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# TULSA

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## Letter From the President

Dear Members,

“March Madness!” This is, without a doubt, one of my favorite times of year. I love the NCAA Tournament, the Masters, Easter, warmer weather, golf outings...but it also means that our year has turned the corner and is in its final stretch. As we move towards closing out the year, we are quickly approaching three of our most notable events.

The first is our Educational Seminar, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Education Committee, under the direction of our Educational Director, Raegan Schaffler, has been working very hard to make this one of our best seminars in recent years. We have a full agenda, with many of the topics centered around multi-unit drilling. Members are able to register for only \$100, where non-members can register for \$150. If you know someone who has been on the fence about joining, the discount at this event alone makes becoming a member worthwhile. More information on the Educational Seminar can be found later in this newsletter.

The second event is our Spring Scramble Golf tournament. I was shocked to see this tournament fill to capacity so quickly (in less than twenty-four hours for the first time ever). I think this speaks volumes as to the incredible job our Golf Committee, under the leadership of our Events Director, Curtis Johnson, has done over the past few tournaments. By raising more money, giving away more prizes, and generally improving the overall quality of these tournaments, Curtis and his team have made this event so coveted, that some have found it difficult to register before it fills. As a result, the Board will be reviewing the registration process to ensure all members have an equal opportunity for getting a team into the tournament.

The third event is our final dinner meeting of the year at the Summit Club, scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Commonly referred to as “Executive Night,” we are excited to welcome Mr. Randy Limbacher, President and CEO of Samson Resources. More information on Mr. Limbacher can be found later in this newsletter.

Lastly, as I mentioned in last month’s letter, please be on the lookout for the upcoming TAPL Board of Directors ballot. You should receive your ballot on or before April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please review the list of nine (9) Nominees, and then return your ballot having voted for five (5) of the Nominees. I would like to wish all the nominees the best of luck. The nominees, listed in alphabetical order by last name, are:

1. Campbell, Jessica (Cimarex Energy Co.)
2. Connolly, Harriet (QEP Energy Company)
3. Hargrove, Russ (Samson Resources)
4. Knapp, Mike (Independent)
5. Kopczynski, Wink (New Gulf Resources)
6. Mafille, Marlana (Kaiser-Francis Oil Company)
7. McNamara, Steve (Canyon Creek Resources, LLC)
8. Silman, Rick (Casillas Petroleum Corp.)
9. Sons, Casey (Premier Natural Resources)

Please recall, pursuant to the TAPL By Laws, only active members (which is defined as those “Landmen regularly employed and engaged in Land Work in the petroleum industry”) are eligible to vote. Should you receive a ballot, but are not eligible under the aforementioned definition, please discard the ballot and ensure your membership is stated correctly in our membership files online.

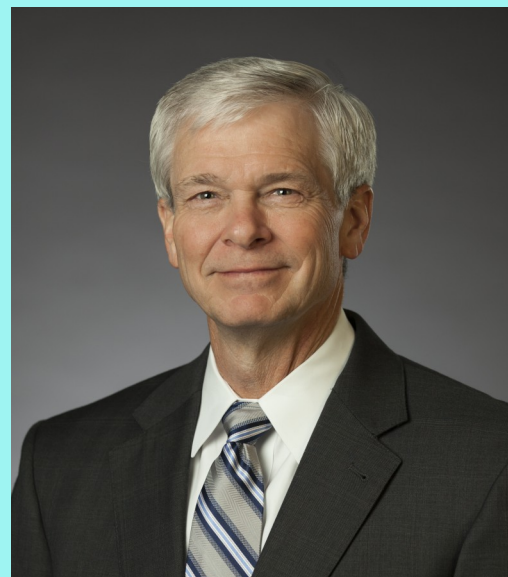
As always, I encourage your attendance, your involvement and your input in all that TAPL does. Please do not ever hesitate to contact me, or any of the other Board Members, with your comments, compliments or concerns.

Robert Sher, RPL  
TAPL President  
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# APRIL DINNER MEETING

**Date:** April 14th, 2014  
**Check-in:** 5:00 pm, 30th Floor  
**Cocktails:** 5:00-6:00 pm, 31st Floor  
**Dinner:** 6:00 pm, 30th Floor  
**Location:** Summit Club  
**RSVP:** By 4/11/2014 @ noon [CLICK HERE](#)



## **Speaker, Samson Resources CEO, Randy Limbacher**

Mr. Limbacher joined Samson April 18, 2013. He is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Samson. Mr. Limbacher most recently was with Rosetta Resources, Inc. where he served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President until February 26, 2013. He has 32 years of experience in the exploration and production business, both domestically and internationally. At Rosetta Resources, he led a dramatic reshaping of the business as it transitioned from a conventional exploration company to a leading developer of unconventional resources. Prior to joining Rosetta, Mr. Limbacher served as President, Exploration and Production – Americas for ConocoPhillips where he was responsible for all exploration and production activities in the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Limbacher joined ConocoPhillips as part of its 2006 acquisition of Burlington Resources Inc., where he spent over 20 years. His role at the time of the acquisition was Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and as a director on the Board of Directors of Burlington. Mr. Limbacher serves on the Board of Directors of CARBO Ceramics Inc. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University.

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# Upcoming Educational Events

## Field Landman Seminar - Oklahoma City, OK

Thursday, April 03, 2014 (5:00 PM-9:00 PM)

## Basics of Geographic Information System - Grand Rapids, MI

Friday, April 04, 2014 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM)

## Field Landman Seminar - Washington, PA

Tuesday, April 08, 2014 (5:00 PM-9:00 PM)

## WI/NRI Workshop - Corpus Christi, TX

Wednesday, April 09, 2014 (8:00 AM-3:30 PM)

## RPL & CPL EXAM ONLY- Billings, MT

Friday, April 11, 2014 (7:15 AM-2:00 PM)

## Negotiations Seminar-Houston, TX

Monday, April 14, 2014 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM)

## WI/NRI Workshop - The Woodlands, TX

Thursday, April 24, 2014 (8:00 AM-3:30 PM)

## Field Landman Seminar - Roswell, NM

Thursday, April 24, 2014 (5:00 PM-9:00 PM)

## WI/NRI Workshop - San Antonio, TX

Friday, April 25, 2014 (8:00 AM-3:30 PM)

## Fundamentals of Land Practices & OPTIONAL RPL Exam - Midland, TX

Friday, April 25, 2014 - Saturday, April 26, 2014

## Southwest Land Institute - Fort Worth, TX

Monday, April 28, 2014 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)

## Due Diligence Seminar- Denver, CO

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 (8:30 AM-3:00 PM)

### IN MEMORIUM

Jack B Smith, prominent in the oil industry, passed away peacefully on March 27th, 2014 at age 85. Jack was a long-time member of TAPL and frequently attended meetings. He will be deeply missed in the industry and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



## TAPL Board Nominations

Please be on the lookout for the upcoming TAPL Board of Directors ballot. On or before April 5<sup>th</sup>, this ballot should be on its way to your mailbox. Please recall, pursuant to the TAPL By Laws, only active members (which is defined as those "Landmen regularly employed and engaged in Land Work in the petroleum industry") are eligible to vote. Should you receive a ballot, but are not eligible under the aforementioned definition, please discard

## Important Message from the Membership Director

Dear TAPL Members:

I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership and welcome our newest members to our organization. As your Membership Director, I would like to challenge our members to invite new qualified candidates engaged in Land Work within the Oil & Gas Industry to join TAPL and encourage your co-workers who have been members in the past to rejoin. Since we are past the December 27th, 2013 grace period, any expired memberships of three years or less will no longer be able to renew your membership and will have to fill out a new application through the website in order to reactivate your membership.

I look forward to seeing TAPL grow and can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming events.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [agrimm@midcon-energy.com](mailto:agrimm@midcon-energy.com) or our Membership Administrator Grace Grimm at [gracegrimmtapl@gmail.com](mailto:gracegrimmtapl@gmail.com)

Best Regards,

Andrew R. Grimm

Membership Director



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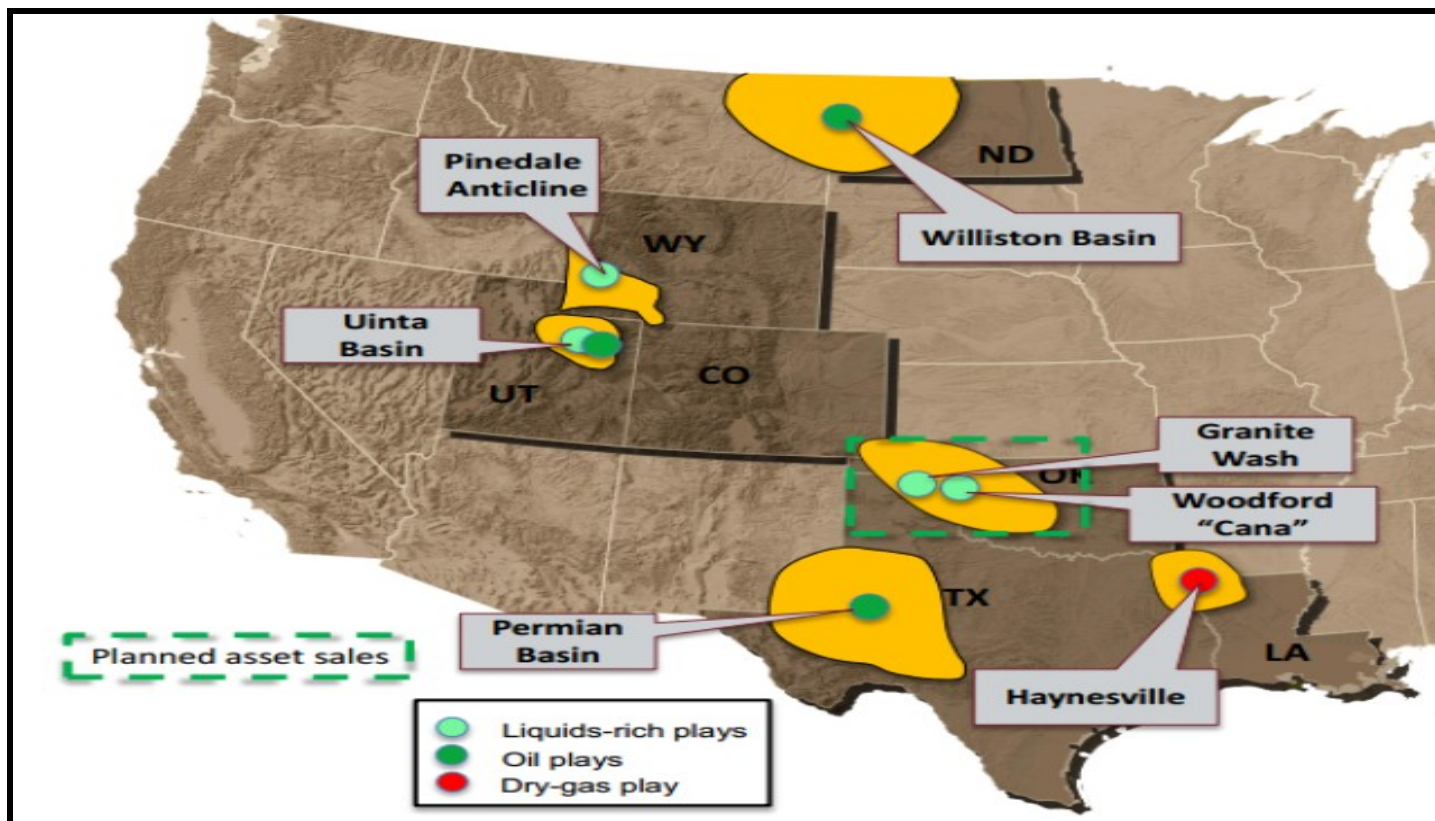
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# TAPL Volunteer Event

**BIG THANKS** to all the TAPL members that came out to the Regional Food Bank in March. We had a great time while packaging 109 boxes with 2,725 pounds of canned goods!! Great job everyone! Thanks for your hard work and for dedicating your time on a gorgeous Friday afternoon to such a great cause.

-External Affairs Committee





# TAPL Volunteer Event





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# TAPL Volunteer Event- Great Job!!!



## March Dinner Meeting



We would like to say “Thank you” to our March Dinner speaker, AAPL President, Don Key. He delivered a great speech and we appreciate him taking the time out of his busy schedule to come talk to our local association.





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# March AAPL Quarterly Board Meeting Report

## San Antonio, TX

The AAPL Board of Directors has just concluded our March Meeting in San Antonio Texas at the JW Marriott Resort. With a full slate of Directors and Committee Chair's, your Board thoroughly reviewed and addressed the pressing issues of our Association. AAPL now has over 20,000 members and many of you will be gathering for our Annual Meeting which will be held in Montreal Canada starting June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. With almost 600 registrants on the books we are about half way to our goal. This year's Keynote Speaker will be famed columnist George F. Will. The educational luncheon speaker will be Steve Mueller, CEO of Southwestern Energy and Ezra Levant will deliver the Closing Luncheon address. Mr. Levant is a famed TV Anchor and author of his most recent book, "Ethical Oil". With a great lineup in an exciting destination we are expecting record attendance and I would encourage anyone considering making the trip to visit [www.Landman.org](http://www.Landman.org) for all of the details.



Winter NAPE was a huge success with almost 17,000 attendees. Ken Salazar, Allan Greenspan and Secretary Robert Gates delivered noteworthy addresses and AAPL raised 400K in charitable contributions that were split between 4 worthy causes. NAPE East was held in Pittsburgh and had over 2,000 attendees and will be held again this year on April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>. NAPE South will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>. NAPE Rockies wrapped up in December and had over 2,600 attendees. NAPE Rockies will be held again this year on December 10<sup>th</sup> – December 12<sup>th</sup>. All of AAPL's NAPE Expo's remain profitable except for NAPE Rockies which carried a small loss due to some unexpected costs in its first year. Winter NAPE remains a major profit center for AAPL and the NAPE Operators Committee is working with the AAPL Staff to ensure that costs associated with all new Regional Expo's are locked down and they all continue to expand as profit centers for our Association. At this time, no more Regional NAPE's are scheduled and all future NAPE expansion centers around the international segment of Winter NAPE and potentially a NAPE International in Calgary.

Numerous Educational events continue to be scheduled in our area and around the country. TAPL has recently hosted a WI / NRI Workshop and a CPL / RPL Review and Exam. There are 19 scheduled Field landman seminars across the country with over 875 attendees so far this year. The Education Committee is finalizing a 60 min Ethics Video which will be screened in Montreal and is considering new Educational opportunities for members to include Oil & Gas Economics, an Oil & Gas Lease provision Seminar centered around the Producers 88 and new a seminar on the Horizontal JOA once it has been completely rolled out.

The 1989 HZ JOA Form is complete and available through Forms-on-a-Disk (FOAD). The 1982 HZ JOA Form revisions are in final review and should be submitted to FOAD by April 2014. The Model Form 610 JOA Revision Task Force is reviewing each provision but has much of the heavy lifting still ahead and hopes to have a draft out for "Peer Review" by December and a final Draft to the Board at the March 2015 Meeting. There are continued discussions regarding case law on the exculpatory clause and successor liability, and suggested revisions relating to subsequent burdens and Pugh clause terminations as joint loss or failure of title. Anyone with specific issues that needs to be addressed in the JOA review is encouraged to submit your written thoughts so that they can be funneled to the committee for review.

The Certification Committee continues to review about 100 applications per month and after thorough consideration has decided to maintain the three required CPL Sponsors for CPL applications and is reviewing the sponsor requirements for the RPL Application. As many of you know firsthand the new CPL Exam has been administered three times (Once in Tulsa) and has seen a dramatic decline in the initial pass rate. Commonly missed questions have been and will continue to be reviewed for error and content confusion and some minor corrections are being made.

# March AAPL Quarterly Board Meeting Report

## San Antonio, TX

The Treasurer's Report contains very positive news for our Association. As compared to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 total assets have increased from 25,448,519 to 33,308,912 which shows an increase of 30.9%. Expenses are up, largely due to increased staff to accommodate the growth of both AAPL and NAPE and the implementation of the Government Relations Program which is masterfully tracking the progress of various legislative advances affecting our industry across the nation. AAPL has closed on a new Headquarter building in downtown Ft. Worth which will be located in the former Keith Law Offices Building at 1705 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. The new building will be vacated by 8/1/14 and will be move in ready by 10/1/14. The current Headquarters building will be listed for sale in the coming weeks and is expected to sell in the next few months. This is an exciting move for AAPL and will dramatically increase the visibility of our Association and accommodate the growing demands of our staff and programs. Your Board of Directors voted to move 4 Million Dollars into the Landman Scholarship Trust which will create a Corpus of roughly 6 million dollars that will yield a maximum of 5% annually to be used for scholarships to worthy students in the various accredited programs throughout the country.

April 1<sup>st</sup> will begin our Annual Renewal process and if you are not an AAPL member, I would like to encourage you to join our National Landman's Association (AAPL). Not only does AAPL offer networking, continuing education, marketing and deal making opportunities in every basin around the world, they also actively monitor and lobby for legislative and regulatory developments across the country that affect our industry. Perhaps most importantly, all AAPL members are subject to the AAPL Code of Conduct and AAPL Code of Ethics which encourage all members of our profession to act professionally and ethically in the course of our day to day business. AAPL provides avenues of continuing education and certification for its members, all of which work to ensure to the general public's well deserved trust as they encounter Landmen of the highest ethical and professional standards.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via phone at 281-408-1467 or via e-mail at [H.Reinmiller@EagleRockEnergy.com](mailto:H.Reinmiller@EagleRockEnergy.com) so that I can more clearly describe the ongoing efforts of AAPL's Board to serve its members and advance our industry!!

Sincerely,

*Hamel B. Reinmiller, CPL*

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AAPL Director – Region 6





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The Apache logo features the word "Apache" in a stylized, italicized, yellow font. The letter 'A' is particularly large and bold, with a thick stroke. The rest of the word follows in a similar but slightly smaller font style.

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# 2014 TAPL SPRING SEMINAR

april 10th, 8:00a - 4:30p



## TAPL SPRING EDUCATION SEMINAR

APRIL 10, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Dewey Bartlett:</b> Opening Remarks
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Mike Stack &amp; John Reeves:</b> OK Horizontal Multi-Unit Wells
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Richard W. Revels Jr.:</b> Louisiana Unitization
11:10 – 12:10 p.m.	<b>Mickey Olmstead:</b> PSA Wells in Texas
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch: Switch preview
1:10 – 2:10 p.m.	<b>Dorsey Roach:</b> Horizontal JOA
2:20 – 3:20 p.m.	<b>Faith Orłowski:</b> To Waive or Not to Waive
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Monty Barnhill:</b> America's Landmen – Why Ethics?

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!

[Click here](#) to register. Seating is limited, so please register today to save your spot.

The seminar has been approved for 7 continuing education APPL credits, including 1 ethics credit. Lunch and reference materials will be provided.

Thank you to our sponsors:



**Reagan Resources, Inc.**

TAPL is very appreciative of the companies and individuals who help sponsor our Spring Education Seminar. Your support provides the financial assistance needed to offer the highest quality educational opportunity for our membership. As a sponsor, you will be recognized for your support of TAPL through reference materials, signs, announcements and TAPL website. Thank you for your consideration to sponsor this year's seminar. Sponsorships for the seminar are still available at the following levels:

Gold: \$1,000  
Silver: \$500  
Bronze: \$250

Please contact Karen Laughlin at [tulsalandmen@gmail.com](mailto:tulsalandmen@gmail.com) or 918-355-3979

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sponsorship of our dinner meetings and socials is a great way to advertise to our membership. We offer sponsorships for our socials, dinners and pre-dinner cocktail hours. Each event costs only \$500 and your company logo is featured in our website, newsletter, emails about the event and on signage at the event, as well as recognition from the podium during the dinner.

Spaces fill up quickly so please reserve your spot now! Contact Karen Laughlin, [tulsalandmen@gmail.com](mailto:tulsalandmen@gmail.com).

Newsletter ads are a great and cost-efficient way to reach our membership at the following rates:

**\$200 for 1/4 page ad**

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In the past these have been separate items in the newsletter. I don't mind them being together, but perhaps they are more effective as separate spots. I've attached the summer newsletter – please take a look and see what you think.

Thanks.

Karen Laughlin  
TAPL Communications Director  
918-355-3979



## **2014 TAPL Spring Golf Tournament**

As previously reported, the TAPL Spring Scramble scheduled for Monday, **May 12, 2014** at the Club at Indian Springs in Broken Arrow has reached capacity. We are expecting a record turnout this year and plan to host our best networking event to date. As usual, we will utilize this event as an opportunity to bless a charitable organization. The TAPL would like to support **The Folds of Honor Foundation** which has done a tremendous job in serving the families of our military heroes. The vision of this foundation is for every spouse and dependent of a wounded or fallen service member to have the financial opportunity to pursue higher education.



Please note that we have penciled in a rain date for June 30, 2014. However, outside of extraordinary circumstances and/or safety concerns due to inclement weather we will play on Monday, *May 12th, **rain or shine***. In the event that we have to cancel the event we will immediately contact our membership and team captains via email as well as update our website accordingly. If you have any questions or would be interested in sponsoring this event please contact Wink Kopczynski, III, at 918-728-3020 or [wink3@newgulfresources.com](mailto:wink3@newgulfresources.com). Thanks for your continued support and participation.

Sincerely,  
Wink Kopczynski, III, RPL  
Chairman, 2014 TAPL Golf Committee

# CIMAREX

## Scholarship & Awards Committee

TAPL Members,

Please join the TAPL Scholarship and Awards Committee at next month's Executive Night Dinner meeting as we announce the 2014 TAPL Award winners. Based on nominations from the membership, the Scholarship and Awards Committee has chosen the recipients of the Company of the Year Award, Landman of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Make sure that you are in attendance to show your support for these outstanding members of our community and organization.

Several members of the Committee have also recently been involved in interviews at the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma, with outstanding students enrolled in the Energy Management programs. As a result of these interviews the Scholarship and Awards committee will choose students from each program to Award TAPL Scholarship funds, and we will be announcing these students at next month's Executive dinner as well.

Also, the TAPL Scholarship & Awards Committee would like to remind all TAPL members and companies that we have begun accepting donations to develop and fund the TAPL scholarship endowment funds at both the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma. The goal for the Scholarship committee and the TAPL is to raise at least \$280,000 in order to completely fund the endowments for both the schools. This will ensure that scholarships are provided for Energy Management students at each program in the name of TAPL and its membership at our accustomed rate for decades of future landmen. If you would like to make a donation to help fund these endowments or would like more information regarding the TAPL Endowment Program, please submit checks or your questions to the following designated Committee Member, and make out checks as follows:

### University of Tulsa

Make Check out to: "University of Tulsa"

Memo Should Read: "TAPL Endowment Fund" Submit Checks to:

David Korell

Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent Inc.

One Williams Center, Suite 1900

Tulsa, OK 74172

### University of Oklahoma

Make Check out to: "OU Foundation"

Memo Should Read: "TAPL Endowment Fund"

Submit Checks to:

Dianna Endicott

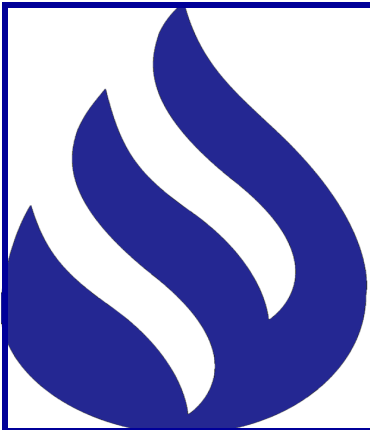
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## Scholarship & Awards Committee



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## **Lawsuit challenges feds over 'sue and settle' tactics on endangered species**

Oklahoma's attorney general and an oil and gas industry trade group have filed a lawsuit against the federal government over its decision to settle a lawsuit with an environmental group over the listing status of several animal species.

Scott Pruitt claims in the lawsuit filed in federal court in Tulsa on Monday that federal agencies are colluding with like-minded special interest groups and using "sue and settle" tactics that violate the federal Endangered Species Act and have a "crippling effect" on the U.S. economy.

"Increasingly, federal agencies are colluding with like-minded special interest groups by using 'sue and settle' tactics to reach 'friendly settlements' of lawsuits filed by the interest groups," Pruitt said in a statement.

One of the animals whose listing status is in question is the lesser prairie chicken. It has been under evaluation to be listed as endangered for years.

Pruitt said that has led Oklahoma as well as other states and the private industry to spend \$26 million to develop a conservation plan to protect it.

"Oklahoma has indicated its willingness to protect the lesser prairie chicken but it seems increasingly clear this issue isn't about sound science or saving endangered species," he said. "Using the courts to impose regulations undermines the rule of law."

Conservation groups like New-Mexico based WildEarth Guardians say the lesser prairie chicken has suffered population declines in part due to oil, gas and wind energy development.

According to the lawsuit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service violated the Endangered Species Act by agreeing to a settlement with WildEarth Guardians that led to a consent decree requiring the agency to determine the listing status of the lesser prairie chicken by March 31.

The lawsuit also claims the agency violated the law by agreeing to a truncated timeline to the decision-making process on the listing status of the 250 other species, essentially sidestepping the rule making process, the attorney general's office said.

"Because these settlements are taking place without public input, attorneys general are unable to represent the respective interests of their states, businesses, and citizens," Pruitt said.

The Oklahoma-based Domestic Energy Producers Alliance, which represents independent oil and natural gas producers, is party to the lawsuit. They argue the federal government is using the Endangered Species Act to halt oil and natural gas development and devalue private property rights.

"DEPA joins the state of Oklahoma in this litigation, not only on behalf of our members, but all citizens of this great country, whose rights are threatened when our government precludes participation in the political, administrative and judicial process," DEPA President Mike McDonald said in a statement.

Peter Carr, a Justice Department spokesman, told Businessweek he couldn't immediately comment on the allegations.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

"Lawsuit challenges feds over 'sue and settle' tactics on endangered species." *Fox News*. FoxNews.com, 18 Mar 2014. Web. 24 Mar 2014. <<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/03/18/lawsuit-challenges-feds-over-sue-and-settle-tactics-on-endangered-species/>>.



## Reminder on how to claim your AAPL Credits...

# Recertification Credits Online



After attending an event, or purchasing a video in which you get RL, RPL, CPL recertification credits you must submit your affidavit of attendance; which is done by using the code you received with purchase or at the end of the actual class.

To do so:

1. Simply login to the portal, locate the "Submit Affidavit of Attendance" link under the My CE Credits section:

A screenshot of a web portal interface. At the top, there is a header bar with a small icon of a person and the text "My CE Credits". Below this, the text "Year-to-date Credits:" is followed by the value "0.0". Underneath, there are two bullet points: "• [Check My CE Credit / Certified Transcript](#)" and "• [Submit Affidavit of Attendance](#)".

 <b>My CE Credits</b>	
Year-to-date Credits:	0.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Check My CE Credit / Certified Transcript</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Submit Affidavit of Attendance</a></li></ul>	

2. You will be asked to enter the code for the class or home study

## Report Component Attendance

### Select a Component

First, we need to know what component you are registering for. Enter in the code or ID number of the component.

Component ID/Code: \*

3. Then you will be prompted to digitally sign that you attended the class or have reviewed the home study information.
4. Click "Finish" to confirm your credits



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Our committee is currently gathering photos of the TAPL Membership and/or Events. We are asking you to submit any old or new photos that we can add to the website. Our goal is to provide our membership with a website that shows an all encompassing view of our Association both historically and presently. Please contact any member of the Secretary's Committee with questions or ideas.

J. J. Chisholm

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