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2008-2009 Executive Board



From L-R, Bottom Row: Adam Robinson, Tony Cristelli, Pat Bowman, Hamel Reinmiller

L-R, Top Row: Steve McNamara, Jr, Michelle Farrell, Jeff Myers, Jane Meyers, Ted Hinson, Mona Ables, Tony Cervi

Not Pictured, Past President, Mike Watanabe

November Meeting Reminder:

Dinner RSVP by November 7th

Lunch – November 10th

**ONEOK - Downtown (Cafeteria-
Basement Level)**

100 West 5th

Tulsa OK 74103

Please be through the line by 11:45
am

No reservations needed

Dinner – November 10th

Cocktails 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Petroleum Club

601 S Boulder Ave

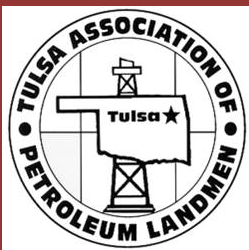
Click here for dinner reservations

<http://www.tapl.org/en/cev/50>

No reservation needed for
cocktails only

Thanks to our November Dinner Meeting Sponsor:





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November Educational Speaker Announced:

Understanding Area of Mutual Interest and Preferential Rights Provisions in Joint Operating Agreements

Gerald F. Slattery, Jr.

Schully, Roberts, Slattery & Marino

1100 Poydras Street, Suite 1800

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Professional History

Present: shareholder in Schully, Roberts, Slattery & Marino

Professional Experience

More than twenty-five years' experience in business litigation in New Orleans, with emphasis on oil and gas, banking and financial institutions, and bankruptcy. Experienced in all aspects of oil and gas litigation, including take-or-pay, royalty disputes, joint operating agreements, exploration and farmout agreements, drilling contracts, insurance coverage disputes, well blowouts, surface restoration and property damage, pollution and casualty matters, trespass, and mineral lease issues.

Mineral royalty and related litigation experience includes: representation of nonoperating working interest owners in dispute regarding sharing of proceeds of operators' settlement of take-or-pay contract dispute with gas purchaser; representation of producer as one of twelve defendants in landowners' putative class action alleging underpayment of royalties in connection with producers' settlements of take-or-pay contract disputes with gas purchasers; and representation of producer in litigation filed by State political subdivisions alleging underpayment of gas royalties.

Education

Louisiana State University: B.S. 1973

Tulane University School of Law: J.D. 1978

Selected Publications

Alternative Dispute Resolution: How to Stay Out of Court, Landman (Journal of American Association of Petroleum Landmen), March-April 1993

Corbello, Castex and Consequences: Site Restoration Obligations in Louisiana, North Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen, March 2006

Professionalism, Louisiana Mineral Law Institute Seminar, April 2006

Understanding Area of Mutual Interest and Preferential Rights Provisions in Joint Operating Agreements, Gulf Coast Institute (New Orleans), October 2007

December Christmas Social and Toys for Tots Fundraiser



Mark your social calendar now

December 8th, 2008

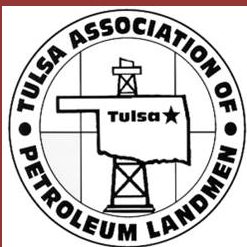
Petroleum Club

Cocktails & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Spouses and Guest invited

Please bring a toy to share for a needy child





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MICHAEL D. STACK, P. C.
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The Board is Listening . . .

We hear your complaints that TAPL no longer publishes a hard copy directory each year. Our website developer is currently working on an online report which will allow you to print a directory at any time. It will include the same information, even pictures, as past directories. The major improvement is it will be CURRENT; or as current as each member keeps his or her own information. It's even more important you update your picture at our NOVEMBER meeting. To have your picture in the printable directory, you will have to have loaded a picture on our website. November is the last time this year TAPL will provide this opportunity at no cost. Thank you so much to those that participated in September's photographs. Watch the website as pictures are being updated daily. If you would like a retake, you may do so in November

Email Issues: You will also note, this month's newsletter will be sent out two different ways, one via our website and the other personally from Michelle Farrell's address. Please let me know if you don't receive one of the versions. If you aren't receiving them from the Website, first, check your junk mail folder and also check with your IT department and see if they are blocking items from schipul.net. If those don't produce results, please let me know mfarrell@highlandoilandgas.com so that we can forward this information to our service provider and hopefully resolve this annoying issue. It is a new issue and Schipul is aware of it. We hope to improve communications by using two resources for forwarding information. Also, realize that all information contained in this newsletter is also available on our website, click on the 'Newsletter' link on the top left hand side of our homepage, www.tapl.org.

Membership Renewal – REIMINDER

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008 – 2009, you are no longer active in our system! You won't be receiving email updates, reminders and more importantly, people can't find you when searching online. Please contact Jane Meyer at jmeyer@ramenergy.com to renew right away!

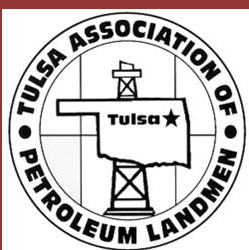
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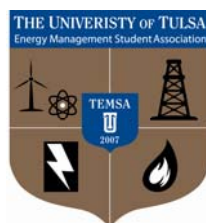
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TAPL & The University of Tulsa to create mentoring program!



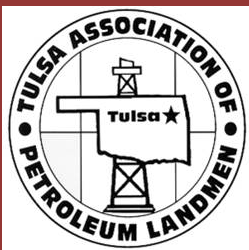
Beginning Spring Semester of 2009, the Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen and the University of Tulsa – through its Energy Management Student Association will begin a Mentoring Program designed to provide students with exposure to all aspects of the Land Profession as well as networking opportunities. This program will provide excellent opportunity to give back to a younger generation of landmen making their first steps into what can seem an intimidating line of work. This program is modeled on the very successful Oklahoma City Association of Petroleum Landmen – University of Oklahoma Energy Management Program model which continues to provide many of our members valuable contacts, as well as learning experience in their early years. A Mission Statement outlining the details of the program has been attached. If you are interested in being a mentor, please email me (Steve McNamara, Jr.) at stevem@brgcorp.com as soon as possible. We'd like to get mentors matched up with students before the quickly approaching holidays so the program will be ready to go January 1st, 2009.

Mission Statement for the Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen / University of Tulsa Energy Management Mentoring Program

To provide a creative educational partnership which is rewarding to both student and mentor, enhancing the students knowledge and appreciation of the energy industry, thereby enriching the professionalism and ethics of our future industry leaders.

The general guidelines for the Mentors and Students are as follows:

1. The Mentor will be responsible for contacting the Student at least once per month.
2. The Mentor, where possible, will provide the Student with exposure to the following:
 - I) the general organization of the Mentor's business.
 - II) an opportunity to get firsthand exposure to a working Land Department.
 - III) an opportunity to get firsthand exposure to the workings of an exploration prospect.
 - IV) an opportunity to meet with other land personnel in order to gain a greater perspective of the land profession.
 - V) an opportunity to meet with other disciplines outside of the land profession in order to gain a broader perspective of the energy industry.
 - VI) an opportunity to attend one TAPL monthly meeting or function.
3. The general guidelines for the Student are as follows:
 - I) The Student will set aside time to meet at least once per month with his or her mentor during the academic year.
 - II) The Student will set aside time to attend at least one TAPL monthly meeting or function.
 - III) The Student will invite Mentor to attend specified "Mentor Guest Nights" events each semester.



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In order to maintain and develop a mentoring program, it is necessary for the Mentor and the Student to complete an evaluation form as part of the Mentor and Student Agreement.

All information shared between the Mentor and Student, other than information already in the Public Domain, shall be considered strictly confidential unless they expressly agree to its release.

It is acknowledged that the Mentorship Program is run on a voluntary basis, and if at any time either party feels that their expectations are not being realized, either party is free to contact their Resource Person who will assist in finding a suitable resolution for all parties best interest. All parties agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the TAPL Code of Ethics.

If you are in agreement with fulfilling your respective commitments under this agreement, please sign this agreement and counter signed by the appropriate Resource Person.

Mentor _____ **Date** _____

Student _____ **Date** _____

Resource Person _____ **Date** _____

This form is available on our website

AAPL Licensing Issue Updates

Thanks to all of you who participated in our brief survey. Below are the results, do they reflect your opinion? Mona Ables' job as our AAPL Director is to represent our membership at the National Level. At the beginning of our dinner meeting, Monday, November 10th, 2008, Mona will provide more information and a final survey will follow via email. This is your chance to be heard. If you would like to talk with Mona directly on this matter, you can reach her at (918) 591-1819 or mables@samson.com. The next Board meeting is December 7th and we want her to have as much information from our membership as possible. This issue affects every landman, let your opinions be heard. Once a decision is made, there may be no reversing it.

What is your position regarding licensing of landmen?

23 For
44 Against
45 Need More Information

Are you in favor of AAPL pursuing the drafting of a bill regarding licensing of landmen in Texas.

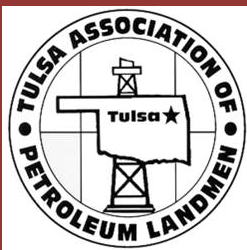
73 Yes
32 No

Do you think AAPL should immediately take action to ensure their chances of being included in the Jan to June 2009 Texas legislative session?

77 Yes
29 No

Are you currently a member of AAPL?

95 I am a member of TAPL & AAPL
15 I am only a member of TAPL



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Quarterly Board Meeting Report – Girdwood, AK – September 14, 2008, Submitted by Mona Ables, AAPL Director

The September 14 AAPL Board Meeting was called to Order at 8:00 a.m. by President Marshall Lochausen. The following AAPL business was discussed during the meeting:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: shared highlights of his travel plans to Billings, Montana. (Note: Marshall will be visiting Tulsa and speaking to TAPL at our 2/9/09 mtg)

STAFF REPORT: Robin Forte reported the following:

Summer NAPE 2008: Over 690 booths were sold for Summer NAPE which was **August 27-28**. The event was a success with over 6700 in attendance. Keynote speaker for the Industry luncheon was Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. AAPL raised \$75,000 to benefit wounded soldiers this year bringing the cumulative total up to about \$500,000.

NAPE 2009: Over 1200 booths have already been sold for NAPE 2009 which will be **February 5-6, 2009**. A listing of hotels with discounted rates available is on the website www.napeexpo.com. Attendee registration is expected to begin in mid-October.

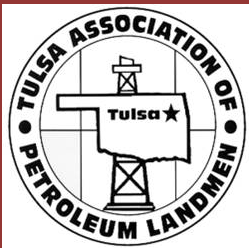
Education: AAPL has recently hired Sarah Tinsley as Assistant Director to help Richard Rosprim with the Education responsibilities. Since 7/2008, AAPL has processed 3 CPL applications, 9 RPL application and 2 RL applications.

Membership: Membership as of 8/7/2008 is 9,651. Approximately 1,577 members have not yet renewed their application.

Publications: AAPL is currently working on the 2009 Landmen's Directory & Guidebook in both printed and electronic format. For advertising opportunities, contact Kelly Davis at AAPL headquarters at (817) 231-4555 or via email at kdavis@landman.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bryan Hennigan reported that as of June 30, Total Assets for AAPL is \$11,830,990. Revenue was \$5,432,012, with the majority attributable to NAPE and membership dues. Expenses reported were \$3,171,804, with Salaries, benefits and G&A being the largest expenses. As of June 30, AAPL had \$777,856 in short term investments and \$7,591,324 in long term investments.

BUSINESS ITEMS: The following topics were included on the agenda for this Quarterly Board Meeting. Below is a summary of the discussion and/or action that was taken at the meeting.



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Licensing Task Force: The Executive Board provided each Board Member with the following items: 1) the Dec 1991 report and recommendation of the Licensing Study Committee; 2) the Aug 2008 report and recommendation of the Licensing Task Force; and 3) a two page summary of the benefits and detriments of enacting a recommendation to seek licensing of landmen. After review of these items, Craig Clark made a motion to allow AAPL proceed with licensing of landmen in Texas. The original motion as proposed by Craig brought about much discussion among the Board members present. Each Director had ample opportunity to voice concerns of the association they were representing and/or make suggested modifications to the original motion. After significant discussion, the group came up with a modified motion (**a copy of which is attached to this report**) which was approved by 30 of the 32 directors present. One Director voted no, and one Director elected to abstain. I want to be clear that the Directors did not vote on whether we were "in favor of" or "against" licensing – that will come in December and your input will be so very important. We did vote to see what a proposed bill would look like if we decided to pursue licensing of landmen in Texas. AAPL will work with the Hillco firm in Austin, TX to prepare a proposed bill which will be provided to each of the Director's no later than November 5th. Upon receipt, I will send the information to each active TAPL member for your review. It is likely that we will vote "for" or "against" licensing at the December Board Meeting. In the event the "for" vote prevails, your feedback, comments and recommendations for the proposed bill will be important to ensure that I properly represent TAPL's position in December.

Active to Senior Membership Requests: The Board approved Senior Membership status on Michael J. Cavender, S. Bobo McKenzie, Bruce M. Noonan and Susan E. Treece.

New Application/Membership Data Request: Minor modifications have been made to the revised Membership Application form. Specifically, the changes include 1) clearly stating that the \$100 application fee is a "non-refundable" charge; 2) inserting the words "if approved" regarding the time period for which dues are being paid; 3) including the applicant's name at the top of pages 2 & 3 of the application; and 4) requiring the complete work history for both Active & Associate membership status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A summary of the written Committee Reports provided are as follows:

The American Oil & Gas Historical Society (AOGHS): AOGHS is planning its 3rd annual Energy Education Conference and Field Trip November 12 – 14 in Houston, Texas.

Ethics Committee: Committee is currently reviewing five (5) cases.

Legislative/Regulatory: The committee has been very active watching legislative issues in Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Utah.

Awards: Nominations for 2009 Awards will be sent via email to the Board and association Presidents in early November and must be submitted by Jan 30, 2009.

Publications Committee: Richard Ryan is looking for new committee members if anyone is interested. They are looking for new articles to be published in The Landman.

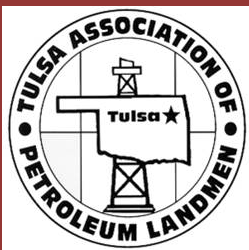
Field Landman Committee: Randy Nichols has been surveying field landmen for input into their needs in the field. In response to the survey, the Committee will be offering more web based workshops, seminars etc to maintain certifications.

Certification: David Miller said the Committee is currently reviewing over 200 applications for certification.

Education: The Winter Land Institute will make comparisons among major shale plays. The Committee is working on an additional educational institute as well.

The next AAPL Board Meeting will be held **December 7th**. Please feel free to provide me with your feedback on the licensing issue at any time as I intend to organize our responses and get a summary posted on the website for review by the membership.

If there are additional issues for me to bring forward on behalf of TAPL please let me know. Should you have any questions regarding the information included in this report or if you would like to get copies of any individual committee reports, please feel free to drop me an email @ mables@samson.com or call @ 918-591-1819 (off) or 918-645-8154 (cell). Thanks!



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Our fall member's only golf tournament was an overwhelming success; we gave away over \$20,000 in prizes. The Tournament committee was able to contribute \$2,500 to the TU Energy Management Program. Special thanks go out the committee which included: Tony Cervi, Michelle Farrell, Hamel Reinmiller, Willie Barron, Matt Hood, Steve McNamara, Jr.

Most of all, thank you to our golf tournament sponsors:

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TAPL scholarship recipients from last month's Energy Management Awards Banquet (Pictured L to R: Gale Sullenberger- Dean of the Collins College of Business, Sam Pryor, Jaclyn Martin, Andrew Fonseca, Martin Lebrun, Hamel Reinmiller- TAPL, Aaron Edwards and Ted Jacobs-Director of Energy Management)