

# MICHIGAN LANDMAN NEWS

*Newsletter of the Michigan Association of Professional Landmen*

February 1, 2014

## mapl winter mini seminar

Thursday February 20

Comfort Inn Conference Center

Mount Pleasant

11:00

Registration

11:45

Delicious Hot Buffet

12:20- 4:30

**Industry News YOU Can Actually USE**

### AGENDA

**JEFF COOK:** Third generation oilman and current Chairman of Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation will provide an update on MOGPEF Speaker Teams, as well as, illustrate MOGPEF resources that are now available for use by Michigan landmen.

**MARK VAN ALLSBURG:** A member of the law firm of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC since 1984. Mark will be *Revisiting Implied Covenants in Oil and Gas Leases* where he will review and consider various duties that courts have imposed on an oil and gas lessee, even though the duties are not explicitly included in the lease terms. We will particularly evaluate the duties in the context of new development methods.

**DAVID WHITFIELD:** a member of the Litigation and Environmental Practice Groups at the law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. David will be providing a critical Update on Recent Challenges to Hydraulic Fracturing: Local Ordinances and other Legal Challenges, a legal update on the current status of attempts to regulate oil and gas operations on the local level.

**LEAH BROOKS:** an Attorney for Loomis Law Firm specializing in oil and gas law, telecommunications and public utility law, and business and corporate law. Leah will review title issues that require the use of a Certificate of Trust and the protection it provides, as well as, information required by law to be included in a Certificate of Trust. Landmen will also receive a pro forma certificate of trust as a working template.

### REGISTER NOW VIA CVENT

\$25.00 MEMBERS (before 2/14/2014)

\$30.00 after 2/14/2014

\$35.00 GUESTS (before 2/14/2014)

\$40.00 after 2/14/2014

## The Landman's International Super Bowl for Education and Networking



### **AAPL 60th Annual Meeting**

**June 25-28, 2014**

[Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth](#)  
900 Rene – Levesque Boulevard West  
Montreal Quebec, Canada H3B 4A5

**Registration is now open!**

For more information and to make reservations go to:  
<http://landman.org/events/annual-meeting>

### **MAPL'S BIG EVENT - HOLD THIS DATE!!!**

Please join us at the **MAPL's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Seminar** to be held on September 18, 2014 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids for a full day of speakers.

Look for more information to follow! Hope to see you all there!

**Steve Rapanos, RPL**  
MAPL – Vice President

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - 2014**

Friday, January 17, 2014  
 2:53 PM

As an ongoing effort since late 2012, MAPL has been working with the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL ) and the Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) on the issue of clarifying that Independent Landmen should be classified as independent contractors rather than employees. To help identify the independent contractor status of a landman in Michigan, Sen. Howard Walker sponsored Senate Bill 0427 that defines the functions and relationship of an independent landman as a contractor.

After a long and arduous process we are glad to report that the bill has been sent from the Senate, where it passed 38-0, to the House. It has been referred to the House Commerce Committee which is expected to take up the bill within the first quarter of 2014.

Please use this [link](#) which will direct you to the Michigan Legislature website and enter SB 0427 for the entire text of this proposed bill. MAPL encourages all members to write, call and/or e-mail your Representative and Senator asking for their support of SB 0427. If you are uncertain who your Representative and/or Senator is please click [here](#).

MAPL is grateful the following organizations as the effort and results to date would not have been possible without the assistance from Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Grotting law firm, AAPL, MOGA, and the MAPL members.

Luke Miller  
 MAPL Treasurer

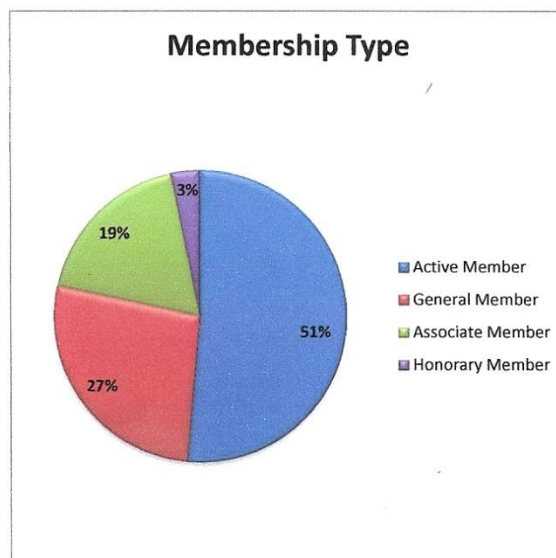
**A VIEW OF OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Matthew Maritz, MAPL Membership Chairman

Membership Type	Totals
Active Member	145
General Member	76
Associate Member	52
Honorary Member	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Change from Previous</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>% Change from Previous</b>	<b>23%</b>

AAPL Membership	Totals
Active	162
Associate	15
Non-Member	98
<b>Total AAPL Members</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>AAPL to MAPL %</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Change from Previous</b>	<b>164</b>

AAPL Designation	Totals
CPL	38
RPL	31
RL	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>% of AAPL Membership</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Change from Previous</b>	<b>41</b>



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## **MAPL GOLF OUTING TO UNDERGO MAKE OVER!!!**

*Primary member social event trying some new things in 2014*

**The MAPL Golf Outing** is the single most important member's social event on our calendar each year. This year, in an effort to expand and multiply on the opportunity for friendship and fellowship, we are trying some new things. This year, our outing will be held on Friday, August 8. A new twist will offer optional activities on Saturday, August 9.

One goal is to entice our members and their spouses or guests to have the options of participating in the outing, participating in a wonderful dinner experience, or both! A secondary goal is to encourage our members to "linger" with an attractive "Stay and Re-play" Option!!!

**Bay Valley Resort**, located just off I-75 in Bay City will play host to this year's golf outing weekend. Opened in 1973, Bay Valley Resort features a relaxed lodge atmosphere yet has all the amenities of a fine, quality resort. Enjoy the picturesque views of the lake and golf course from the ballroom, Heatherfields Restaurant, outdoor terrace and Player's Lounge.

Located in the heart of the Great Lakes Bay Region, Bay Valley is Mid-Michigan's finest full service golf resort and conference center. Bay Valley features 145 comfortable guest rooms, Heatherfields Restaurant, Player's Lounge, a challenging 18 hole championship golf course, and meeting/banquet space for up to 400 guests.

Along with the year-round, heated indoor/outdoor pool, whirlpool, saunas, and fitness center, Bay Valley has something for everyone, for every season and for every reason.

**A Fun Filled Agenda** The event will begin with continental breakfast, an open practice range, and registration from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. We will commence a four player scramble format on the golf course with a 10:00 AM shotgun start. After golf, we will provide a variety of appetizers and beverages. Golf and door prizes will be awarded by 6:00 PM.

**Golf and Dinner / Dinner Only** Following the golf festivities, a wonderful dinner experience has been planned. All members, whether they golf or not, are encouraged to attend along with their guests, spouse, or even their children! The goal is a fun evening of good food, pleasant music, and camaraderie among the Michigan landman "family". A block of rooms is held for those who wish to stay and play in the Bay City Area. Our buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 PM.

**Are You the BEST Golfer in MAPL?** Each and every year at the golf outing the buzz includes some talk of just who *IS* the best golfer in MAPL. This year, we can find out! A block of tee times has been reserved on Saturday, August 9 for the first **MAPL OPEN**. This will be an individual event, male and female, using USGA handicap indexes applied to Bay Valley Resort. Don't have a USGA handicap? It is easy to get one and maintain one this season through the Golf Association of Michigan ([www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org)).

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!!! SAVE AUGUST 8-9!!!**

## **MAPL 2014 Schedule of Events**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>	<b>Winter Mini Seminar</b> Comfort Inn, Mount Pleasant
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> Radisson at the Capital, Lansing
<b>WENDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>	<b>President's Meeting</b> Doherty Hotel, Clare
<b>WED - SAT</b>	<b>JUNE 25-28</b>	<b>AAPL 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting</b> Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montreal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 8</b>	<b>Golf Outing</b> Bay Valley Resort, Bay City
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 9</b>	<b>MAPL Golf Open Championship</b> Bay Valley Resort, Bay City
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	<b>Fall Seminar</b> Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> Boone's Long Lake Inn, Traverse City