



AAPL 65TH Annual Meeting

Pittsburgh

Near the backyard of the birthplace that started the American oil industry, Pittsburgh was a fitting location for landmen to meet for the 65th AAPL Annual Meeting and Professional Development Land Conference.

With more than 700 registrants, final numbers were beyond the Annual Meeting Committee's expectations. More impressive was the number of AAPL Active members compared with previous years, showing that landmen are committed to expanding their knowledge and advancing their careers. The last time an Annual Meeting was held in the Steel City was 1998, making it a long overdue trip back to Pittsburgh for many AAPL members. Thanks to the help from Annual Meeting Chairman Mark Acree, CPL, and his committee, the Annual Meeting and Professional Development Land Conference was a resounding success.

The week kicked off Wednesday evening with the traditional Welcome Reception (with a sports twist). Attendees were bused a short distance from the host hotel to the famed Heinz Field — home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Greeted by the Steelers' very own "Steeline" drum line, Welcome Reception attendees got to experience the game day excitement of walking into Heinz Field. Many also took part in the night's theme and came dressed in their favorite sports team's gear and enjoyed some friendly rivalry banter. The reception provided access to the lower level seating of the stadium, giving attendees a glimpse of what it must be like to attend a football game at the legendary steel-inspired stadium.

Thursday's Opening Session began with the Awards Ceremony honoring landmen for their service and achievements during the last fiscal year. New this year, the Pioneer Award was introduced as a way to credit a company, group or individual who has made a significant impact on the land profession. This year's recipient was EOG Resources, Inc. — a company that



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Annual Meeting attendees enjoy some wager-free gambling during the Landman Bash.

has distinguished itself as a long-term supporter of landmen, the profession and AAPL.

The Houston Association of Professional Landmen was recognized as the Local Association of the Year, while Hamel Reinmiller, CPL, was named Landman of the Year and Jim McGowen, CPL, (AAPL President 1993) was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. At the Horizon Breakfast, Pamela D. Feist, CPL, was presented with the first Mary K. Blankenship Horizon Award honoring her as a trailblazing woman in the energy industry. Read more about this year's award winners on page 33.

The week was packed with presentations on an abundance of land-related topics. The dual-track education sessions provided landmen with ample opportunities to earn continuing education credits. Attendees also enjoyed

many networking and social events throughout the week. The Hot Play Happy Hours were held in separate ballrooms within the host hotel that made for easy "barhopping" among the plays represented. Attendees easily connected with fellow attendees working in their geographic region before quickly moving on to another region thanks to the layout of the ballrooms in the hotel this year.

The Golf Tournament was held at The Club at Nevillewood — a spectacular and prestigious private course located about 20 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh. The tournament boasted 122 golfers with the top prize going to the team of Andrew Restanio, RL, Curtis Norman, Jarred Detweiler and Tom Sochacki. Second place team honors went to Randy Littlecott, CPL, Michael Holiday, RPL, Tim Surmick, RPL and John McLane. Third place went

to Brent Broussard, CPL, Steve Carr, Charles Doucet and John Fenstermaker. Steve Carr and Jeff Junstrom helped put together an outstanding event that many referred to as the best offered during an Annual Meeting.

The week would not have been complete without a big celebration, and the Landman Bash did not disappoint. The ballroom at the historic William Omni Penn Hotel — the same hotel that hosted AAPL's Annual Meeting 21 years ago — made the perfect backdrop for a Casino Royale-style black and gold affair. This event had it all and kept attendees entertained throughout the night. Partygoers enjoyed a nice dinner and festive, theme-inspired spirits, and several donned the city's signature black and gold colors. The dance floor was full much of the night, and many thoroughly enjoyed trying their luck at the casino gaming tables. ▲

ANNUAL MEETING

By the Numbers

700

Registrants

27

States Represented

22

Awards

21

Educational
Sessions

24


Continuing Education
Credits




Annual Meeting Chairman Mark Acree and his wife Lori experience the lower level of Heinz Stadium with Will and Denise Porter at the Welcome Reception.



Braden Christopher, Travis Canterbury, Corey Long and Jeff Fenton pose in front of the famed Nevillewood clubhouse during the Golf Tournament.



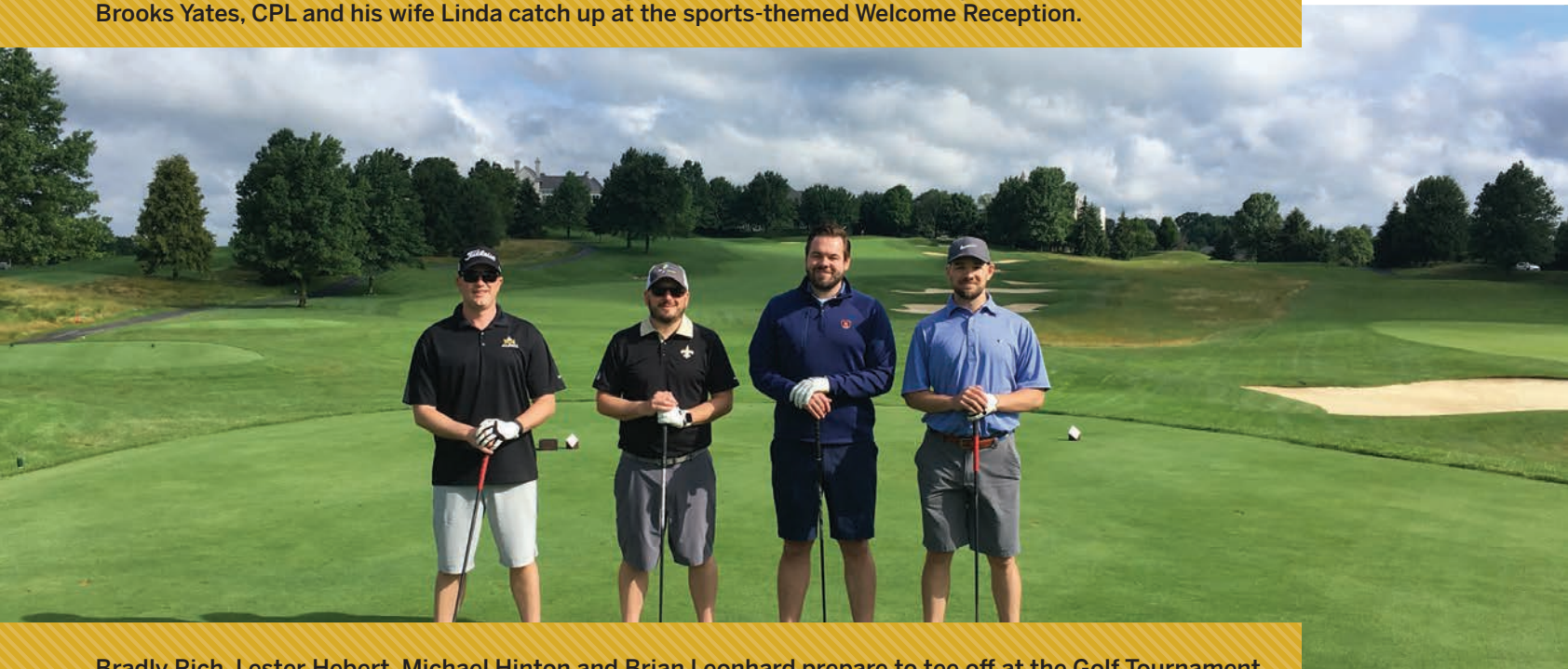
Dynamic Education Luncheon Keynote Speaker Sarah Sandberg polls the audience during her message about how leaders of any generation can excel in today's changing environment.



Outgoing AAPL President Mike Curry, CPL, and his wife Audrey dance the night away at the Landman Bash.



Education Chairman Michelle Aurzada, incoming Second Vice President Wendy Dalton, CPL, Brooks Yates, CPL and his wife Linda catch up at the sports-themed Welcome Reception.



Bradly Rich, Lester Hebert, Michael Hinton and Brian Leonhard prepare to tee off at the Golf Tournament.



Sooner fans David Cape, CPL (AAPL President 1998), and his wife Shirley meet up with Cowboy fans Cheryl and Keith Sawyer at the Welcome Reception.

AAPL's Education Committee led by Michelle Aurzada served up a fantastic education program. Special thanks to all the speakers for their contributions and involvement in the following sessions during this year's Annual Meeting:

Panel Discussion on Appalachia Basin: Problematic and Regional Issues

Renee Anderson, Shareholder, Sean Cassidy and Associates P.C.

Ryan Pankiewicz, RPL, RWA, Meshek & Associates
Drew Romig, Associate Attorney, McDonald Hopkins

Excel 101 — Tips and Tricks for Landmen

James Niu, CPL, Senior A&D Landman, Cinco Energy Management Group

Wage and Hour Legal Compliance for America's Landmen

Robert Pritchard, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson P.C.

Step by Step: Acquisitions From PSA to Closing

Andrew Graham, Member, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Contract Center

Peter Thomson, President and COO, Contract Room

Making Cash Flow

Dwayne Purvis, Consultant, Dwayne Purvis P.E.

Lease Payments and Obligations

Michael Hammond, Partner, DMC Bradley
Jennifer Ott, RPL, Senior Land Analyst, PDC Energy Inc.

Legislative/Regulatory Update

Tony Ford, Associate, Crowley Fleck
Steve Perdue, CPL, Government Affairs Team,
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

**Comingling Doctrine & Horizontal Wells:
Whose Burden Is It Anyway?**

Ricardo Morales, Member, Whitworth, Borchers
& Morales LLP

**Advanced Due Diligence Issues in
Oil & Gas Acquisitions**

Peter Hays, Partner, King & Spalding

Surface Use Issues for Horizontal Wells

M. Ryan Kirby, Managing Partner, Kirby, Matthews,
Walrath PLLC

Financing a Deal

Sean Moran, Managing Director, BBVA/Compass

Comparative Analysis of Unique Title Issues

Michael Vennum, Of Counsel, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and
Pease LLP

**Increase Your Company's Profits with Royalty
Deductions**

Marlin Brown, CPL, Owner, The Bugle Group

**Statutes of Limitations and Equitable Defenses to
Lease Termination Claims**

Peter Lusenhop, Partner, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP
Ilya Batikov, Associate, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

**The Importance of Understanding Complexities of
Petroleum Geology**

Laura Wray, Petroleum Consultant and Geologic Instructor

Midstream Oil and Gas Fundamentals

Ana Rausch, Senior Vice President, Percheron LLC
Wendy Whitfill-Embry, Land Manager, Williams

**Due Diligence When Acquiring Upstream Assets
Subject to Midstream Contracts**

Dale D. Smith, Partner, Bracewell LLP

Covenants Running with the Land

Philip Jordan, Executive Vice President, Crossing Rocks
Energy LLC
Charles Sartain, Associate, Gray Reed & McGraw

Held By Production in the Appalachian Basin

Keith Bradley, Partner, DMC Bradley

Negotiations

Curtis Horne, CPL, Principle, Paradigm Land LLC

Federal Oil and Gas Leases 101

Bill Hackett, Managing Member, WCM Resources LLC

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The Pittsburgh "Steeline" drum line welcomes attendees to the reception at Heinz Field.



Left: Opening Session keynote speaker Alie Pruner addressed the importance of AAPL and the positive social impact of the oil and gas industry. **Right:** Greg Riedl, CPL, and Susannah and Briggs Donaldson, CPL, reconnect during the Welcome Reception.



Attendees enjoy dinner, dancing and gambling during the Casino Royale-themed Landman Bash.



Left: Natalie Jefferis delights attendees at the first annual Horizon Breakfast with her keynote message of courage and what it takes to go after your dreams. **Right:** Bruce Worsham, RPL, and Education Committee Assistant Chairman Sara Worsham, CPL, connect with Nicholas Watkins, CPL, at the Welcome Reception.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Award Winners





Please help us congratulate the 2019 Annual Meeting Award winners.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

James P. McGowen, CPL

Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen

Local Association of the Year

Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Pioneer Award

EOG Resources, Inc.

Best Newsletter Small Association

Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen
The Override Volume XI, Issue II

Best Newsletter Medium Association

North Houston Association of Professional Landmen
NHAPL Fall Newsletter

Best Newsletter Large Association

Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
The Negotiator – November 2018

Best Member Communication

Curt D. Horne, CPL
“Dundics, Landmen & Licensing”
Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Best AAPL Director’s Communication

Christa Dotson, RPL
Michael Late Benedum Chapter

Largest Growth Percentage of AAPL Membership - Medium Association

North Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Largest Growth Percentage of AAPL Membership - Large Association

Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen

Largest Percentage of AAPL Membership - Small Association

Tri-State Association of Professional Landmen

LANDMAN OF THE YEAR

Hamel B. Reinmiller, CPL

Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen

Largest Percentage of AAPL Membership - Medium Association

North Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Largest Percentage of AAPL Membership - Large Association

Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Education

A. Frank Klam, CPL
Houston Association of Professional Landmen

AAPL Committee Member

Glen L. Mauldin, CPL
Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Community Service

Anthony J. Romeo, CPL
Michael Late Benedum Chapter

Special Award

Kent J. Harrell
Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen

AAPL Outstanding Graduate

Jared L. Adams
University of Wyoming

Presidential Award

Harold J. Anderson, CPL/ESA

Presidential Award

Michelle Aurzada

Presidential Award

Jerris E. Johnson, CPL



2019 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JAMES P. MCGOWEN, CPL (AAPL PRESIDENT 1993)

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a landman who has demonstrated leadership, integrity and contribution to the profession, the industry and their community for their entire land career.

This year's award winner James P. McGowen, CPL, entered the land profession in 1973 and has been a role model for leadership and integrity in our industry ever since.

He has faithfully served AAPL as president, first vice president and second vice president. He has led multiple AAPL committees — including Awards, NAPE and Ethics — and served as a trustee of the Landman Scholarship Trust. His honesty, influence and encouragement to others are hallmarks of his character.

McGowen's long, distinguished career included roles as landman at Koch Industries, chief landman at Hunt Energy, vice president of land at Placid Oil, vice president at Petro-Hunt and then president and chairman of McGowen Resources Co. from 1992-2000. Today he practices law and is the managing partner of McGowen & Fowler, which focuses on oil and gas, real estate and general law.

He is married to Tammie McGowen and enjoys spending time with his family. He has two older children, Clint and Joann, as well as three children at home: Dylan, Ford and Danielle. He contributes his personal time and talents to the community and serves on the board of directors for the Wind River Ministries in Estes Park, Colorado, and the Chosen Child Adoption Services in Allen, Texas. ▲

Above: President Mike Curry, CPL, Tammie and Jim McGowen, CPL (AAPL President 1993), with Awards Committee Chairman Bob Bergfeld, CPL. **Right:** Randy Blankenship (left) and Randy Senior (right) present Pam Feist, CPL (AAPL President 2016) with the first-ever Mary K. Blankenship Horizon Award honoring a trailblazing female in the land profession.





2019 LANDMAN OF THE YEAR

HAMEL B. REINMILLER, CPL

The Landman of the Year is awarded to the member who most exemplifies the land profession through demonstrated leadership and contribution to the industry, community and profession.

Respected by his peers, this year's award winner Hamel B. Reinmiller, CPL, has proved he is a professional who is passionate about the land profession and the energy industry. He has served on AAPL's Marketing, Publications and Accreditation committees and as chairman of the Ethics Committee. A former AAPL secretary and director, he currently serves as a trustee of the Landman Scholarship Trust.

In addition to his commitment to AAPL, Reinmiller serves on the board of directors of Family and Children Services, a nonprofit that supports and strengthens the well-being of families in northeast Oklahoma.

An alumnus of the University of Oklahoma, he is an active member of the Tulsa Association of Petroleum Landmen, where he has served in multiple capacities, including president. In 2013, he was honored as TAPL's Landman of the Year. He has been an AAPL member since 2001 and holds the Certified Professional Landman designation. ▲

Above: AAPL President Mike Curry, CPL (left), and Annual Meeting Chairman Bob Bergfeld, CPL (right), present Hamel Reinmiller, CPL, with the Landman of the Year Award. **Right:** Annual Meeting attendees and employees of EOG Resources, Inc. gather to receive the honor as the first recipient of the Pioneer Award — a new award paying tribute to long-term support of landmen, the profession and AAPL.





With his Golden Lease on Life in hand, Mike Curry, CPL, bids adieu to his year as AAPL president.



The Curry Family (from left): President Mike Curry, CPL, and his wife Audrey, daughter Katherine and son-in-law Sean and granddaughter Elizabeth.



2019-2020 Executive Committee: Immediate Past President Mike Curry, CPL, Treasurer Jason Maloy, CPL, Secretary Britney Crookshanks, CPL, President Jay Beavers, CPL, First Vice President Lester Zitkus, CPL, Second Vice President Wendy Dalton, CPL, and Third Vice President Sean Marshall, CPL.



Cranford Newell, CPL, Bill Hackett, CPL, and incoming Treasurer Jason Maloy, CPL, at the Landman Bash.



The Beavers Family (from left): Travis Beavers, CPL, and his wife Alyssa, President Jay Beavers, CPL, and his wife Julia and James Beavers.



Scott Stone, CPL (AAPL President 2002), and his wife Joan mingle with Sandra Fraley, RPL, and her husband, First Vice President Lester Zitkus, CPL.



Jeffrey Klam, CPL, and his dad, Frank Klam, CPL.



Eleven AAPL Past Presidents gather at the Annual Meeting. Front row from left: Harold Anderson, CPL/ESA (2004), Pam Feist, CPL (2016), Scott Stone, CPL (2002) and Craig Young, CPL (2004). Back row, from left: Mike Curry, CPL (2018), David Frye, CPL (2005), Marc Strahn, CPL (2015), David Cape, CPL (1998), Jim Dewbre, CPL (2012), David Miller, CPL (2017) and Steve Wentworth, CPL (2010).



SAVE THE DATE! Next year, AAPL heads west to California and looks forward to seeing many of you there!