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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The 2009-2010 fiscal year of the MLBC has come and gone and we are still here. The news out of the Gulf of Mexico, while disturbing is not the end. America is a petroleum based economy and will continue to be one for the foreseeable future. While we will be under assault from numerous environmental groups as well as an ever increasing level of regulation the Oil & Gas Industry in the Appalachian Basin is stronger than ever.

The future while filled with many obstacles is bright and has provided career opportunities to many of us. My hope is that the young men and women entering our profession don't look at land work as a stepping stone to a job in some other sector of the economy. I encourage you to take advantage of all the educational events offered through the local and national organizations. I would also encourage you to pursue college degrees either online or through night classes. The value of knowledge in your climb through the ranks is only outweighed by your versatility and effort. It seems that today we have many land personnel who are specialized or one dimensional. While this is the way many organizations function, it may not be in your best interest. When an opportunity presents itself that will allow you to broaden your resume' take it or at least consider it. Try to experience all of the functions performed in the land profession and I think you will find your opportunity for promotion and your overall job satisfaction level will be enhanced.

With that being said, I will be looking forward to seeing all of you in September at Nemaquin for the first meeting of the new fiscal year. In the meantime work hard and take advantage of the opportunities before you and remember you are only as good as your word.

James “Brad” McPherson, CPL
MLBC President

June Meeting

Our June meeting focused on the award of a \$750 donation to the West Virginia Oil and Gas Museum at Parkersburg. Dave McKain was at the meeting to accept the donation and offer a few words about the progress of the museum.

We also awarded the second grant of the Michael Late Benedum Chapter scholarship at Glenville State College (GSC). The association increased its grant this year to \$5,000 with \$3,500 going to Chance Chapman, who was the recipient of the first MLBC scholarship, and the remaining funds will be awarded by GSC to a student in the Land Resource Management program that has specific financial needs. Ben Snyder, GSC Land Resource Professor, was at the meeting to accept the scholarship award and comment of the status of the program.



Dave McKain



Ben Snyder



Scholarship winner, Chance Chapman
with Richard Dailey and Ben Snyder

Richard Dailey also received a much deserved “Thank You” from incoming President Brad McPherson. Richard has served the MLBC for many years and will now take his place as “President Emeritus” of the Executive Committee. Richard received a plaque commemorating his tenure as President on the MLBC and his many years of faithful service to the association.



Richard Dailey and Brad McPherson

WHAT'S COMING UP

We are off for the summer and will return to our regular meeting schedule in September at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA. This is a Five Star resort near Uniontown PA, which is south of Pittsburgh in Fayette County. Check out Nemacolin Woodlands Resort at www.nemacolin.com. At this time, we have a golf outing and skeet shoot scheduled. We are also working on a rig tour somewhere in the vicinity. The rig tour will have a limited capacity, so watch for further details by e-mail and on the MLBC website.

Dinner costs will remain the same at \$50 per person. Costs of the golf will be around \$120 per person and skeet will be around \$70 per person. The rig tour will most likely be sponsored.

A LOOK FORWARD

In October, we will try out another new location at the Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV. Vienna is just north of Parkersburg along the river. 2010-2011 Education Chairman, Cindy Torbeck and Asst Chairman, Aaron Hubbard are working to bring the MLBC membership another exciting educational event with a full day seminar. "Back to Basics" will most likely be the theme, with topics on title issues, platting, curative and "what a title package should look like" as the focus. Cindy Torbeck is also trying to set up an ethics presentation, which may be part of the seminar or the dinner meeting in November at Charleston. Registration fees for the October seminar are expected to be similar to those of the April 2010 seminar at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg PA.

November will return us to the Marriott Hotel in Charleston WV. A dinner meeting format will be offered that evening. This meeting will be on a Wednesday, so we do not conflict with Veterans Day activities on Thursday.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

(A/K/A THE TREASURER'S REPORT)

Rich Robb reports the chapter to be in good financial standing with a present balance on June 21, 2010 of \$35,366.60.

If you were not aware, the Treasurer is responsible for registration at MLBC seminars and meetings, which means recruiting a number of volunteers to assist in the process. If you are a meeting sponsor and would like to provide a group to assist, or if you would just like to throw your hat in the ring and assist in this process, please contact Chuck Heilmann (the 2010-2011 Treasurer) at 304-348-5314. Registration normally includes 2 to 4 people who can arrive early for the seminars and meetings. Volunteering is a great way to participate in the activities of the MLBC and it is greatly appreciated.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The AAPL Quarterly Board Meeting was held on June 15-16, 2010 at the Vail Mountain Marriott, Vail, Colorado. The board meeting was held in conjunction with the AAPL Annual Meeting. Below is a brief summary of meeting highlights:

New AAPL EVP Introduced: Martin (Marty) Schardt was introduced to AAPL board members as the new EVP of AAPL. As many of you know, Robin Forte recently resigned as EVP of AAPL to assume the new position of EVP NAPE. Marty was selected from a field of qualified candidates and received a unanimous vote of approval to hire from the AAPL Board. The EVP Search Committee was led by Steve Wentworth, AAPL First VP.

AAPL Membership: Total AAPL membership as of May 13, 2010 is 11,437, inclusive of student members.

AAPL Financial Report: For annual period ending March 31, 2010, AAPL's total assets have increased from \$9,983,351 to \$16,351,509, a change of \$6,368,158, or 63.8%. The large increase in revenue is attributable to a successful and profitable NAPE at Winter NAPE, and improved performance in the

investment accounts. The AAPL Education Foundation, Inc. assets have increased from \$2,122,534 to \$2,587,923, an increase of 21%. The AAPL Landman Scholarship Trust assets have increased from \$879,691 to \$1,312,841, an increase of 49.2%

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was very successful with over 800 registrants. The Education Committee did an excellent job providing high profile and high quality speakers. The Rocky Mountain venue provided ample outdoor recreational opportunities for attendees.

Gregory A. Zerkel
MLBC Regional Director

BEFORE THE BOARD

The following officers were elected and introduced at the June meeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Brad McPherson, President
Mark Acree, Vice President
Rich Robb, Secretary
Chuck Heilmann, Treasurer
Cynthia Torbeck, Sergeant at Arms
Darryl Griwatz, Director
Cecil Ray, Director
Aaron Yost, Director (New)

The Executive Committee will meet in early August to discuss the association's agenda for the remainder of 2010 and outline the 2010-2011 meetings. If you have any issues that require attention, please contact any of the Executive Committee members. Your comments and/or questions will be addressed at the next meeting.

Some topics/issues under consideration are:

- 1) Review of CPA firm for possible change
- 2) A job bank for the MLBC website or newsletter
- 3) Additional website development
- 4) Addition of company links to the website and online directory

EDUCATION FORUM

We have been advised the EMLF (Eastern Mineral Law Foundation) and the RMMLF (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation) will jointly host a seminar late this year (probably in December) in the Appalachian region related to oil and gas industry topics in the shale play. Stay tuned for the topics and outline of this educational event. AAPL is expected to be one of the seminar sponsors.

The AAPL publishes many interesting and educational articles in the Landman and Landman II magazines. Published articles can be found on the AAPL website at www.landman.org/landmanarchive. Search for the article by title or author. If you are not an AAPL member, consider joining AAPL for the benefits of the magazine and contacts.

MLBC is always looking for topics of interest to our membership. 2010-2011 Education Committee Chairman, Cindy Torbeck, Asst Chairman, Aaron Hubbard, and the members of the Executive Committee are always interested in hearing from members if you have topics, issues or seminar suggestions for future meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. If you failed to renew your MLBC membership timely, please complete a reinstatement form 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 Chuck Heilmann at directory@mlbc-aapl.org.

The following applications for membership in the MLBC are currently in review.

Member Name	Company Name
Robin Cross	Honor Resources
William Timothy Dorch	Honor Resources
Nathan Elmond	Precision Oil & Gas
Curtis M. Fox	Fox Land Services
Seth Harper	Honor Resources
Kenneth Kearney	Precision Oil & Gas
Chris Mann	Honor Resources
Sheila Millinder	Precision Oil & Gas
Rodney Parsons	Honor Resources
Steven Seagraves	Honor Resources
Pamela Skeen	Honor Resources
Michael Stewart	Precision Oil & Gas
Scott Swan	Honor Resources
Deborah Wendt	Precision Oil & Gas
Brian Wiseman	Mason Dixon Energy

Pursuant to the new by-laws, the prospective new member’s names are being published for the required 30-day period at the end of which, barring any credible protests filed against an individual, they will be voted in as new members. If you have any questions regarding your membership please contact Chuck Heilmann at 304-348-5314 or by email to CHEilmann@eqt.com.

YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU

Please remember, this is your Chapter. The strength of the MLBC is in its people. While the Officers and Executive Committee members of the Chapter 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 see any of the Chapter’s Officers or Directors to express your interest in participating in our organizations activities.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A hearty **Thank You** to our meeting sponsors for the June 2010 event. These sponsors provide a welcome atmosphere to our social interaction.

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

MLBC logo denim shirts are now available for \$30, if picked up at meetings. These come in Khaki or Maroon. These will be available at the meetings until they are gone.

Schedule of Events 2010 - 201

Date	Location	Topic	Speaker
September 11, 2010	Nemacolin Woodlands, Farmington PA	Golf Outing, Skeet Shoot, Rig Tour and Dinner Speaker	Pennsylvania DEP
October 14, 2010	Grand Pointe Conference Center, Vienna WV	Full day Seminar and Dinner Speaker	TBA
November 10, 2010 (This is a Wednesday)	Marriott Hotel Charleston, WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
February 10, 2011	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
March 10, 2011	Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, Canonsburg, PA	Seminar and Dinner speaker	TBA
April 14, 2011	Marriott Hotel, Charleston WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
May 12, 2011	Wheeling Island Resort and Casino Wheeling, WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
June 9, 2011	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Induction of New Officers and GSC Scholarship Award	TBA

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