



# Michael Late Benedum Chapter

American Association of Professional Landmen

## The Take-Off

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### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

As incoming President I would like to introduce you to the new executive committee for the upcoming year.

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I look forward to working with the executive committee and the membership this year to continue the path forward started by my predecessors. I would like to thank the membership and our corporate sponsors for their continued support of the MLBC given the recent downturn in the industry. I would also like to take time to thank the many volunteers we have working on the many committees we have who help make the MLBC what it is. They along with the executive committee volunteer their time in order to help organize and put on the numerous meetings and charity events we have each year. The MLBC is committed to continuing to provide quality educational events for our membership along with social events for networking to our membership. We realize that the industry is in a downturn but I would like to encourage everyone to attend as many events as they can. The meetings are a great opportunity to meet others in the industry and continue your education to become a better landman. Again I would like to thank you for having me as your President and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Thank You,  
John Kimbleton, CPL  
2016-2017 MLBC President

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### Upcoming events

[Click Here to Register](#)  
*Charity Golf Event*  
Canonsburg, PA  
August 8, 2016

[Click Here to Register](#)  
*MLBC Dinner Meeting*  
Charleston, WV  
September 15, 2016

[Click Here to Register](#)  
*Charity Clay Shoot*  
Hunting Hills  
Dilliner, PA  
September 23, 2016



# TOP GUN CHARITY CLAY SHOOT



Last year I was given the honor to host the inaugural MLBC Charity Clay Shoot, which was a humbling and gratifying experience for me. With the unwavering support of the sponsors, the volunteers, our membership, and of the executive committee the Michael Late Benedum Chapter was able to present a check to the Paralyzed Veterans of America for \$10,000. During a time of industry downturn, I was delighted to see everyone come together to support the cause. Even though the industry has yet to fully recover, I hope that we can join together again to expand this event as we support Team Red, White, and Blue (teamrwb.org) at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLBC Charity Clay Shoot.

When I decided to take on this event I chose to support a different organization each year, mimicking what the AAPL does, so that we could spread the support and broaden our impact on Veterans of the local communities. I'm calling all members to submit their recommendations for next years' event. Also, if anyone has an interest in volunteering please email me as well. With your support, I am expecting veterans from Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Morgantown to join us for a day of shooting and camaraderie. Please consider one of the following sponsorship opportunities below and consider signing up your team for a chance at the MLBC Top Gun Trophy!

Thank you again to last year's sponsors!



## MLBC TOP GUN CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

SUPPORTING THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA, WV CHAPTER



THANK YOU 2015 SPONSORS!



Anthony Romeo  
MLBC Director

# MLBC Charity Clay Shoot Sponsorship Opportunities

The Michael Late Benedum Chapter supports:



Team Red, White, and Blue- Morgantown/Wheeling/Pittsburgh Chapters

Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

Red Sponsor: \$1,500

Includes: Three (3) shooters to participate in the day's activities, one (1) station sponsorship, and recognition as a Red Sponsor throughout the day and on main signage. The Red Sponsorship is special because it provides the opportunity for Veterans to participate in the day's activities, one (1) with each Red Sponsor team.

White Sponsor: \$1,000

Includes: Recognition as the White Sponsor throughout the day and on Main Signage. The White Sponsors have the opportunity to set up a hospitality table/tent, games, provide adult beverages, non-alcoholic beverages, and food to the shooters during check in and during the awards ceremony.

Blue Sponsor: \$350

Includes: Recognition as a Blue Sponsor throughout the day and on one (1) station.

Note: for an additional \$250 you can set up a table/tent to pass out swag and water to shooters at select stations along the course (4 available)

NEW: Freedom Sponsor: \$100

Includes: Honorable mention during the event kickoff and at reception. The Freedom Sponsor is a pledge to provide the means for a Veteran to join us for the day's festivities.

Contact me at [aromeo@mkeystone.com](mailto:aromeo@mkeystone.com) for multiple sponsorship discounts.

After the shoot there will be beverages, steak dinner, and prizes. The 1<sup>st</sup> place shooter will be named the MLBC Top Gun and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, high ladies and high team get prizes! 50/50 and other drawings will be held throughout the day and announced after the shoot.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### John Kimbleton

This month we wanted to highlight our new MLBC President John Kimbleton and since we will be seeing more of him over the course of the next year we thought we would take the chance to show the membership a little more about him. Mr. Kimbleton, a West Virginia native, is currently an active AAPL and MLBC member and has earned his CPL certification. Mr. Kimbleton has worked in every state between Kentucky and New York on just about any land project there is. He has been in the courthouse, leased mineral owners and even worked on the operations side of well preparation. Currently he works with Dominion and has held worked for Chesapeake in the past.

Mr. Kimbleton began his career in Oil and Gas with Mason Dixon Energy (now Percheron) twenty years ago and first started attending MLBC events fifteen years ago.

“When I first started attending there would maybe be 15 to 30 members at an event. It was much smaller and you knew everyone pretty much. As it has grown it has given us the opportunity to provide better educational events.”

Providing better educational events is an important initiative for John because a more prepared membership in the field “helps debunk typical myths about landmen.”

Outside of his professional life John enjoys working on his family farm, hunting and camping. Anything outdoors is for him and he can usually be seen attending an MLBC golf event.

We would like to congratulate John on being elected President and wish him the best of luck over the next year.





## July MLBC Luncheon Meeting Sponsors

Steptoe & Johnson

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Texhoma Land Consultants

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Thank you for your support!



### CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**August 23, 2016**

[One Day JOA Workshop , Pittsburgh, PA](#)

**October 6-7, 2016**

[Appalachian Land Institute, Washington, PA](#)

AAPL offers three certifications that are proven to enhance a member's credibility in the industry and to increase earning potential for landmen.

**Certified Professional Landman (CPL)** – The highest designation offered in the energy management industry, CPL certification is the standard by which landmen demonstrate their comprehensive competence, proficiency and professionalism in the landman field.

**Registered Professional Landman (RPL)** – The mid-level designation offered by AAPL, RPL certification distinguishes a landman as knowledgeable, experienced and professional.

**Registered Landman (RL)** – The initial level of certification, RL certification signifies a fundamental knowledge of the land industry as well as a landman's commitment to furthering their education.

For more information on why becoming a [certified landman is important, click here.](#)

# AAPL MEMBER BENEFITS

## Professional and Industry Information

*\$435,000 annually (\$23 per member)*

- ❖ Landman Magazine (printed and electronic)
- ❖ Landline Electronic Newsletter
- ❖ Landman's Directory (printed and electronic)
- ❖ AAPL Connect - Landnews (post jobs and resumes and connect with members)



## Enhancing the Land Professional's Stature

*\$443,000 annually (\$24 per member)*

- ❖ Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
- ❖ Membership & Certification Programs (CPL, RPL, RL)
- ❖ Industry Forms (JOA, Land Services, Confidentiality & Production Handling)
- ❖ Educational Foundation - Grants to support education programs for members



## Investing in the Future Landman

*\$150,000 annually (\$8 per member)*

- ❖ Landman Scholarship Trust - Student Scholarships since inception total close to \$2 million distributed in support of the next generation of landmen

## Government Relations, Advocacy, Monitoring and Reporting

*\$180,000 annually (\$10 per member)*

- ❖ Sponsor Legislation (independent contractor misclassification)
- ❖ File Amicus Briefs (cases directly affecting landmen)
- ❖ Governmental Affairs Report (for legislative, regulatory and judicial issues)
- ❖ Emerging Tax Issues (monitor gross receipts issues)
- ❖ Unauthorized Practice of Law (protect the right to work)
- ❖ BLM Rule Making (research & provide input & comment)
- ❖ Local Association Connections (keep apprised of state & federal issues)



## Professional Development and Stewardship

*\$823,000 annually (\$45 per member)*

- ❖ Independent Contractor Tax Toolkit
- ❖ Ambassador Toolkit
- ❖ Educational resources/publications (O&G Comparative Law Book)
- ❖ Institutes and Seminars (live, web-cast and video courses)
- ❖ RPL/CPL Reviews
- ❖ Tuition Assistance
- ❖ Annual Meeting (industry networking and professional development)



## Service to the Industry - Managing Partner of NAPE Expo

*\$3,000,000 in net annual income (\$154 per member)*

*Potential \$4,000,000 value to members\* (\$240 per member)*

- ❖ Largest marketplace in the world for buying and selling prospects
- ❖ Industry and land professionals' premier networking event
- ❖ NAPE Charities Fund - over \$3 million provided to veterans charities
- ❖ Members qualify for \$80 discount for NAPE with paid membership by June 30, 2016, and NAPE registration by July 29th\*



## Access to Group Insurance

- ❖ GeoCare Insurance Program (dental, medical, disability, long-term care, home, auto)
- ❖ Professional Errors & Omissions Insurance Program

# MLBC Director's Report

On June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2016, I attended the Quarterly Board of Directors' meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Orlando, Florida. I also stayed for AAPL's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting. Following is my summary of the Board meeting.

**Staff Report:** Melanie Bell, Executive Vice President reported:

~Four vacancies - Personify Data Base Administrator, Electronic Media Administrator, Business Development Manager and Publications/Marketing Manager

~AAPL Facilities – Various maintenance items completed, delivered within budget (\$47,181)

~Building has been retired with final payment in the amount of \$1.0mm; line of credit closed

~NAPE Summit 2016 review

\$5.123mm - net proceeds distributed to NAPE partners

\$3.102mm – AAPL's share of net proceeds and management fee

~Annual Meeting – Seattle, WA June 21-23, 2017

Managing overall costs by reducing hotel commitments

Goal is to provide quality education/entertainment events and still hold costs in line.

~AAPL Online Communities/LANDNEWS

Reaching 30,000 members and non-members

Averaging over 7,000 weekly views

Increasingly being used by subscribers to post jobs and resumes

**Membership and Certification:** As of May 10<sup>th</sup> Total Membership count was 18,730. There were 15,727 Active Members; 2,233; Associate Members 175 Senior Members and 595 Student Members. There are 2899 CPLs, 2335 RPLs and 689 RLs; bringing the total of land professional designees to 5954.

Note: The Membership Committee guestimates 10,000 AAPL members are **not** members of a local association.

**Treasurer's Report** (for period ending March 31, 2016):

~**Balance Sheet:** As compared to March 31, 2015 total assets decreased from \$33,314,620, to \$29,078,331 a change of \$4,236,288 or 12.7%. This was due in large part to paying \$1,338,651 on the building loan, net transfers of \$1,730,000 to the operating account to meet day to day expenses, and a general decline in the market value of the investments.

~**Revenues:** (Exclusive of investment revenue) decreased 24.5% from \$3,958,661 to \$2,988,349. The decrease in revenue is due in part to a reduction in education revenue resulting from the discount program on tuition and books which ended December 31, 2015, the elimination of recertification fees, a decrease on the NAPE distributions and management fee, and timing of revenue recognition and a reduction in the earned dues income.

~**Expenses** have increased 10.3% from \$5,631,067 to \$6,212,805. The net ordinary income (loss) for the 12 months changed from \$(1,672,415) to \$(3,224,456). The increase in expenses is largely a result of the inclusion of depreciation as an expense, contract labor costs related to the implementation of *Personify* and other technology initiatives and online services designed to more effectively provide service and value to members. Other expenses that were not budgeted (or that increased in cost) include legal settlements, credit card processing fees, wages, publications printing and building repair/maintenance.

~**Investments Accounts:** As of March 31, 2016 investments are \$22,567,781 a decrease of \$3,824,896 or 14.5% as compared to the same period last year. The decrease has been the result of paying a portion of the line of credit used to purchase the new building, transfers of cash of \$1,730,000 to the AAPL checking account, and realized and unrealized losses in the AAPL investment account.

# MLBC Director's Report Continued

## Business Items:

~The **2016-2017 Budget** was proposed to the board members and adopted, with certain changes. The importance of operating within the budget was repeatedly stressed. Among the changes and strategies:

Continuing education program needs to be self-sufficient.

The *Landman 2* publication will be suspended for the next fiscal year.

AAPL annual report will be available online, rather than printed and mailed. (cost savings of \$57,564 in printing and postage)

Past educational videos are now available on the AAPL website for \$10 per credit hour (reduced from \$15 per CEU)

One of the cost saving measures that was considered was a proposal to change the location of the 2017 meeting from Seattle to Fort Worth. However, board members voted overwhelmingly against the proposal.

~New 2016-2017 Classes:

Landman 2.0 series – new advanced offering

Held By Production

Oil & Gas Contracts and Agreements

Wills and Heirships: Oil & Gas Working Interest, Mineral and Royalty Rights

## Experienced CPL Exception Motion:

This proposal was to provide an opportunity for an experienced non-degree Landman to attain CPL designation **without** removing the requirement of a college degree for general CPL eligibility. A copy of the proposal was sent to MLBC members via email blast in May. Those of you responding favored the proposal 7 to 1. However, the motion failed to pass. As your director, I voted in favor of the proposal.

## Reimbursement for AAPL Quarterly Board Meeting Attendees:

A new voluntary reimbursement policy became effective April 1, 2016. In order to receive any reimbursement, an Executive Committee officer, a Director (or a properly approved voting delegate), a Committee Chair (or Assistant Chair attending for the Chair) or Task Force Leader must attend the Quarterly Board Meeting in person. The cap will be \$750 per Quarterly Board Meeting (“Meeting”). Minutes from the Meeting will be used to verify attendance at the Meeting.

## Strategic Planning:

The Strategic Plan for the AAPL and the approved revised Master Planning Document will be distributed to Directors and Committee Chairs at the 2016-2017 Board Orientation on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Fort Worth, TX, and at the September Board Meeting.

## Changing of the Guard:

~Despite being faced with some difficult challenges, outgoing President Marc Strahn and the rest of the executive committee did an outstanding job during the past year. I am sure incoming President Pamela Feist and the other officers are up to the task. The incoming executive committee is as follows:

President – Pam Feist – Region 5

First Vice President – David Miller – Region 1

Second Vice President – Jeff Niemeyer – Region 7

Vice President – Trinidad Hernandez – Region 4

Secretary – Russell Shaw – Region 6

Treasurer – Jim Bourbeau – Region 2



# MLBC Director's Report Continued

Congratulations to Jim Bourbeau! It's nice to have an officer that lives and works in our region.

As many of you know, there are several MLBC members that serve on AAPL committees. I'll provide a list of those folks in my next report.

## AAPL Upcoming Local Events:

**Seminar: *A Comprehensive Review of Operating Agreements and Well Trades*** - August 23<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, 7 CPL/RPL/RL credits available. Members \$250.00, Non-members \$375. Class capacity: 30. The instructor is Dorsey Roach, CPL.

**Appalachian Land Institute** (Co-hosted by MLBC/NALA/SALA) - October 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> DoubleTree Washington PA, Meadowslands, 11 CEU, 1 CEU Ethics credits available. Pricing prior to 9/22: Live attendance \$275 Member, \$400 Non-member; Webinar \$225 Member, \$350 Non-member. Class capacity: 150. Various instructors (see AAPL and MLBC websites) Note: AAPL President Pam Feist is slated to be in town for a visit and will attend the joint MLBC/NALA dinner meeting.

**Publications:** The committee is looking for articles for consideration to publish in the *Landman* and *Landman 2* magazines. Please submit articles to Andrea Spencer, of the AAPL staff at [aspencer@landman.org](mailto:aspencer@landman.org).

The next quarterly board meeting will be held September 10-11 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, I should address to the AAPL Executive Committee or Board of Directors please contact me at [bruce.turner@steptoe-johnson.com](mailto:bruce.turner@steptoe-johnson.com). It's a privilege to serve as MLBC's representative to AAPL. I'm grateful for the support of the Chapter, and also to Steptoe & Johnson for their support.

Bruce Turner

National Director

## Court Invalidates Fayette County (W.Va.) Ordinance Banning Underground Injection Well

On June 10, 2016, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order invalidating those parts of a Fayette County (W.Va.) ordinance that prohibit the use of underground injection wells for the disposal of produced water, and regulate the handling and storage of produced water at conventional oil and gas well sites. The court held that those provisions are preempted by state and federal law, and also struck down a provision that would have allowed local residents to bring enforcement actions under the ordinance. [\*EQT Production Company v. Wender, et al.\* Civil Action No. 2:16cv290 \(S.D.W.Va.\)](#).

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# Pennsylvania Supreme Court Affirms “Title Wash” Tax Sale

By Nathaniel I. Holland, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

On July 20, 2016, in a unanimous decision, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court affirmed the “title wash” tax sale principle in *Herder Spring Hunting Club v. Keller*, No. 5 MAP 2015 (Pa. July 19, 2016). This principle was first applied by the Supreme Court in *Powell v. Lantzy*, 34 A. 450 (Pa. 1896) and *Hutchinson v. Kline*, 49 A. 312 (Pa. 1901).

Prior to 1961, tax sales of “unseated” (unimproved) lands passed title to severed oil and gas estates if the oil and gas estate owner had failed to give notice to the commissioners of the severance so that a separate oil and gas assessment could be created. Because unseated lands were assessed in the name of the property and not in the name of the property owner, notice of an impending tax sale of unseated lands was often not provided to the current owner of the unseated land. Instead, notice requirements could be met by publishing notices in the name of the original warrant.

The Supreme Court focused on a 1935 tax sale, and concluded that the assessment and subject deed covered the entire fee estate, including oil and gas rights reserved in 1899, rather than just the surface of the property. The Court rejected defendants’ contentions that oil and gas could not be properly assessed and that insufficient notice of the sale violated their due process rights.

This decision highlights the importance of carefully reviewing tax sales of tracts after oil and gas rights have been severed.

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# New MLBC Members – July 2016

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type
Daniel	Spitznagel	Independent	Active
Jenny	Hayhurst	Independent	Active
Stephen	Watson	Independent	Associate
Shauna	Ritchie	Abstract WV, LLC.	Associate
Kenneth	Woods	Chevron USA	Active
Wendy	Lesnik	Chevron USA Inc	Active
Timothy	Knobloch	James Knobloch Petroleum Consultants Inc.	Associate
John	Romito	Lenington & Parrino LLP	Associate
Heather	Graham	Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC	Associate
Jessica	West	West Title Services, LLC	Active
Paul	Sherry	Western Land Services	Associate

## MLBC – QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD

**Dear Morgan,**

***There's a lady who owned a life estate and she conveyed it to 3 different people – including one who owns the land. How do I vest ownership? Who do I pay for a lease? Thanks– John S.***



Dear John,

Let's say Annie owns a life estate in the property and Bob owns the remainder (that is, Bob owns the property subject to Annie's life estate). Annie then conveys her life estate to Bob, Charlotte and Doug. Since Bob now owns both a part of the life estate and the remainder in the property, the law will not treat Bob's interests as two separate interests, but rather as a single fee interest in the property. This is known as the doctrine (or rule) of merger of estates. Whenever successive vested estates are owned by the same person, the smaller of the two is absorbed by the larger. Bob's life estate merges into his remainder interest—he just has the fee interest. Charlotte and Doug have life estates *per autre vie*, which is an old-fashioned legal term that means that Charlotte's and Doug's interests are measured by the lifetime of someone else, in this case, Annie. So, after Annie's conveyance, Bob would own the property in fee, subject to the life estates of Charlotte and Doug, which are measured by how long Annie lives. So when Annie dies, Charlotte's and Doug's life estates end. Just making things a bit more interesting, you should know that, so long as Annie is alive, Charlotte or Doug can convey by deed or devise by will, their interests in the property, or the interests could be inherited by Charlotte or Doug's heirs, who would then own the life estate until Annie dies.

If you taking a lease after Annie has conveyed to Bob, Charlotte, and Doug, you will need to lease Bob, Charlotte and Doug. With regards to payment, the general rule is that the life tenant is entitled to income from the property and the remaindermen is entitled to the corpus (which is everything but the income). Delay rentals are generally considered income and are paid directly to the life tenant, but royalties and leasing bonuses, which are paid in exchange for the extraction of minerals from the land, are considered a part of the corpus of the estate. These payments are invested during the period of the life tenancy, with the interest earned from their investment paid to the life tenant.

A good way to start a family feud is to divvy up the payments as explained above. A better way is to obtain a distribution agreement (some companies will call this a stipulation of interest) in which all parties (Mama and her kids) agree in writing that Mama gets all the money while she is alive, and the kids will split it when she passes. Or maybe Mama wants the kids to have all the money now and she agrees to take no money. It really does not matter how you split the payments – as long as everyone has agreed to the split in writing.

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### ***Platinum \$5,000.00 per year***

#### Benefits of Platinum Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting along with the meeting sponsor board.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive three meeting/dinner passes for each meeting for one year.
- Receive one free Full Page advertising ad.
- Receive free Half Page ad in the takeoff per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.



### ***Gold \$2,500.00 per year***

#### Benefits of Gold Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at every meeting.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in the Takeoff per year.
- Logo on Golf Outing sponsorship boards.



### ***Silver \$1,500.00 per year***

#### Benefits of Silver Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at six meetings.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff and the bottom of every membership email.
- Receive one free Half Page advertising ad in the Takeoff per year.



### ***Bronze \$750.00 per year***

#### Benefits of Bronze Sponsor

- Logo on the corporate sponsor board at three meetings.
- Logo on the back of every Takeoff.



### ***Advertising in The TakeOff***

Full page ad \$500.00 per month

Half page ad \$250.00 per month

### ***Dinner Meeting Sponsorship***

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 any questions please contact Tara White at [twhite@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:twhite@mlbc-aapl.org). Please contact Jeremy White at [jwhite@eqt.com](mailto:jwhite@eqt.com) for dinner meeting sponsorships.



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## MLBC SCHEDULE

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Speaker</i></u>	<u><i>Topic</i></u>
<b>August 8, 2016</b>	<b>Valley Brook Country Club Canonsburg, PA</b>	<b>Fall Charity Golf Event</b>	<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b>
<b>September 15, 2016</b>	<b>Marriott Town Center Charleston, WV</b>	<b>Morgan Griffith &amp; Leslie Miller-Stover</b>	<b>Comparing Transmission Pipeline Issues</b>
<b>September 23, 2016</b>	<b>Hunting Hills Dilliner, PA</b>	<b>Charity Clay Shoot</b>	
<b>October 6, 2016</b>	<b>Doubletree Hotel Washington, PA</b>	<b>Pam Fiest, AAPL President</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>October 6-7, 2016</b>	<b>Doubletree Hotel Washington, PA</b>	<b><a href="#"><u>For details, click here</u></a></b>	<b>Appalachian Land Institute</b>
<b>November 10, 2016</b>	<b>Waterfront Hotel Morgantown, WV</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>





Past Presidents

Steve Perdue, Jeff Brown, Aaron Yost, Mark Acree, Doug Richards, Anthony Farr, Chuck Heilmann  
Front Row: Richard Elswick, Bruce Turner



Thomas Long moderates the panel discussion of the MLBC Past Presidents





## 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 Tara White at [twhite@mlbc-aapl.org](mailto:twhite@mlbc-aapl.org).

Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter members shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter “Takeoff” newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during a period of thirty (30) days following the first publication to object to the potential members’ application. Such objections to membership approval may be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee and shall be in

writing. The Executive Committee shall take any such objection under counsel in the next regularly scheduled monthly Executive Committee meeting. A decision to accept or reject the membership application shall be determined by a majority vote at such meeting. The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant in writing of rejection.

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



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### PHOTO ALBUM

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