



## ***“THE TAKEOFF”***

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### **THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

“My fellow Americans!” What an important and meaningful opening remark for those of us blessed to be in this country and working in our industry. A less fortunate alternative would be working in a country separated by its own internal strife or in the midst of war. Well, maybe we are! Our nation is at war with the world against terrorism and our country is divided in one of the worst political battles and economic upheavals in modern times. I am glad I chose a profession that will never die, for we all know that “Land is basis of all Wealth”. I am sure it ranks up there with that other of the oldest professions, and sometimes, may be as lucrative. HA HA HA! Oh well, enough satire, let’s get to business.

I am very happy to follow in the footsteps of the very astute and inspiring Presidents of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter (MLBC) of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL). As I said in my induction of office speech, “I consider it an honor and privilege to serve this organization”. I will do my best to make sure this organization is and remains in the highest regard by our members, their companies, the industry, the AAPL and other affiliated industry organizations.

We have grown to a very sizable organization, primarily over the past two or three years through a doubling of our membership, now exceeding 900. Although we have had many people join on their own, many of our member companies have encouraged membership in MLBC and AAPL to its land professionals. This, in itself, reflects a commitment by our members to building and maintaining our strength, unity and professional standards.

Along with growth comes both obligation and opportunity. Obligation to improve the dynamics of the organization, while making sure the quality of our service (education/social) is maintained. Opportunity for education, networking, deal making and building lasting relations with others in your profession that can (and will) help you throughout your career. As many of our more senior Landmen can opine, the industry is fickle. But those who work hard, continue to build their experience and knowledge, and

persevere the hard times (and there have been some of those), will remain gainfully employed, be able to provide a good standard of living for their families, and in some instance, for others.

If you are involved in any aspect of MLBC, many thanks! We have a number of volunteers that get “taken advantage of” regularly, therefore we need many more people involved. The Education Committee can always use help with registration and obtaining good topics and speakers. Please consider serving the organization by becoming a member of a committee.

Our upcoming event at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort promises to be a great time. Golf, clay shooting, tour of Fallingwaters, all followed by a time for socializing and a delicious dinner. Don’t forget, Joe Hardy, owner of Nemaocolin and 84 Lumber, will be our speaker, just before dinner. A business meeting and awards program will follow dinner. See you there!



Mark A. Acree  
MLBC President  
2011-2012

## **JUNE DINNER MEETING AND SEMINAR**

MLBC sponsored a half day seminar at the Bridgeport Conference Center. A big THANK YOU goes out to our speakers Sharon Flanery of Steptoe and Johnson, Ryan Morgan of Steptoe and Johnson, Steven Prunty of Bowles Rice, Asa Bowers of Mason Dixon Energy. As usual, a magnificent job. Also, another THANK YOU goes to Cindy Torbeck and Anthony Farr for their time and effort in organizing this event. For those of you who were not able to attend the June 2011 meeting, below are a few pictures of the festivities, including an impromptu visit from the AAPL’s Treasurer (Houston Kaufman), awarding of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter Scholarship to Glenville State College and the election of Officers and Directors for the 2011-2012 term. The MLBC board members for the 2011-2012 term are:

Mark Acree	President	Brad McPherson	Past President
Rich Robb	Vice President	Arnie Schulberg	Regional Director
Cindy Torbeck	Treasurer	Darryl Griwatz	Director
Chuck Heilmann	Secretary	Aaron Yost	Director
Cecil Ray	Sergeant at Arms	John Kimbleton	Director



Brad McPherson had more fun than most.



Houston Kaufmann, AAPL Treasurer



President Brad McPherson presented the 2011/2012 MLBC Scholarship

## **NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

Join us at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort for our September 2011 Dinner Meeting and Golf Awards featuring speaker Joe Hardy, *Nemaocolin Woodlands Owner and Founder of 84 Lumber*. Dinner Registration Fee is \$50.00. Social hour begins at 5:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. A business meeting and awards program will follow dinner. Drinks are free thanks to our meeting sponsors! For this meeting, please note that dinner will be preceded by our speaker. Nemaocolin has special room rates available for attendees of this event, just mention MLBC when contacting the resort. [www.nemaocolin.com](http://www.nemaocolin.com). If you have any questions about the dinner meeting, please contact us at [Reservations@MLBC-AAPL.org](mailto:Reservations@MLBC-AAPL.org).

## **GOLF OUTING**

It's again time for the Annual MLBC Fall Golf Outing at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort & Spa. This year we will be playing Nemaocolin's Mystic Rock course. Based on this events outstanding sponsorship, we will be handing out more than \$15,000 in prizes, and everyone who participates has a chance to win! We will have skill prizes as well as a huge hole-in-one prize. You must be present at the awards portion of the evening to claim a prize. Due to a highly efficient system, registration for this event is **"sold out"**. Through our e-mail blasts to members (another benefit of membership), 144 participants have signed up. A waiting list is in place for this event. If you have any questions contact Steve Carr at [StephenCarr@tsdudley.com](mailto:StephenCarr@tsdudley.com) or Brandon Ward at [BrandonWard@tsdudley.com](mailto:BrandonWard@tsdudley.com).

**Dinner Registration is Separate and In addition to Event Fees.**

## **SPORTING CLAYS**

Sporting Clays at Nemaocolin Woodlands has been compared to golf with a gun...It doesn't get any better than that! If you ever thought you would like to try this sport there is no better place to start. They have a friendly and helpful staff that can accommodate the first time shooter and the experienced marksman. The \$75.00 registration fee for this event includes 100 targets, trapper guide services, eye and ear protection, box lunch, taxes and gratuities. Equipment will be available for rent if needed. Prizes will be awarded for the high scores. Register Soon! An e-mail with details and directions will be sent to the participants as the shoot approaches. If you have any questions contact Rich Robb at [RichardBRobb@tanglewoodexp.com](mailto:RichardBRobb@tanglewoodexp.com).

**Dinner Registration is Separate and In addition to Event Fees.**

## **FALLINGWATER TOUR**

In conjunction with the Annual MLBC Fall Golf Outing at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, the MLBC is offering the opportunity to tour Frank Lloyd Wright's world famous Fallingwater. This beautiful house was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most well known architect, for the Kaufmann family in 1939. It is now a National Historic Landmark and is perhaps one of the most recognized homes in the world. Take a tour and still be back in time for the MLBC dinner! The Tour Fee is \$25.00 and includes the shuttle to Fallingwater from Nemaocolin. The shuttle will leave Nemaocolin promptly at 11:30 AM. Lunch at the Fallingwater Café will be at each individual's expense. Only 25 spots are available...Register Soon! An e-mail with exact meeting location will be sent out as the event date approaches. If you have any questions please contact Carol Hoch at [Carol.Hoch@cabotog.com](mailto:Carol.Hoch@cabotog.com).

**Dinner Registration is Separate and In addition to Event Fees.**

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING SPONSORS**

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## **MLBC WEBSITE**

If you experience any problems using the website or if you have any suggestions, please contact Jeremy Preston via e-mail at [JPreston@eqt.com](mailto:JPreston@eqt.com).

## **NEW MAILING ADDRESS**

As many of you are aware, we have had a lot of trouble with our existing Post Office Box. Part of that problem is each year we have to forward mail to the newly elected officer and depend on the USPS to see the mail reaches that person. In order to make this a seamless process in the future, the Executive Committee voted to use the services of the UPS Store. The UPS Store will forward the mail on a weekly basis to the appropriate officer. This officer and their address can be changed at anytime. Please make note of our new address: Michael Benedum Chapter of the AAPL (MLBC) 3945 Forbes Ave #451, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

The old PO Box will remain open and the mail will be forwarded to our new address for the next six months.

## **EDUCATION FOR SPRING 2012**

We have several opportunities for MLBC members to further their education this spring. Please see the AAPL web site for complete listings. ( [www.landman.org](http://www.landman.org) ) Send any suggestions you may have on classes you would like to see offered for our members to the MLBC suggestion box. The suggestion box is to help the MLBC leadership better serve our members. Also as a member of the AAPL, you have access to various papers, forms & links.

The Education Committee is in need of volunteers. We are looking for people who are interested in helping with planning our seminars and educational events, as well as helping schedule our dinner meeting speakers. If you are interested in helping with this committee please email Anthony Farr at [AFarr@HawkeyeResearchInc.com](mailto:AFarr@HawkeyeResearchInc.com) .

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cynthia Torbeck reports the bank balance is \$51,040.70. There are no outstanding bills. MLBC 2010 fiscal year taxes are in the hands of our new accountant Randy Preston, and will be filed with the IRS by November 15, 2011.

## **AAPL REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The AAPL Board of Directors meeting was held on June 8, 2011 at the Boston Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts. The board meeting was held in conjunction with the AAPL Annual Meeting. Below is a brief summary of meeting highlights:

**AAPL Membership:** Total AAPL membership as of May 13, 2011 is 12,415, inclusive of student members.

**AAPL Financial Report:** For annual period ending March 31, 2011, AAPL's total assets have increased from \$16,351,400 to \$20,775,004, a change of \$4,423,604, or 27.1%. The AAPL Education Foundation, Inc. assets have increased from \$2,587,923 to \$3,239,061, an increase of 25.2%. The AAPL Landman Scholarship Trust assets have increased from \$1,312,841 to \$1,568,361, an increase of 19.5%.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting recently held in Boston, Massachusetts was very successful with over 900 registrants. The Education Committee did an excellent job providing high profile and high quality speakers, and the Keynote Speaker, Carl Rove, provided a lively and entertaining speech. The Boston venue provided ample outdoor recreational opportunities for attendees.

The AAPL has recently hired Peirpont Communications as a consultant to help identify AAPL's strengths and weaknesses and to ascertain how the AAPL can continue to grow and prosper. The MLBC's new Regional Director, Arnie Schulberg, will keep you apprised of future developments.

Gregory Zerkel  
MLBC Regional Director

## **SUPPORT YOU LOCAL ASSOCIATION**

Please remember, this is your Association. The strength of the MLBC is in its people. While the Officers and Executive Committee members of the Association are elected to serve the needs of the organization, we look forward to and encourage volunteerism for many of the important and necessary committee positions. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in registration for meetings and seminars. Please contact any of the officers to see how you can help.

The Association is in real need of volunteers for the Education Committee and Photography Committee. Please consider yourself for one of these committees. Your Association needs You.

## **2011 MEMBERSHIP**

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at [www.mlbc-aapl.org](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org). If you failed to renew your MLBC membership timely, please complete a new membership application and submit it with the required “reinstatement” fee.

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 Jeremy D. Preston at [jpreston@egt.com](mailto:jpreston@egt.com).

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The 2011-2012 MLBC Membership Directory is on schedule to be printed and ready for distribution by mid September 2011.

### **July 2011 – New Members \***

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Member Type</b>
John	Munroe	BG Group	Active
James	Price	Cinco Energy Services	Active
Evan	Mungai	Consol Energy / CNX	Associate
Donna	Cunningham	Independent	Associate
Kenneth	Davis	Doyle Land Services, Inc.	Active
John	Purvis	Doyle Land Services, Inc.	Active
Amy	Wigner	Holland Services	Active
Crystal	Perkins	Honor Resources Company	Active
Sean	O’Connor	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Melvin	Hill	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Jennifer	Barnette	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Rodney	Gibson	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Jeff	White	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Debra	Carlos	Honor Resources Company	Active
Jeri	Wagley	Honor Resources Company	Active
Ryan	Clark	Honor Resources Company	Associate
Forrest	Mullineaux	Mason Dixon Energy	Active
Andrew	Mullineaux	Mason Dixon Energy	Active
Patricia	Blaney	Mason Dixon Energy	Active
John	Wilshere	Mason Dixon Energy	Associate
Brian	Teslovich	Mountaineer	Active
Elizabeth	Day	Precision Oil & Gas	Associate
Phillip	Sofis	Range Resources	Active
Paul	Krieger	Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC	Associate
Kimberly	Gamrod	Sylvan Energy	Active
Peter	Rantovich	Sylvan Energy	Active
Bill	Bremmer	Weldan Group	Active
Blake	Anderson	XTO Energy Inc.	Active



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Keith

Blackburn  
Burke

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\* Notice of the application(s) of all potential Chapter member(s) shall be published in the next regularly scheduled monthly Chapter "Takeoff" newsletter. Active members shall have the opportunity during for 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.

## **2011 – 2012 MLBC Meeting Schedule** **(remains under construction)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
September 8, 2011	Nemacolin Woodlands Farmington, PA	Golf Outing, Clay Shoot, Fallingwaters	Joe Hardy - Founder and CEO of "84" Lumber Company
October 13, 2011	Wheeling Island Hotel and Casino Wheeling, WV		
November 10, 2011	Comfort Inn Marietta, OH		
<b>Possible new date:</b> December 8, 2011	Pittsburgh, PA	Luncheon, joint with NALA	
<b>Possible new date:</b> January 12, 2012	Pittsburgh, PA	Luncheon, joint with NALA	
February 9, 2012	Four Points Sheridan Mars, PA		
March, 8, 2012	Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV		
April 12, 2012	TBD – South Side of Pittsburgh, PA		
May 10, 2012	Wheeling Island Hotel and Casino, Wheeling, WV	Joint seminar with EMLF and MLBCCharity Golf Outing	
June 7, 2012	Bridgeport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV	Introduction of new officers	

## 2010-2011 Officers and Executive Committee

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## 2010-2011 Committee Chairs

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