:**

You are widely considered, by many, as a MLBC historian. How did that come about?

**DA:**

In 1999, Fred Kent was appointed the first MLBC Historian. He served as Historian and had many other duties through the years. Fred contacted me in 2014 and asked if I would be interested in taking over as MLBC Historian and I was honored to be considered and accepted the role.

**MLBC:**

Can you give us an interesting piece of MLBC history that many members may not know?

**DA:**

In 2003-2004 I served as Treasurer for the MLBC. The membership was much lower at that time – probably about a third of the current level. Our bank account was less than \$2,000 before the annual dues were collected. In February 2004, we had a dinner meeting in Parkersburg, WV, at the Blennerhassett Hotel. At that time, we did not have online registration, members just showed up - some paid as they entered, but some would ask us to send them a bill and they would pay later. I remember the bill for the evening was more than we had in the checking account. Some members paid cash when they arrived so we did have additional cash on hand to help pay the bill, but we were still about \$100 short, so I had to make up the remainder myself. I was later reimbursed by the chapter after the checks we collected were deposited. Funds were tight for a while, but with the industry becoming busier in the next few years, the chapter became financially secure and has been ever since.

**MLBC:**

In your opinion, how has our organization changed over the years?

**DA:**

The change that stands out to me is the number of members of the organization has greatly increased and the number of attendees at the dinner meetings has also increased.

**MLBC:**

Walk us through your oil and gas career, your current position, past positions and some of your land work experience.



The first joint meeting between the MLBC and NALA held at Mars, Pennsylvania, on April 19, 2007. Dave Aman, MLBC President; Knute H. Lee, Jr., AAPL President; and Jim Bourbeau, NALA President.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

DAVID W. AMAN, CPL

Interview by:  
Adam Anderson, RPL

**DA:**

I began work as a Landman shortly after graduating college in 1989. My first job was with Eastern American Energy Corporation (1989-1994) and then Equitable Resources Energy Company (1994-1998). From 1998-2003, I was Senior Landman for Columbia Natural Resources. From 2003-2011, I served as Land Manager for Stalnaker Energy Corporation. In 2011, I became Manager of Operated Contracts for Consol Energy and later served as Director of Joint Asset Development until I left Consol in 2017. Since 2017 I have been a Land Agent Consultant for Dominion Energy Transmission.

**MLBC:**

Do you have a favorite land story, project, or area of interest in the oil and gas industry?

**DA:**

I was working for Eastern American Energy Corporation on a leasing prospect in Elk County, PA. There was one particular farm that our Geologists really wanted to lease so we could drill there. I called and stopped by this farmer's house dozens of times to talk to him about an oil and gas lease on his farm, but the farmer wouldn't even discuss it with me. Months later, after stopping by his house at least twice a week, he finally asked me what I was doing the coming Saturday. I told him that I usually went home to West Virginia on weekends but I would stay and meet with him if that is what he wanted. He asked me to come by on Saturday and wear old clothes. So I arrived that Saturday morning and the farmer asked if I would help him and his son bale and put up hay – and I said no problem. Ten hours later, we baled and put up 1,800 bales of hay (everyone used square bales in those days). After the last wagon load was stacked in the barn, the farmer asked me what it was that I wanted. I explained to him that my company was interested in leasing his farm for oil and gas and wanted to drill a well. He asked me "where is the paperwork"? I told him I would go to my car and get it and explain it to him. When I returned from my car with the oil and gas lease, the farmer said "where do I sign"? I told him that I would go over the lease with him – he said it wasn't necessary and signed the lease. After months of acquiring leases in the area and most importantly, the lease on this farmer's property, the company decided it no longer wanted to drill a well in that area. The farmer and I stayed in touch for several years, but a well was never drilled on his farm.

**MLBC:**

What do you think future of oil and gas looks like in the Appalachian Basin?

**DA:**

The future looks great. The Marcellus and Utica are world class fields and with the addition of new pipelines to transport production to markets in new areas, we should see high levels of activity for years to come.

**MLBC:**

What would be your advice to a young land professional just getting started in our industry?

**DA:**

Take the time and make the effort to reach out to Landmen at other companies and create lasting relationships.

**MLBC:**

Are there any ways the MLBC can improve as an organization and offering service to our members?

**DA:**

In my opinion, providing educational opportunities to the members is the most important offering that can be provided by MLBC. I believe that the current and past leadership has done a great job of providing this service.

**MLBC:**

Who has been most influential to you in the industry? Tell us about him or her.

**DA:**

I would have to list several people – Pat Nicholas, Randy Orsburn, Lester Zitkus, and Rick Elswick have each had a big influence on my career at different stages. Pat and Randy showed me the ropes early in my career, Lester helped refine my abilities and Rick allowed me to expand into new areas of land work.

**MLBC:**

How long have you been a member of the MLBC? How long have you held your CPL designation?

**DA:**

I joined the MLBC in October 1989. I sat for and passed the CPL exam in 1998 and have been a CPL for 21 years.

**MLBC:**

What are your plans for the future?

**DA:**

I plan to work in land for the next 15 years and retire at age 67.

# PAST PRESIDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JEFFREY A. BROWN, CPG, CPL

The MLBC is pleased to share with our membership an interview with Jeffrey A. Brown, CPG, CPL, the 49th president of our organization. Jeffrey served as president in 2008 to 2009 and currently works for Pardee Resources in Scott Depot, WV. He has a great deal of land, oil and gas experience in the Appalachian Basin and the mid-continent. Please enjoy our Q&A with Jeffrey as the MLBC celebrates the 60th anniversary year of our organization and honors our past presidents for helping further the MLBC's mission and growth.

## MLBC:

When were you President of our organization? What years did you serve in office?

## JEFFREY A. BROWN:

I was President in the 2008 – 2009 year. Prior to that, I served in all officer roles from 2004 -2008 and was on the Executive Committee in 2009-2010.

## MLBC:

Are you still actively involved in our organization?

## JB:

No. My job duties and office location in Scott Depot make it hard to attend meetings.

## MLBC:

How has our organization changed over the years?

## JB:

The biggest change is in the number of members. The MLBC has grown tremendously, not only in numbers, but in area it covers by member location.

## MLBC:

Tell us a little bit about your career, your current position, past positions and some of your land-work experience.

## JB:

I am currently the Senior Vice President of Pardee Resources Company, a land and mineral resource company, where I manage all of the company's oil and gas assets and interests located in 9 states. I have been with Pardee since September of 1996. I began my career as a geologist in 1983 for the old Peake Operating Company in Charleston, WV. I did mostly mapping wellsite geology work. Back in those days, we did a little bit of everything it took to get a well drilled and into production, including land work, geology, engineering and even roustabout work. After Peake, I worked at Allegheny & Western Energy, Tex-Hex Corp. and Mountaineer Gas Services in West Virginia and Texas from 1990 to 1996. I began my transition from being primarily a geologist to doing more land work in 1992 when I was the General Manager of Mountaineer Gas Services. For the past 23 years I have been primarily doing land work related to Pardee's assets. I obtained my CPL designation in 2003 and am currently a member of AAPL and AAPG.

## MLBC:

Are there any particularly memorable areas you have been able to visit due to your land career?

## JB:

I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work and live in Houston, Texas, the "oil and gas capital of the world" for two years. While there I was involved in the early implementation of horizontal drilling techniques in the Austin Chalk in South Texas. What a wonderful experience seeing a whole different culture and aspect of the O&G business. I met so many great people there that are still great friends.

## MLBC:

What do you see happening in the future of oil and gas and in the Appalachian Basin?

## JB:

The basin is and will continue to be dominated by large companies. It is sad to me to see the small operators struggle to survive. We are our own worst enemy when it comes to excesses. Excess production, excess money, etc.





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

JEFFREY A. BROWN, CPG, CPL

Interview by:  
John T. Catsonis

**MLBC:**

If you could offer advice to a young land professional or peer, what would you say?

**JB:**

I have benefitted greatly in my career by being exposed to different aspects of the business. Having expanded knowledge of the business you are in can only help you navigate it better. That worked for me but the contrarian and probably equally good approach is to pick one aspect of the business you love and become an expert at it. Be kind and respectful to all those you come in contact with because you will likely cross paths with them again in your career. Network all you can and MLBC is the greatest tool for that.

**MLBC:**

Are there any ways the MLBC can improve as an organization and offering service to our members?

**JB:**

From what I see, MLBC is doing a great job. I think the mentoring program is great.

**MLBC:**

Who has been your biggest influence or mentor? Tell us about them.

**JB:**

There have been a few and it has been the people who taught without reservation, were kind and respectful, and gave unselfishly. One person that has been a mentor, friend and encouraged me is Bruce Turner, MLBC President in 2002-2003.

**MLBC:**

How long have you been a member of the MLBC? How long have you held your CPL designation?

**JB:**

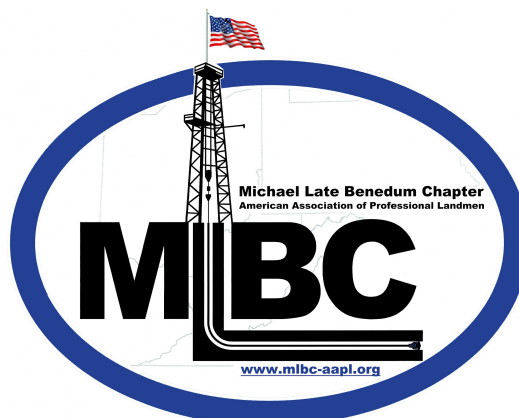
I believe I became a member of MLBC in 2000 or 2001. So I've been a member for around 20 years. I have been a member of AAPL since March of 2001. I obtained my CPL in December 2003 and have maintained it ever since through continuing education.

**MLBC:**

What are your plans for the future?

**JB:**

Looks like I'll finish out my career at Pardee. When I retire, I hope to stay physically active and will probably move south, enjoy the outdoors as much as possible and take up some new hobbies.



## PAST PRESIDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

RICHARD W. DAILEY, CPL

It is with great pleasure we introduce our membership to Richard W. Dailey, CPL, in our June Takeoff Newsletter. Richard was the 50th President of the MLBC and served from 2009 to 2010. He has a rich history in oil and gas in the Appalachian Basin and has tremendous experience in the land-industry spanning over several years and multiple geological plays. Please enjoy our Q&A with Richard as the MLBC celebrates our 60th anniversary year and introduce our membership to our past presidents and those who have helped make the MLBC the organization it is today.



### MLBC:

When were you President of our organization? What years did you serve in office?

### RICHARD W. DAILEY:

I served as President in 2009-2010, which was the 50th anniversary of the MLBC.

### MLBC:

Are you still actively involved in our organization?

### RD:

My current work load does not permit me to be as involved or active as I would like. I miss attending regular monthly meetings. It is always good to catch up with old friends and make new connections. I try to attend at least one or two educational meetings each year in order to maintain my CPL designation.

### MLBC:

How has our organization changed over the years?

### RD:

Early in my career, the MLBC seemed large, with possibly 50 to 75 regularly attending meetings. Then the mid to late 1980's brought about massive workforce reductions in the industry. I can remember attending some meetings during this time where there was only a dozen or so in attendance. Fast forward twenty some years to the Trenton-Black River play in West Virginia, and then of course to the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays, which provided for the tremendous increase in the need for land professionals. When I started working my way up through the MLBC officer rotation, meeting attendance more than doubled. It was hard finding venues, at a reasonable rate, that could accommodate meetings.

### MLBC:

Tell us a little bit about your career, your current position, past positions and some of your land-work experience.

### RD:

I started working as an Abstractor in June of 1980 to fulfill the internship requirement while I was attending a technical college and majoring in Petroleum Engineering. I thought I was going to become an engineer, but work in the land field seemed more prevalent and lucrative or so I was told.

After obtaining an associate degree in Petroleum Engineering, I applied for a job in an engineering department. When I went to the interview, they told me the Land Department saw my resume and wanted me "upstairs."

I spent the next several years doing takeoffs and general landman duties including leasing, obtaining rights-of-way and what today is known as "surface land work". I worked for several small independents based in southeastern Ohio, both as an employee and as an independent contractor. These small independent exploration and production companies usually only had a handful of members in the land departments, and in many cases, I was a one-man shop. From takeoffs, to lease acquisitions, to drilling title certifications, to curative, rights-of-way acquisition to division orders, I usually had to do it all.

In 1993, after being laid off from a small operator in Cambridge, Ohio, I started working as an independent again, primarily on acquisition due diligence projects. In 1998, I formed Dailey Land Professionals, Inc., primarily providing takeoff and title abstracting services. As the clients and workload increased, I would add abstractors and landmen to my crew. After several years, during the height of the Utica Shale play in eastern Ohio, I was up to 21 sub-contractors.

After being released from my major client in 2014, I spent some time at Honor Resources and worked for a small production company in Marietta, Ohio.

In September of 2015, I went to work for Alliance Petroleum, located in Canton, Ohio. Alliance was acquired by Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation in March of 2018. I am currently the Vice President of Land at Diversified.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

RICHARD W. DAILEY, CPL

Interview by:  
John T. Catsonis

### MLBC:

Do you have a favorite land story, project, area of interest in the oil and gas industry?

### RD:

I often tell people I would write my memoirs, but no one would publish them because they would think they were all fiction. Most of my favorite stories were early in my career when you had to find a phone booth (you younger guys should Google that) to check in at work or call my wife when I was on the road.

I enjoy working in the exploration side of the business, as well as working with acquisitions and divestitures. Finding oil and gas is very satisfying and rewarding, especially for the engineering side of me. I also enjoy title abstracting. Putting the puzzle together is also very gratifying.

I guess that is why I decided to stay and try to make a go of it in this industry when so many friends and colleagues left during the down times. There are so many facets of land work. It is hard to get bored when no two wells, acquisitions, dispositions or titles are ever the same.

### MLBC:

What do you see happening in the future of oil and gas and in the Appalachian Basin?

### RD:

I believe the future is very bright for this basin. We should all keep in mind that the petroleum industry is very cyclical and the Appalachian Basin is no different. There will always be ups and downs.

As in the past, the work load focus will shift from lease acquisition to development to production to divestiture. There will always be the need for well-rounded land professionals who possess the knowledge and skills for all around land work.

### MLBC:

If you could offer advice to a young land professional or peer, what would you say?

### RD:

Work hard in the good times and learn as much as you can, about everything you can, from as many people as you can. This attitude will serve you well during the down times.

### MLBC:

Are there any ways the MLBC can improve as an organization and offering service to our members?

### RD:

I believe the MLBC is a great organization that provides educational and relational connections that are beneficial to every land professional. Member participation is the key to any organization being successful.

### MLBC:

Who has been your biggest influence or mentor? Tell us about them.

### RD:

I have been very blessed throughout my career to work with some of the most respected attorneys, geologists, engineers and accountants in the industry. As I previously stated, early in my career I was a one-man shop. I gained much of my knowledge from attending educational seminars sponsored by the MLBC, AAPL, and EMLF, all of which my employers encouraged and supported. Speakers I recall impacting me the most were Douglas Richards, James Bibby, Curt Horne and Lewis Mosburg.

I also obtained extensive knowledge from working with many attorneys who readily and willingly shared their wisdom and experience to a young landman. Joseph Gormley, Douglas Moorehead, John Keller and Gary Frye provided the foundation for the oil and gas, real estate and contract law knowledge that I possess.

### MLBC:

How long have you been a member of the MLBC? How long have you held your CPL designation?

### RD:

I became a member of the AAPL in May of 1984. I am not sure when I joined the MLBC. I set for the CPL exam in 1992 and amazingly, passed.

### MLBC:

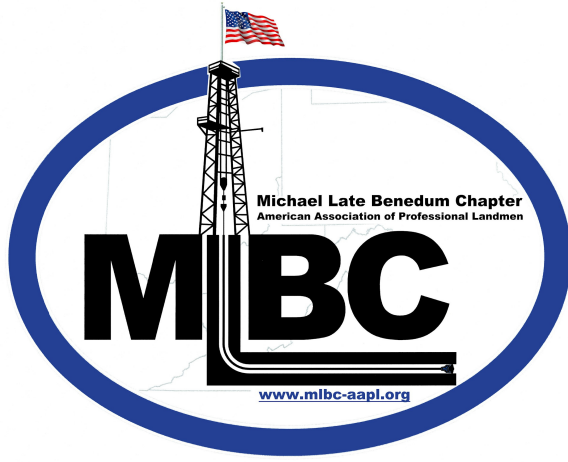
What are your plans for the future?

### RD:

I hope to remain in the oil and gas industry until I am financially able to retire, which means I will probably have to work till the day I die. My grandkids expect me to keep them in the manner to which they are accustomed, meaning vacations, Legos and lots of ice cream.

Working in the oil and gas industry has been my only employment since 1980. I truly love this industry and the people connected to it, from the drilling rig crews and well tenders to the office workers and industry professionals, as well as the lessors and property owners. I consider myself to be very blessed to be part of it all.





# Annual Spring Charity Golf Outing

The 11th Annual Spring Charity Golf Outing was held at the Oglebay Resort on Friday, May 10, 2019. Over 220 golfers converged on a rainy morning to tee off on the Palmer and Jones courses at the resort. The golf outing, which benefits the WVU Children's Hospital ("WVUCH"), is certainly one of the most popular events that the MLBC puts on every year! While the day did start off with rain in the morning, the sun did peek out from behind the clouds, making for quite an enjoyable day for those in attendance. Overall, the outing was an enormous success, and the MLBC was able to present a \$40,000 check to the WVUCH! In addition, a mock drawing of the MLBC Family Lounge was displayed during the closing ceremonies of the golf outing. The lounge will be part of the new WVUCH building and will be the culmination of a 5-year agreement between MLBC and WVUCH, with all of the proceeds from the tournament going towards its construction. The MLBC and the Spring Golf committee would like to extend a note of thanks to all of the sponsors who made this event possible and to Purple Land Management, who raised the most money at their tent for the event. Purple will receive a complimentary sponsor tent at next year's event for their achievement. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's event on May 8, 2020!



Golfers heading out to tee off.





# Spring Charity Golf Outing Photos



Door prizes!



Kacie Lawson, Melissa Brockett and Julianne Zackey at the Purple Land Management Tent



Thank you to all of the sponsors of this year's event!





## Spring Golf Photos (Continued)



Jim Evans, Mike Kalany, Russ Greathouse, Jeremy White



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# Family of Mark Mudrick Meets Recipient of his Heart; Two Families Form Unique Bond

By Julie Perine on April 07, 2019

This article originally appeared in Connect Bridgeport

Almost a year and a half after the sudden death of 43-year-old Mark Mudrick, his family met the man who was given a new lease on life because of him.

“No words can describe the emotions of meeting Mark’s heart recipient,” said his wife Heather. “I am so grateful for the opportunity of hearing Mark’s heart beating and giving life to such a wonderful man.”

The recipient is 56-year-old Donald “Donnie” Ott of Altoona, Pa.

Several members of both families were there, sharing smiles and lots of tears; some happy and some sad.

“Seeing this family together was a blessing; knowing Mark was able to let this man live. Mark had such a love for life in general and that gives you some sort of peace, but it’s not easy,” Heather said. “But that’s what life is about – giving – and that’s pretty much what God wants us to do, to help each other.”

Wearing a Superman T under his button-up collared shirt and a stethoscope to his ear, 3-year-old Maddox knew he was listening to something amazing.

“When he was going to bed that night, he said he heard daddy’s heart go thump, thump, thump,” Heather said. “He knew it was something special; that his dad saved someone.”

Facilitated by CORE (Center for Organ Recovery and Education), the meeting was several months in the making. Heather’s communication with Donald began in April of 2018 when she reached out to him and other recipients of Mark’s organs.

“I sent the same letter to all of them, letting them know about Mark and our family and I included a picture,” she said.

Under CORE’s guidelines, Donnie’s name had not been released, but when he received Heather’s correspondence, he wanted to write back. After they corresponded several times, CORE offered to arrange an in-person meeting and both were on board.

The meeting would be in a central location and because so many people were attending, CORE booked the conference room of a Pittsburgh hotel.

“It was just so moving,” said Katelynn Metz, CORE communications & marketing coordinator. “Heather is so wonderful, sweet and beautiful and her family is amazing. The recipient is so grateful and the whole family came. It was amazing.”

Donnie vividly recalls the evening he received the phone call that he would finally receive a heart. He had waited a long time. In 1994, he was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy – a disease of the heart muscle. For several years, he continued his work as a custom cabinet maker and then as a Home Depot supervisor until 2010 when he could no longer work.

“On Aug. 2 of 2013, my heart doctor came into the ICU unit and sat down with me, explaining what he had to do to keep me alive,” he said. “That’s when they put the pump in.”

The Left Ventricular Assist Device “LVAD” literally pumped blood through his body.

He was placed on a waiting list for a heart, but after two years he contracted cancer of his small intestines.

“That automatically bumped me off the list. They had to wait until I was 100 percent cured before I could be placed on the list again,” he said.

Donnie experienced some infection with the LVAD and had to take intravenous antibiotics.





## Family of Mark Mudrick Meets Recipient of his Heart; Two Families Form Unique Bond (cont'd)

"They didn't want to cut me open again until I got a heart," he said. "I was listed as a 1A which means the next heart that became available – which was O positive – was mine."

The Nov. 28 phone call he received changed his life.

"It was my transplant coordinator in Pittsburgh. She told me she had a heart and I had to come to the hospital," he said. "To be honest, I didn't think I would get that phone call. When you have O positive blood, it's really hard to get a match."

Much criteria has to line up before a recipient can be matched with a heart, Katelynn Metz said. In addition to blood type, the donor and recipient must be of similar size to reduce chance of rejection. And because a heart can only survive four to six hours without blood supply, geographical location is also a factor.

Donnie entered Allegheny General Hospital on Nov. 29 and because of the complications he had with his LVAD, he remained in a medically-induced coma for weeks after the transplant and wasn't discharged from the hospital until April 1, 2018. The meeting with Heather, Mark's son, his brother, stepchildren and other members of the family took place exactly one year later.

Upon hearing Donnie's story, Heather was very touched.

"Donald was so courageous. He knew he had this heart – this gift – and he was going to fight for it," she said.

Heather also told Donnie all about Mark, who she married June 26, 2015. Originally from Steubenville, he attended West Virginia University and the WVU College of Law. At the time of his death, he worked as a landman/director of title, project manager for Percheron, LLC. He was a first-class electronics technician with the U.S. Navy, part of his service abroad during Operation Enduring Freedom. He adored his wife, daughters Morgan, Kaitlyn and Isabella Mudrick, Madison, Emma and Grace Hansbery and son Maddox Anthony, who shared his middle name.

Donnie said he had so many questions for Heather, but once meeting her and the family, he was at a loss for words.

"He asked if we could talk again and I said, 'Of course.' We are family now," Heather said. "Losing Mark was the worse thing that has ever happened to me, but I feel so blessed and thankful to have gained this new family."

Watching Heather, Maddox and other family members listen to his heartbeat was difficult and extremely humbling and the bond between them all was incredibly strong, Donnie said.

"Because of Mark's gift, he can fish and hunt with his grandchildren and live a full life. He continues to become stronger and is checked regularly. Thus far, there has been zero rejection of his new heart.

"Mark's death was incredibly tragic. He was a young, healthy, successful, vibrant husband and father who was taken way too early. There's no question it was tragic," Katelynn said. "But it did happen and he was able – and Heather and the children are able – to have this legacy. It doesn't heal and make it all better. We know that. But it does give them some amount of comfort to know he was able to give life. He is a hero."

Mark died after a short hospitalization that followed a fall and blow to his head.

"Pressure built up so much, it was herniating out the back and he became brain dead," Heather said. "They had put an intracranial press monitor in his head to measure the pressure which should be below 20 and it was 90 already, so I had a feeling."

A series of bloodwork followed before he was declared dead. Mark remained on a ventilator to keep the organs alive until matches were set into place and phone calls made.

His lungs, kidneys and liver – as well as tissue for research purposes – were also donated. Mark is one of just 22 individuals who donated organs through Ruby Memorial Hospital in 2017.

Making that decision in the midst of the shocking news that Mark would not recover was overwhelming, Heather said, as was the lengthy conversation and paperwork which had to be completed on the spot.

"But I don't think I hesitated," she said. "That is what he had wished. I knew that's what he wanted to do."

Register to be an organ donor at [core.org/register](http://core.org/register).

# SAVE THE DATE

**FIFTH ANNUAL MLBC VETERAN'S CHARITY SHOOT**



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

**Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve**

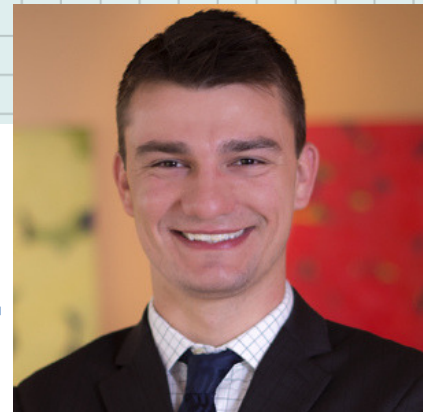
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## LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE



April and May have been relatively quiet in the Leg and Reg world, very few significant legislation or operational regulations have made progress with the Ohio, Pennsylvania or West Virginia legislatures, and judicial decisions on oil and gas matters have been fairly sparse as well.

Those of us doing business in Ohio welcome the break following the tumultuous eight months since the Ohio Supreme Court's decision in *Dundics v. Eric Petroleum Corp.*, which required landmen to obtain real estate brokers' licenses, threatened to disrupt the landman profession. Thankfully, as most of you are now aware, that issue has been resolved by Senate Bill 263 with minimal complication. On April 17, the MLBC hosted a Landman Registration Rollout at Belmont Hills Country Club where Curt Horne, CPL of the AAPL introduced the new registration requirements and gave most of us our first look at the new registration forms. Anne M. Petit, Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, was on hand to answer questions and was able to put most of the common concerns to bed. If you missed the meeting and have questions, please feel free to submit them to the MLBC Leg/Reg Committee.

Also in Ohio, we're tracking several proposed bills including HB100, which would amend the Dormant Mineral Act to clarify the notice requirements contained in the 2006 version. While each bill is guaranteed at least one hearing, no hearing has been scheduled for this bill as of the date of this writing and, as a Democratic proposal in a Republican-controlled legislature, the bill may not enjoy the highest priority.

In *Stadler v. Bucher* (Case No. 2019-Ohio-936, 7th Dist.), an Ohio appeals court determined that both the Ohio Marketable Title Act and the Ohio Dormant Mineral Act apply to severed mineral interests, providing two separate avenues for the divestment of mineral owners' interests. In the particular case, however, the mineral interests were preserved as they fell within an exception to the application of both the MTA and the DMA. In *Trustee of Ralph W. Talmage Trust, et al. v. Bradley, et al.* (Case No. 2:17-cv-544, S.D. Oh. – Eastern Div.), a federal trial court found that an Overriding Royalty Interest ("ORRI") falls within the requirements of the state recording statute but failed to find an unrecorded assignment of an ORRI invalid.

In Pennsylvania, there was a federal trial court decision finding that individuals working for an oil and gas operator had been misclassified as independent contractors when they should have been treated as employees. *Conley v. Cabot Oil and Gas Corp.*, Case No. 2:17-CV-01391-CB (April 2, 2019 – W.D. Pa.). The employees were awarded back overtime pay. In a more positive decision for the oil and gas industry, there was also a ruling in a case styled *Walney v. SWEPI LP* (Case No. 1:13-CB-00102-SPB (March 31, 2019 – W.D. Pa.), finding that people claiming that their lessee failed to properly pay bonuses could not pursue their claims as part of a class-action due to the differences between the various leases executed. In *SWEPI LP v. Wood* (Case No. 508-MDA-2018, Pa. Sup. C, April 17, 2019), a Pennsylvania trial court found that oral statements ancillary to a written settlement agreement were enforceable as a contract because the parties subsequent behavior indicated "their intent to be bound by the oral agreement."

As always, please reach out with any questions, comments or items of interest to Nik or Drew on the Legislative and Regulatory Committee.

*Nik Tysiak and Drew Romig*  
MLBC Legislative and Regulatory Committee



# UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31, 2019

Charity Gala – Nemacolin Woodlands Resort – Farmington, PA

June 13, 2019

Awards Dinner Meeting – Bridgeport Conference Center – Bridgeport, WV

July 11, 2019

Luncheon – Bella Sera – Canonsburg, PA

August 26, 2019

Fall Golf – Southpointe Golf Club – Canonsburg, PA

September 12, 2019

Dinner Meeting – Marietta College – Marietta, OH

September 20, 2019 –

Veterans Charity Clay Shoot – Hunting Hills – Dilliner, PA

October 11, 2019 –

MLBC 60th Anniversary Event – Jerome Bettis' Grille 36 – Pittsburgh, PA

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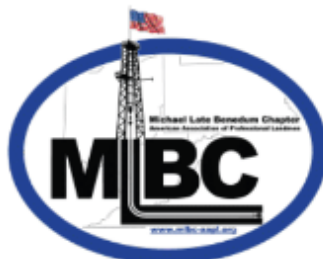
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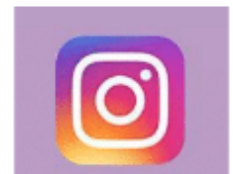
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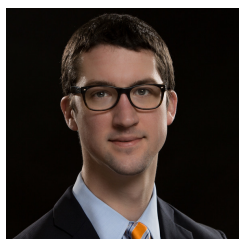
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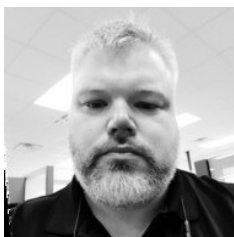
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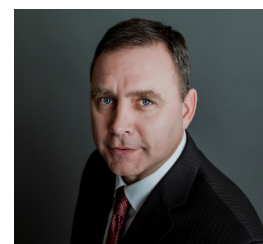
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# NEW MEMBERS

## and CERTIFICATIONS

### April

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Keith	McGlone	Artex Energy Group, LLC	Active	Byrd, Judson
Thomas	Mayer	Alpine Energy, LLC	Active	Jasionowski, Sean

New members are approved on a monthly basis. If the need arises to move along membership approval (ex. Ohio Landman Registration), please email Abby Veigel - [abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org)

## SHOUT OUT!

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

### CPL

Anne Carine

### RPL

Lacey Bowers

### RL

Kevin Boyer  
Stephen Teel

**Total Members: 1,153**

Active: 786  
Active PP: 29  
Honorary: 9

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**% Active: 70.69%**

Associate: 251  
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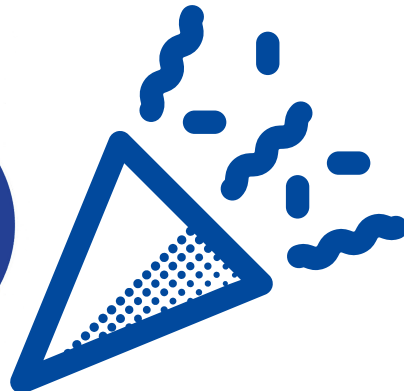
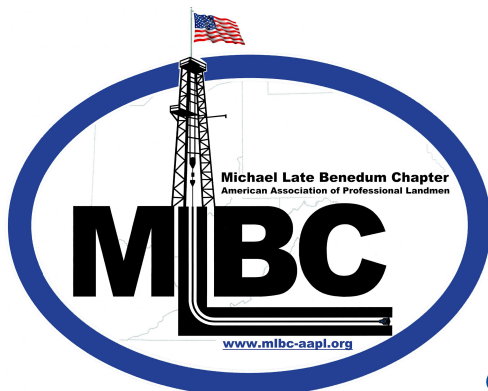


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Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter members shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter "Takeoff" newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during a period of thirty (30) days following the first 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.



## Celebrating 60 years as an organization