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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Last month I spoke about the importance of prioritizing one’s tasks. While prioritizing one’s tasks is important, it only takes problem solving to a basic level. The real work comes down to details. The detailing of a task that is often repeated, like the formation of a Drilling/Production Unit, can be simplified by standardizing the procedure.

To develop a procedure for standardizing a task, you must first logically think your way through the steps involved. Once you have thought through the procedure, you then need to reduce your thoughts to a draft outline. The draft outline should attempt to identify the basic steps in the procedure. Next, you will need to provide particular detail to each basic component of the procedure. When detailing the procedure, get specific and identify each individual aspect of that part of the procedure. In some cases it may be a good idea to develop a checklist to ensure that you don’t miss a step. Often times the development of a form is helpful. The form should have headers for all of the information you will need when working through a procedure. The development of your procedure is not the end of the standardization process. Periodic reviews of your processes are necessary to fine tune your procedure and adjust for regulatory changes that may have occurred.

While this may seem too basic, I believe that consistency in how we approach a recurring task is the key to accomplishing the task in a more efficient manner. Standardization is also helpful when training new employees. Providing a new employee with your organization’s way of accomplishing a task will shorten the learning curve and produce productive, consistent employees more quickly.

So if you don't already have well defined ways of accomplishing recurring tasks, take the time to develop them. I think the effort you put into the development of the procedure will make you a more efficient, effective and ultimately a more valuable landman, and remember a little extra work now can make your life less stressful and more productive in the future.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010

The November Meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Charleston, WV. This meeting will have a half day seminar with presentations by Professor Rico Gazal of the Glenville State College. There is no charge to attend the seminar. The cost for the dinner/meeting is \$50.00 per person through November 5th. Registration for dinner/meeting can be made online at www.mlbc-aapl.org. Remember to register separately for the seminar.

“LAND GAB”

The Basics of GIS by Rico Gazal

THE MLBC PRESENTS THE BASICS OF GIS BY RICO GAZAL AND CHAPTER MEETING

The boom in the oil and gas industry is accompanied by the need to produce sophisticated maps to accurately depict geographical data. Available software to perform Geographic Information System (GIS) is costly and may not necessarily be available. The ArcExplorer Java Edition for Education (AEJEE), developed by ESRI and originally designed for use in elementary and high school classroom, is a free software and available for download at: <http://edcommunity.esri.com/software/aejee/>. AEJEE is very similar in basic operations to the full ArcGIS software.

As described in ESRI's website, ArcExplorer Java Edition for Education (AEJEE) is a downloadable, lightweight GIS tool for exploring geographic data. AEJEE can save and open projects, so work can be shared between users, or between school and home. AEJEE can classify and symbolize shapefiles, integrate a wide array of image data, project on-the-fly shapefiles stored in decimal degree, and use data distributed over the Internet [hosted on ArcIMS sites](#). Fortunately, there are a few ArcIMS sites available on the web (<http://mapwv.gov> for West Virginia and <http://maps.pasda.psu.edu> for Pennsylvania). ESRI has also its own list of ArcIMS sites at <http://edcommunity.esri.com/data/arcims/>.

The seminar on Basics of GIS sponsored by MLBC: Association of Professional Landmen will be held in Charleston, WV at the Marriott Hotel on November 10, 2010. This course will introduce basic concepts of GIS and also explore the basics of preparing maps using ESRI's ArcExplorer Java Edition for Education (AEJEE). The seminar will be lead by Dr. Rico M. Gazal and assisted by many GIS experts in West Virginia and nearby states. Dr. Gazal is a professor at the Department of Land Resources, Glenville State College where he teaches forestry and GIS courses. The Department of Land Resources offers two GIS courses (Intro to GIS and an advanced, hands-on type GIS course) for their Natural Resources Management, Forestry, Land Surveying and Landman students.

Basics of GIS Seminar



Introducing concepts of GIS and explore the basics of preparing maps using a free software called ArcExplorer Java Edition for education

Seminar Date: Wednesday, November 10th, 2010

Seminar Time: 1pm to 4:30pm

Seminar Location: Marriott Hotel, Charleston WV

Seminar Instructor: Professor Rico Gazal of Glenville State College.

Everyone will need to bring their own laptop or work with someone who has a laptop. You will need to download the free version of the GIS software needed for the seminar from the link listed below.

Please use the following link to download the program needed for the class.

<http://edcommunity.esri.com/software/aejee/>

EVENING ACTIVITIES:

5-6pm Dinner Reception

6-7pm Dinner

7-8pm Ethics Presentation by George "Rob" Shultz, CPL professional development advisor for ExxonMobil Production Company

The discussion will cover the following key points;

- Why Consider Ethics at all?
- Ethics Generally
- Ethics and the land profession
- Avoiding ethical dilemmas
- An ethical Self-Help Checklist

A LOOK AHEAD

The MLBC will adjourn for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 and return to our regularly scheduled meeting in February 2011.

FEBRUARY 10, 2011 MEETING

The February meeting will be held at the Bridgeport Conference Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia. The Dinner Speaker is to be announced.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Heilmann reports the bank balance is \$23,888.98. There are no outstanding bills. The tax return for MLBC is being prepared.

BEFORE THE BOARD

- 1) Besides getting the current tax return completed, we also need to find a new accountant or CPA that will be able to handle the tax filings in coming years. The current CPA has indicated she will not be able to continue serving the MLBC.
- 2) Aaron Yost is working with Oglebay for the golf outing in May 2011.
- 3) Rick Corman at Mason Dixon will be assisting Chuck with membership tracking.
- 4) Do we want to return to Nemaocolin? Golf was great, but poor turnout for dinner. What do you think? Please let us hear from you on the member message board.
- 5) Education Committee should try to determine when and where the MLBC could assist hosting the AAPL Field Landman seminar this winter or spring.
- 6) The board is considering selling advertising in the monthly news letter and welcomes comments from the members.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the event any MLBC member has issues or concerns they would like to have discussed at future AAPL board meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at gzerkel@gmail.com or 304-677-8228. As your MLBC Regional Director, I will be pleased to be your conduit to the AAPL Board of Directors.

Greg Zerkel, Regional Director

EDUCATION FORUM

Pennsylvania Orders Moratorium on Oil and Gas Leases in State Forests

By Russell L. Schetroma, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell has signed an executive order banning future oil and gas leasing of lands owned or managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Governor Rendell's order does not affect existing leases on state forest land, but it does prohibit any further leasing of the 2.2 million acres of forest owned or managed by the DCNR. Since 2008, Pennsylvania has generated \$4.5 million in royalties from leases on approximately 700,000 acres of state land overlying the gas-rich Marcellus shale formation.

State-owned lands cover less than 10 percent of the Marcellus formation in Pennsylvania, according to Terry Engelder, a Pennsylvania State University geologist. While there are only about 20 wells currently producing gas from the Marcellus formation on state property, that number could grow to as many as 12,000 wells over the next 20 years under existing leases, according to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

According to Governor Rendell, the order was in response to the state Senate's failure to act on House Bill 2235, which would have instituted a similar moratorium on leasing of state forest lands. Depending on the outcome of the upcoming election, the moratorium could be lifted as early as January. The Republican candidate for governor, Attorney General Tom Corbett, has indicated he is opposed to a moratorium, while his opponent, Democrat Dan Onorato, supports it.

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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 contact any of the officers to see how you can help.

We need a volunteer to organize our September Golf Outing.

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 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 Chuck Heilmann at CHeilmann@eqt.com.

If you have any questions regarding your membership please contact Chuck Heilmann at 304-348-5314 or by email to CHeilmann@eqt.com.

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Schedule of Events 2010 – 2011

Date	Location	Topic	Speaker
November 10, 2010 <i>(This is a Wednesday)</i>	Marriott Hotel Charleston, WV	Half day Seminar and Dinner Speaker	George "Rob" Scultz, CPL
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	TBA Charleston WV	Dinner Speaker	TBA
May 12, 2011	Oglebay Resort Wheeling WV	Charity Golf Outing and Dinner Speaker	TBA
June 9, 2011	Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, WV	Induction of New Officers and GSC Scholarship Award	TBA

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