

Nancy C. McCaskell, CPL AAPL President

Nancy McCaskell, CPL, is president of Masonboro Energy LLC, a consulting firm focused on energy and landwork. During more than three decades of managing and leading acquisitions, divestitures and negotiations, she has held leadership positions with Pitts Oil Company, Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., J-W Operating Co. and Coda Energy Inc. Her experience stretches across the Barnett, Haynesville, Tuscaloosa Marine Shale, Eagle Ford, Permian, San Juan, Fayetteville and Anadarko basins. In addition, McCaskell has acted as a liaison with state oil and gas

associations and regulatory bodies. She counts working with the Louisiana Office of Conservation to create new policies allowing for cross unit wells as a career highlight.

Active in leadership roles at the local and national level, McCaskell sits on the Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen board of directors and serves as AAPL's first vice president — only the second female in the association's 70-year history to hold the role. Among her honors, she was named DAPL's 2023 Landman of Year and received AAPL's 2020 Blankenship Family Horizon Award, which recognizes an exceptional female land professional and role model.

Additionally, McCaskell is an advisory member to the University of Oklahoma College of Law MLS and LLM programs in energy and natural resources, and she has served on several community nonprofit boards. She and her spouse, the Rev. Mary Stewart Hall, live in Dallas and enjoy traveling, art and music.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

To be chosen by our membership to serve as your president is an honor and fills me with gratitude. I am grateful to those who have come before me, to the current Executive Committee and to our super-fantastic staff.

As we approach our seventh decade as an organization, we have a rich and vibrant history for which we are thankful, and a future full of possibilities. The future holds for each of us the possibility of steadfastness to our mission and resilience and renewal. Our definition of landwork embodies the ideas of what the energy future will bring to us — oil and gas, wind, solar, lithium from brine and a multitude of other resources. The vastness of the resources before us — our human resources, our energy resources — calls upon each of us to participate, shoulder, to shoulder in the endeavor to ensure our association is sustainable far into the future.

It will require us to have conversations important to each of us as members and to listen. What is it we desire? How do we bring all our different voices together to find what we are good at and what is necessary? What member services must we aim to make better? What member services are requisite for landmen to improve and grow? These are calls to each of us.

As your president, I pledge to you to focus on a strategic path forward with an awareness of both our challenges and opportunities, to listen and to serve you and the organization with my whole self so that at the end of the day we can all say we did our best for our beloved AAPL.

As the poet Amanda Gorman writes: "I challenge you to heed this call, I dare you to shape our fate."

May it be so.



**Kyle B. Reynolds, CPL**AAPL First Vice President

Kyle Reynolds, CPL, is a managing member for RBG Permian LLC. He previously worked for Chesapeake Energy in Oklahoma City in the Permian, Eagle Ford and New Ventures groups as well as led a number of cross-functional steering committees. He then moved to Birmingham, Alabama, to lead Energen Resource Corp.'s business development team and served as manager over Permian and mineral assets.

He also co-owns several companies: Benjamin Lee Bison, a direct-to-consumer meat business; Fair-Weather Friend, an

Oklahoma City brewpub; and Greenway Capital Partners, a real estate investment firm.

Reynolds holds a Bachelor of Arts in writing from the University of Central Arkansas and a J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law. He is an active member of the American Bar Association, Arkansas Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Permian Basin Landmen's Association, Fort Smith Association of Professional Landmen and Urban Land Institute. Over the years he has served in many AAPL leadership roles, including treasurer in 2020-21, Black Warrior Association of Professional Landmen director and chairman of the Marketing Committee, the Sustainability Taskforce, and the Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Rewrite Taskforce. He also has served as a member of the Blankenship Student Awareness Initiative, Finance Committee, Investment Advisory Committee and NAPE Operators Committee.

Reynolds and his wife, Amy, have three beautiful children: Lila, 10, Anne Douglas, 7, and Hardin, 4. He enjoys cooking, traveling, reading, and all things Razorbacks sports, including writing weekly articles for The Pig Sty.

### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am truly honored and humbled to be nominated as first vice president of AAPL. I look forward to passionately serving the AAPL membership this year alongside Nancy McCaskell and the rest of the Executive Committee and AAPL staff. AAPL has been a cornerstone of my professional career, and I hope to help serve my fellow members and recruit and educate members of the next generation of great landmen.

Thank you for your support and this opportunity. I look forward to stewarding the organization's assets and rich history, while leveraging our members' skills and knowledge to position AAPL for years of continued success.



Mark H. Caponegro, CPL AAPL Second Vice President

Mark Caponegro, CPL, is a senior landman at Faulconer Energy in Tyler, Texas, where he is responsible for all land-related matters for assets located in East Texas and the Texas Gulf Coast. His responsibilities include overseeing lease maintenance and curative efforts, A&D work, land guidance for operations, surface owner response and business development.

Prior to joining Faulconer in 2022, Caponegro spent 12 years as a field landman at HPS Oil & Gas Properties Inc. in Lafayette, Louisiana, performing all phases of landwork for a

variety of clients in multiple basins across the country.

He graduated from Louisiana State University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in business and a minor in geology and later earned his Master of Legal Studies in oil, gas and energy law from the University of Oklahoma, which is one of AAPL's accredited graduate programs.

Joining AAPL in 2012, Caponegro has volunteered on the Accreditation Committee since 2019 and served as its chair in 2020-21. He also has been a member of a variety of local associations, including East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen, the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen, the Houston Association of Professional Landmen and the Baton Rouge Association of Professional Landmen.

He and his wife, Abby, live in Tyler, and are blessed with three beautiful children: George, 6, Arthur, 4, and Mary June, 2. He loves the outdoors and spends his free time hunting and fishing with his family in South Louisiana and Mississippi.

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I'm greatly humbled to have been nominated by my peers as the second vice president of AAPL, and I look forward to a productive year with Nancy McCaskell, the rest of the Executive Committee and AAPL staff leadership. As a student, I was fortunate enough to first meet Nancy while she was a part of an Accreditation Subcommittee visiting the MLS program at the University of Oklahoma. Nancy's passion for education is contagious, and I believe that continuing education and the accreditation program are cornerstone benefits of belonging to AAPL. I look forward to continuing to build and strengthen our organization over the upcoming year as we constantly grow and adapt with our changing industry. It's an understatement, but I am truly honored to be able to give back to my professional community at this level.



William E. "Bill" Hackett, CPL
AAPL Third Vice President

Bill Hackett, CPL, is the managing member of WCM Resources LLC and Portal 2 Energy LLC in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he is involved with providing remote/on-site broad spectrum land management services involving fee, state, tribal and federal lands across the Delaware Basin and San Juan Basin in New Mexico. Additionally, he is a licensed commercial real estate broker associate in New Mexico and supports the development of utility scale and community solar garden renewable energy projects across the state.

A proud Sooner, Hackett earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum land management from the University of Oklahoma in 1979 and AAPL's Certified Professional Landman designation in 2019. His diverse professional background includes working as an in-house landman for majors and independents across multiple basins, serving as an officer/director of national title insurance and real estate information companies, and, in his current business, supporting surface and subsurface energy development projects in New Mexico.

An active member of AAPL, the San Juan Basin Landman's Association and the New Mexico Landmen's Association, Hackett has served as an officer in the local associations as chairman of national committees and as chairman of the Santa Fe Land Institute and San Juan Basin Land Institute. Outside his industry activity, he supports local initiatives in Santa Fe, including Bienvenidos Outreach Food Shelter and Desert Rose Women's Resource Center, as a volunteer and donor.

Hackett lives on his acreage south of Santa Fe, and his lovely and talented daughter, Molly, lives in Brooklyn, New York. He is proud of his heritage as a Son of the Republic of Texas and of his ancestors who made the Land Run of 1889 into what was then the Cherokee Strip of Oklahoma.

#### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

What an honor to be nominated to serve as third vice president of AAPL in 2024-25! I am honored and humbled to have been chosen by my peers to be of service to this fine organization, and I look forward to working with President Nancy McCaskell and the other members of the Executive Committee as well as the fine AAPL staff in Fort Worth. I am blessed to have had the opportunity of serving on the AAPL national board of directors representing the great state of New Mexico and leading national committees addressing issues of public lands and access, regulatory and legislative matters as well as chairing the Santa Fe Land Institute and San Juan Basin Land Institute.

The base line of effective leadership is listening to and effectively communicating with the constituency and maintaining organizational goals and objectives that are purposed with membership benefits as the priority.

Finally, I wish to thank my wife, Cathy, for her full support of my involvement in AAPL matters and my career as a land professional, and I look forward to hearing her laugh, hugging her neck and kissing her cheek again! RIP, Cathy Lee.



Amy L. Gwyn, CPL AAPL Treasurer

Amy Gwyn, CPL, is a seasoned landman and leader with a strong commitment to professional development and technical innovation. Her initial exposure to landwork came through her aunt and uncle — she worked part time in their home office while attending college. In addition to filing and preparing drafts, she edited leases and ROW agreements for her uncle and, when schedules aligned, went with her aunt to check records at courthouses throughout the Texas Panhandle. Gwyn earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications and spent a few

years working in other industries, but as the Barnett Shale kicked off a new era, she joined her family as a lease and title broker in Fort Worth.

After several years as an independent field landman, Gwyn joined Devon Energy as an inhouse landman in 2008. She has supported rig lines in Texas and Mid-Con assets and has considerable experience in leading multidisciplinary teams, including surface and subsurface landmen, land analysis, regulatory, data management and GIS professionals. Through evaluation, negotiations and title due diligence, Gwyn and her teams have supported leasehold and producing property transactions totaling several billion dollars. They also evaluate energy addition projects and investments. She has led teams and projects aimed at improving the efficiency of land processes and ensuring timely access to accurate data. Additionally, she is actively involved in Devon's recruiting efforts.

Gwyn holds a Master of Science in energy legal studies from Oklahoma City University. A member of AAPL since 2004, she earned her Certified Professional Landman designation in 2012. She is also a member of the Oklahoma City Association of Professional Landmen and has served both organizations on various committees, including Legislative Affairs, Membership and Certification. She is a past chair of the AAPL Certification Committee. She serves as a WENOK (Women's Energy Network) mentor and is a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in foster care in Oklahoma County. She, husband Greg and their Alaskan malamute, Ember, enjoy traveling in their motor home and spending time at the lake.

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The American Association of Professional Landmen plays a critical role in our industry, providing essential resources and support to land professionals. As our profession continues to evolve, it is imperative that we have a strong and financially secure AAPL to guide us through these changes. As treasurer, I am honored to have been nominated to serve on the Executive Committee and board of directors, and I am committed to ensuring the continued success of this vital organization. The dedication and hard work of the AAPL community are truly inspiring. From committee members and chairs to directors, ExCom and staff, everyone is committed to promoting our profession and ensuring that we have the tools and resources we need to be effective stewards of our natural resources. I am grateful to have the opportunity to work alongside so many talented and dedicated individuals, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you all in the future. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, expertise and support to AAPL. Your efforts help shape our profession and ensure that we are well positioned to meet the challenges of the future.



Christine J. Touchstone, CPL AAPL Secretary

Christine Touchstone, CPL, is land manager at LeFrak Energy, the oil and gas division of the LeFrak Organization, a privately held real estate and investment company based in New York City. She manages LeFrak Energy's many oil and gas assets in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas and works with its acquisitions and divestitures team.

From 2007 until joining LeFrak Energy in 2011, Touchstone worked as a contract landman in the Eagle Ford and Barnett

shales and the East Texas, Fort Trinidad and Cotton Valley Stockton fields for Petrohawk, Newfield Exploration, Red Oak Capital Management and TXCO.

A Houston native, she earned a biomedical sciences degree from Texas A&M University, petroleum land management certification from the University of Texas Petroleum Extension Service in 2012, AAPL's certified professional landman designation in 2014 and AAPL's Renewable Energy Certificate in 2023. She is an active member of AAPL as well as its Alaska, Baton Rouge, Houston, North Houston and West Houston local associations. She serves on the Houston Association of Professional Landmen's Gala and Saturday Seminar committees, is active in the Mentor Program, is a past chair of Executive Night and was HAPL's Region IV AAPL director from 2022-2024. She has served on multiple AAPL committees, including RPL/CPL Review and Annual Meeting, was Education Development Chair in 2022-2023, is a Mentor Program participant and held the appointment of education czar for 2023-2024. She is also a member of the NAPE Operators Committee.

Touchstone has been a member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Wine Garden Committee for five years, is a past president of the Junior League of The Woodlands and formerly held a seat on the University of Houston Bauer College of Business "From Management to Leadership" Task Force. She enjoys traveling, reading, the beach, the family cabin in Alaska and spending quality time with family, friends and her fur baby, Gidget.

# PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am most grateful for the opportunity to represent AAPL as your secretary for the coming year and serving with President Nancy McCaskell and the outstanding members of the Executive Committee. The needs of our membership are of the utmost importance to me, and I appreciate your trust and confidence.

I look to those who came before me and endeavor to continue in their path of serving our members diligently and honestly to further AAPL's mission, goals and values. As our industry has evolved exponentially so have the duties and responsibilities of a landman. Furthering the education of landmen is an important way for us to continue to promote the land profession and provide the resources and tools needed to thrive in the current environment. AAPL's education and certification programs are key components of the association, and member participation in these programs sends a message to our peers and the industry that we are committed to our craft and to high standards of professionalism. Simply put, these are some of the greatest values of membership the association provides. Remembering that all of us are key to the success of the initiative, together we can advance the success of our association through a culture of teamwork and excellence that will sustain our profession and industry for those who follow in our footsteps.

To all who have supported and encouraged me, thank you for reminding me that the difference between the impossible and the possible lies only in one's determination.