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A Message from the President

Dearest MAPL Members,

Happy Holidays! It surely has been an interesting year as we have eclipsed the first year of Donald Trump's presidency; the industry appears to have picked up somewhat over 2016 when comparing the number of landmen working in the field, the price of oil and gas, and new permit applications; all are trending upwards which is a welcomed indicator as we move into 2018.

There is also the strengthening bond between industry partners in advocating a positive public perception of safe and reliable fossil fuels- we look forward to leading the charge alongside MOGA in the New Year.

As we all know, AAPL President, David W. Miller, CPL, initiated a Disaster Relief Fund specifically for the benefit of those in the oil and gas industry that were affected by Hurricane's Harvey and Irma. While the fund was created as a result of the devastation caused by these hurricanes, the fund is now permanent and will be utilized in the future as other natural disasters may occur. MAPL, with the approval of the Board and all members in attendance at the November 1st General Membership Meeting at Boone's, has made a donation towards this fund.

Moving into 2018, be on the look-out for great events hosted by MAPL, AAPL, and MOGA; starting with MAPL's Mini Seminar followed by MOGA's dinner meeting on February 15; then AAPL's JOA Seminar on March 14. You won't want to miss these opportunities for continuing education credits and networking with colleagues.

Merry Christmas,

Matt Maritz, RPL | MAPL President



2018 Winter Mini-Seminar

The 23rd Annual Winter Seminar is to be held on February 15th in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn Convention Center from 11:30am-3:00pm

Come one, come all! Please join us in Mt. Pleasant for a few thought inspiring presentations prior to the MOGA meeting later that evening. Mark your calendars for **February 15, 2018**. The event will begin promptly at 11:30AM with a reception and sandwich bar. Presentations will begin promptly at noon. AAPL continuing education credits will be available. I'm happy to welcome the featured speakers below.

Michael DeWilde | Professor of Ethics at Grand Valley State University | Mr. DeWilde is currently the director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative in the Seidman College of Business, as well as a full professor in the Management Department there. He joined GVSU faculty in 1994. He holds an MTS from Harvard University and his undergraduate work at William James College (GVSU). His research and teaching interests include the impact of social capital on civic and economic well-being, neuroethics, and the use of roleplaying in the method & theory of teaching business.

Michael Cornelius | *Michigan Oil and Gas Association* | Mike is the Outreach Coordinator for MOGA. He will be presenting a detailed view of some key legislative issues that will affect our industry in the coming year.

Sara L. Cunningham, J.D. | *Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, P.C.* | Sara earned a law degree at the Ohio State University College of Law. She is admitted to the State Bars of Michigan and Ohio. Her expertise includes regulatory matters and title work, as well as a diverse litigation practice in oil and gas, construction law, labor and employment law and business and commercial law. Sara will be speaking about the end of Michigan's dower law and how this will affect oil and gas leasing and title examinations in the future.



Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas!

Chris Tooman, CPL | MAPL Secretary

We want to hear from you!

When planning an MAPL Meeting or Seminar we find ourselves scratching our heads trying to come up with new ideas. Keeping things fresh and new can be difficult sometimes. In the spring of 2016 a Membership Survey was released to gauge how well the organization was doing and to find out what we could do to better serve our Members. We want everyone to get the most out of their membership by providing quality education, entertaining events and useful resources.

So, once again, we would like to hear from you! No survey, just your thoughts. How are we doing? What do you think of MAPL Events? What can we improve on? Are there industry topics or presentations that you would like to see? Is there an MAPL member that you would like to see join the Board? In the spirit of the holidays, give us the gift of your feedback. It will be greatly appreciated and beneficial to all. You can email me directly at Gregh@michiganlandman.com. As 2017 winds down we are looking ahead to 2018 and want to make it a great year.

The Spring General Membership Meeting will return to Spare Time Entertainment Center in Lansing, Michigan on May 7, 2018, the evening of the State of Michigan Mineral Auction. Last year's event was well attended and a lot of fun. Please keep an eye out for the official invitation this Spring.



I want to wish all of our Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you all in the New Year!

Greg Hackworth, RPL | MAPL Treasurer

From the Membership Chairman

As the rookie board member and low man on the totem pole it was my honor to host our MAPL November General Membership Meeting. It has become tradition (and a good one) for our group to meet at Boone's Long Lake Inn in Traverse City each year during the first week of November. Since this was my first event to host, I won't kid you, I was nervous about making certain this event came off without a hitch. So, a big thanks to the staff at Boone's,

my fellow board members, our Sponsors, and most importantly all of our members who joined us for a terrific evening!

Our gathering began with cocktail hour and provided an opportunity for those who know one another to catch up and say "hello" and others, like myself to meet several members I did not have the pleasure of knowing. This is one of the cool aspects of being on the board! Of course, we followed up our mingling with a great dinner of fish, steaks and of course, prime rib. I don't believe anyone went away hungry.

Following dinner our speaker Shane Haskin, a degreed engineer from Michigan Tech and an account manager with Baker Hughes Wireline Services shared some of his knowledge and experience on the mysterious topic of Mud Logging. As a Field Landman I have had the good fortune of being exposed to some of the information derived from various mud logging efforts, but I have never really understood it.

Shane broke it down for us laymen. We had a lot of folks in the audience asking great questions regarding a complicated topic. I was really pleased and excited by the enthusiastic response Shane received from our members. So, what is mud logging? The short story. It is series of scientific tests that allow folks on the surface to interpret the subsurface wellbore as we might with our five senses, if we could be physically in the hole. It was amazing to learn what a vast scope of information can be derived from wellbore analysis...and how sensitive and expensive these tests are to conduct. A big thanks to Shane for sharing his time with us!

To cap off a great evening our door prize winner's name was drawn by our guest and speaker Shane Haskin. Congratulations to MAPL Past President Tad Stuart, the winner of the Ruger 10/22 with a Mannlicher stock.

During my brief tenure on the board, serving you, our members, has been a great experience and I truly appreciate all the support! For those of you who may be considering becoming a part of the MAPL Board, don't wait like me and come up with a bunch of reasons why the timing isn't perfect...it never will be. Give one of our Officers a call, they would love to hear from you.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bill Jenness, RPL | MAPL Membership Chairman

AAPL Region II Director's Corner

Happy Holidays to all!

The AAPL will be hosting a 'JOA Seminar' at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 14, 2018! The cost is \$300 for the one-day event for AAPL members and \$425 for non-members. Attendees will receive 7 continuing education credits! Please use the following link to register for the event:

<https://personify.landman.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/AAPLEventsCalendar/MeetingDetails.aspx?productId=3125372>

In addition to 'live' educational events such as the JOA Seminar and the recent Field Landman Seminar that was held in East Lansing, the AAPL offers an extensive library of videos that can be purchased and viewed online to gain continuing education credits. Please visit **landman.org** to review the available options. Additionally, you can now access past articles from the *Landman* magazine by logging onto your AAPL account and go to the Publications tab to search for Archived Articles.

In addition to the providing access to the educational videos, the AAPL website is a great resource where you can search the AAPL job bank; access 'toolkits' to review and share with landowners about oil and gas exploration; schedule attendance for the next NAPE event; stay up to speed on the daily news that impacts the oil and gas industry and so much more. If you haven't already you should make www.landman.org your homepage!

As the AAPL Region II Director I am always anxious to hear from the AAPL membership about what issues are most important to you – what do you want from your AAPL? Please email me with any questions or concerns and share your thoughts on how things can be improved.

If you are an AAPL member and are not receiving emails from the AAPL please send me your email address at steve@trendwellenergy.com to be added to the notification list.



Happy Holidays to all!

Steve Rapanos, CPL | AAPL Region II Director

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2018 Upcoming Events for MAPL, AAPL and MOGA

February 15, 2018 | MAPL Winter Mini-Seminar

Comfort Inn Convention Center – Mt. Pleasant, MI

February 15, 2018 | MOGA – General Membership Meeting

Comfort Inn Convention Center – Mt. Pleasant, MI

March 14, 2018 | AAPL – JOA Seminar

Amway Grand – Grand Rapids, MI

April 12, 2018 | MOGA – MI Petroleum Conference

Michigan Petroleum Conference & Strolling Reception

Grand Traverse Resort - Traverse City, MI

May 7, 2018 | MAPL - Spring General Membership Meeting

Spare-Time Entertainment - Lansing, MI

May 17, 2018 | MOGA - Spring General Membership Meeting

Traverse City, MI

August 3, 2018 | MAPL – Golf Outing

Bucks Run Golf Club – Mt. Pleasant, MI

A complete schedule of 2018 MAPL events can be found at www.michiganlandman.com
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