



#### Presidents Message

#### Mike Flores President

Championship Strategies, Inc

As I write this at the end of the week of March 11, I am contemplating what I experienced this week and what impact it had on me. I drove to Tucson to see my oldest and dearest mentor, who is suffering from lung cancer, and it has metastasized to his back. This man has had the largest influence on me beyond what I can express in words. I met him when I was a 20 year old sophomore in college and then he later hired me to work with him at the University of Hawaii and later, the University of Arizona, and through the years has been my biggest Presidents Message supporter. continued on page 2



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Uduak-Joe Ntuk, P.E. is a third generation Long Beach resident, the grandson of a naval flight deck captain stationed at the Long Beach Naval base and the son of an immigrant father from West

Africa. Professionally, Uduak teaches as a Professor in the Chemical Engineering Department at California State University, Long Beach and works as the Director of Petroleum Administration for the City of Los Angeles, where he is responsible for energy and environmental regulatory oversight. He has extensive professional experience having worked for three (3) Fortune 500 companies.

Uduak earned his Master of Science in Engineering from the University of Southern California, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at California State University, Long Beach, and his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Long Beach City College.



**Michel Curry, CPL, Esq.** joined Henry
Resources in September
2014 and supervises all
oil and gas legal work
and land functions for
the company. He is a
former shareholder of
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& Dawson, PC, Midland, Texas, where he was engaged in the private practice of oil and gas law for 25 years. Mr. Curry is admitted to practice in Texas and New Mexico, is Board Certified in Oil, Gas & Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is also a Certified Professional Landman ("CPL"). He received a B.S. from the University of Texas and a law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law, cum laude.

Prior to law school, Michel worked as an independent petroleum Landman and in-house as a contract Landman for Texaco Inc. Mr. Curry's experience and legal practice covers most facets of Luncheon Speaker-Curry

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#### **Opinionated Corner**

#### Joe Munsey, RPL Director Publications/Newsletter Co-Chair Southern California Gas Company

Spring is in the air once again and we have made the passage into Daylight Saving Time. The body still thinks it has lost an hour of sleep, but we will gain that hour back come fall.

Well, the presidential race has started out with a big bang for the opposition party. Lucky them, this is their opportunity to showcase their troupe of wannabes. Let the political ramblings begin.

Talk about rambling, during the partial governmental shut down, the pundits from media pummeled the airwaves with a barrage of interviews with important economists telling the naïve public a lower GDP growth and financial ruin should be expected by the end of January. Seems the 800,000 furloughed governmental employees hold sway on all things concerning the US economy.

I was always under the impression government employees showing up for work did not arrive each day to build and produce things. To the contrary, common perception is they show up to work to prevent things from being built and produced. Surprise, in January when the figures came out, job growth grew, and the economy keeps chugging along. So much for that.

Talk about your notable rambling, put aside for a moment the political leanings of the junior Congresswoman from Queens, New York. More important is AOC's instructions via her YouTube channel on the etiquette of matching pajamas as sleepwear. Appropriate pajama apparel trumps, no pun intended, herding jobs into a community. If it is between her opinions on new jobs and economic growth vs pajamas, I am

going with pajamas. So much for that.

Talk about "cleaning up" the rambling on about CO<sup>2</sup> levels being a problem in Europe, one way the Continent has decided to reduce levels of the gas is to use biomass fuels to generate green energy. It is an all-out effort to replace coal fired anything that generates dirty energy. Coal fired plants emit lots of CO<sup>2</sup> and biomass plants do not. So, they say.

According to an article written by Steve Gorham found elsewhere in this newsletter, he discovered reports saying bio-mas generation plants emit as much CO<sup>2</sup> as its dirty cousin coal. Furthermore, the CO<sup>2</sup> from burning green biomass fuels are not calculated into the totality of CO<sup>2</sup> gas emitted from all sources; it gets a pass in the reporting process. If it is between calculating all CO<sup>2</sup> generated gases or leaving out "green" CO<sup>2</sup> gases for reporting purposes, I am for leaving out the "green" generated CO<sup>2</sup> to level the playing field. So much for that.

To end this rambling, albeit a sad note and something of real significance, we will be holding our last luncheon meeting at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. With a heavy heart I bemoan the news of the LBPC closing its doors at the end of March. The oft venerated LBPC has seen a lot of oil and gas activity in the Los Angeles Basin during its years of business. Regretfully the hallowed walls will no longer be around for us to enjoy and reminisce about what took place in the early days of the California oil patch. Come pay your respects.

#### <u>Luncheon Speaker-Curry</u> <u>continued from page 1</u>

the petroleum industry, with particular emphasis on producing property transactions, oil and gas contracts, exploration agreements, and title matters. His geographic experience ranges from Alaska's north slope to the Gulf of Mexico, and most producing areas in between, and includes work in coal and lignite mining, wind energy, and natural gas marketing.

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He taught me the meaning of giving first to others before yourself, of helping others be their best in any endeavor, and how important it is to be a mentor. Frankly, it was difficult seeing him and he has a tough road ahead, but he was there giving me hope, giving me encouragement and giving me faith.

It made me think that we have a duty as oil and gas professionals to mentor the new entrants of our industry. We have great examples of such mentors at LAAPL; Joe Munsey, Rae Connet, Randall Taylor, to name a few. These seasoned professionals have certainly made a difference in my life and work, and they continue to provide an example of the highest traits of professionalism.

When I joined LAAPL about seven years ago, we went through a time when we had few new members. Our membership was static; and in the past three years, new leaders like Sarah Bobbe, Jessica Bradley, and even though they have been around for a bit, Jason Downs and Ernie Guadiana, have stepped up and are the new generation of leaders. If you ever have spent any time with these young thinkers, I think you can safely say, we are in excellent hands.

But to complete my point, all of us are called to be mentors. We are called to help others raise up in their professional aspirations, and encourage them to be difference makers. The question is, are you doing your part to be a mentor to others?

This week with are honored to have two terrific speakers, Uduak-Joe Ntuk, who is the Director of Petroleum Administration for the City of Los Angeles. Last year he was elected to the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees and he serves on the faculty of the CSULB Chemical Engineering Department. We have been trying to get Uduak as a speaker for a while and I commend Jessica Bradley for finally making it happen.

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#### Chapter Board Meetings

The LAAPL Board of Directors and Committee Members did not hold their regular meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019, as we had a joint luncheon/meeting with the Los Angeles Basin Geological Society.

However, we encourage all members to attend any upcoming LAAPL Board Meetings which are typically held in the same room as the luncheon immediately after the meetings are adjourned.

#### Scheduled LAAPL Luncheon Topics and Dates

#### March 21, 2019



Speaker: **Uduak-Joe Ntuk, P.E.**City of Los Angeles Petroleum
Administrator
Topic: Historical Lease Agreements



Speaker: **Michel E. Curry, CPL**AAPL President 2019
VP of Land and Sr. Counsel,
Henry Resources LLC

#### May 16, 2019



Speaker: Ronald Stein
Founder and Ambassador for Energy
& Infrastructure at PTS Advance
Topic: Is California becoming a
National Security Risk to the U.S. and
Inflationary challenge to California
businesses?

Officer Elections

September 19, 2019 TBD



## Treasurer's Report

# Jason Downs, RPL Treasurer Contract Senior Land Representative Chevron Pipeline and Power Company

As of 1/3/2019, the

LAAPL account \$39,560.29

showed a balance of

Deposits \$189.29

Total Checks,
Withdrawals, Transfers
\$0.00

Balance as of 3/1/2019 \$39,749.58

#### New Members and Transfers

#### Allison Foster Membership Chair Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc.

Welcome! As a Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen member, you serve to further the education and broaden the scope of the petroleum landman and to promote effective communication between its members, government, community and industry on energy-related issues.

#### **New Member Requests**

#### **Uduak-Joe Ntuk**

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New Members
None to Report
Transfers

None to Report

#### 2019 West Coast Landmen's Institution

The initial consensus is we are headed back to Pismo Beach after a long hiatus. The WCLI, a joint effort of the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landmen and Bakersfield Association of Professional Landmen, is scheduled for fall; September or October. A "Save the Date" flyer will soon be sent out with dates and final location.



#### Lawyer's Joke of the Month

#### Jack Quirk, Esq. Bright and Brown

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

"What are your golf clubs doing here?" she demanded.

He looked at her with surprise and asked, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

#### Our Honorable Guests

January's luncheon was a successful joint meeting with the Los Angeles Basin Geological Society and Los Angeles Association of Professional Landman held at the Grand at Willow Street Conference Center. LAAPL were the guests of honor.

### Early Bird Reminder for LAAPL Annual Dues

Jason Downs, RPL, Chapter Treasurer, will be calling for dues late Spring; which will be due by June 2019 for the 2019 – 2020 year. Cost: still a bargain at a mere \$40.00.

#### <u>President's Message</u> <u>continued from page 2</u>

Our second speaker is Mike Curry, AAPL President, whom I have had the extreme pleasure of knowing since my four years as the LAAPL representative to the AAPL Board. He is a dynamic person and professional who is taking AAPL to new heights.

We are very fortunate to have these great speakers joining us.

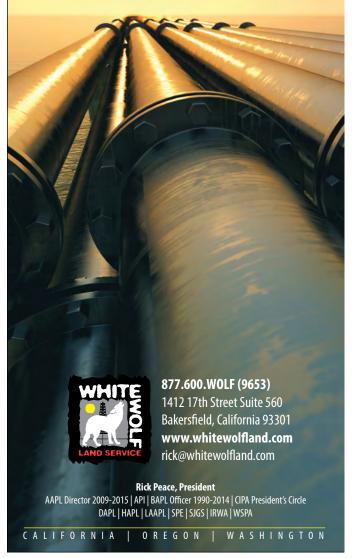
### THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING AT THE LONG BEACH PETROLEUM CLUB.

After many years of holding our meetings here, we have been notified the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Petroleum Club has decided to close and put the location up for sale. Sad news indeed as they have been a great host for LAAPL. As to the new location of our meetings, we will keep you updated once the LAAPL Board makes that determination.



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#### **AAPL Director Update**

#### Randall Taylor, RPL Director, Region VIII

The most recent meeting was held on March 10, 2019 at the Encore at Wynn Resort, Las Vegas, NV. Las Vegas is not my favorite place in the world, but the hotel was very nice and food was good.

Highlights of the meeting follow:

- The AAPL Annual Meeting committee has solicited the Directors to help obtain sponsors from our regions/cities for the 2019 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. The committee members have been working diligently to contact many companies, but even though NAPE continues to be a great success, company involvement and sponsorship of the AAPL Annual Meeting has been limited. We hope to make the Pittsburgh Annual Meeting very memorable; and with individual and corporate participation, we can bring our professionals. Please contact Mark Acree or Le'Ann Callihan at AAPL if you need further information.
- The AAPL Educational Foundation, Inc. has funds to assist members to attend educational events. Members need only apply to receive assistance.
- Foundation the Marketing Committee is sending letters to as many petroleum museums around the country to let them know that we have money available for educational events at their museums. The Foundation also plans to reach out to junior colleges in the parts of the country that have adult continuing education programs in the oil and gas industry and let them know the same thing.
- As of January 1, 2019, the AAPL Contract Center is now available to all AAPL members at a new rate of \$250 per year. This is down from \$375.

The Board of Directors nominated and chose the following slate of officers to serve for the 2019-2020 term in accordance with the AAPL Bylaws:

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As a voting member of AAPL, should have received you email on March an 12. AAPLOfficerBallot@ from intelliscaninc.net, which contains a link to complete your ballot. The deadline to complete your officer ballot is May 20, 2019.

• The AAPL Membership Committee continues efforts to increase membership. As of February 27 the current membership is 15,429 which is approximately 107 behind last year's numbers at this date and they expect to maintain our membership at approx. 16,500 before the end of the term. We are currently vetting 20-30 new applications per week.

There are many more topics to report on and I will have a more detailed report when the meeting minutes become available to me.





#### **Educational Corner**

#### James D. Pham, JD Energy Solutions, LLC **Education Chair**

#### March 2019

**RPL Exam Only** 

When: March 22, 2019 Where: Fort Worth, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Due Diligence Seminar** 

When: March 22, 2019 Where: Traverse City, MI

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 5.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 5.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Petroleum Economics Seminar (webinar avail)

When: March 28, 2019 Where: Birmingham, AL

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 6.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 6.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 1.0

**CPL Exam Only** 

When: March 22, 2019 Where: Fort Worth, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Joint Operating Agreements 2 Day Seminar** 

When: March 26, 2019 Where: Dallas, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 14.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 14.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

#### April 2019

Field Landman Seminar

When: April 4, 2019 Where: Oklahoma City, OK

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 2.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 2.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam

When: April 9, 2019 Where: Bismarck, ND

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Petroleum Economics Seminar** 

When: April 11, 2019 Where: Anchorage, AK

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 6.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 6.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 1.0

**Joint Operating Agreements Seminar** 

When: April 18, 2019 Where: Bakersfield, CA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 7.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 7.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam

When: April 23, 2019 - April 26, 2019

Oil and Gas Land Review Only Registration

When: April 9, 2019 Where: Bismarck, ND

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam

When: April 9, 2019 Where: Bismarck, ND

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**LDC Gas Forum Southeast** 

When: April 15, 2019 - April 17, 2019

Where: Atlanta, GA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 9.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 9.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 1.0

Oil and Gas Land Review Only Registration

When: April 23, 2019 Where: Albuquerque, NM

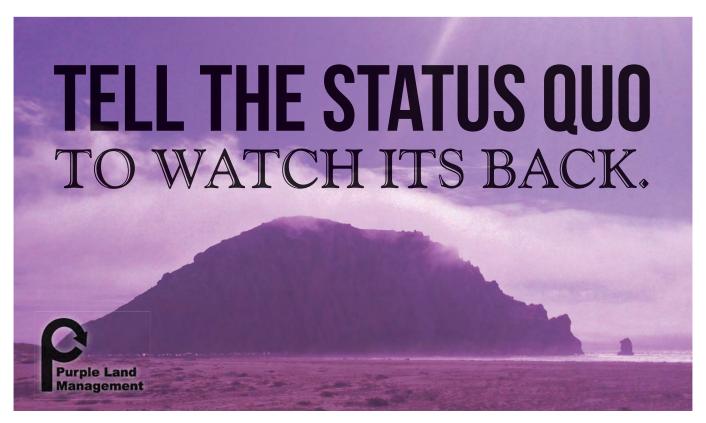
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Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam Registration

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#### Educational Corner - continued

Where: Albuquerque, NM

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CPL Recertification Credits: 18.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 1.0

When: April 23, 2019 Where: Albuquerque, NM

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

#### May 2019

**Held By Production and Royalty Issues** 

When: May 2, 2019 Where: Casper, WY

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 6.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 6.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Royalty Deductions** 

When: May 7, 2019 Where: Houston, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 3.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 3.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review Only Registration

When: May 14, 2019 Where: Pittsburgh, PA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Registration

When: May 14, 2019 Where: Pittsburgh, PA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**CPL Exam Only** 

When: May 24, 2019 Where: Fort Worth, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Due Diligence Seminar** 

When: May 2, 2019 Where: Lafayette, LA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 5.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 5.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

**Joint Operating Agreements Seminar** 

When: May 9, 2019 Where: Corpus Christi, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 7.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 7.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

Oil and Gas Land Review, CPL/RPL Exam

When: May 14, 2019 - May 17, 2019

Where: Pittsburgh, PA

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 18.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 18.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 1.0

**RPL Exam Only** 

When: May 24, 2019 Where: Fort Worth, TX

RL/RPL Continuing Education Credits: 0.0

CPL Recertification Credits: 0.0 CPL/ESA Ethics Credits: 0.0

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#### Educational Corner - continued

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If you have questions or would like more information, please contact AAPL's Director of Education Christopher Halaszynski at (817) 231-4557 oror LAAPL's Education Chair James Pham at (949) 500-0909 or jdpham@email.com.

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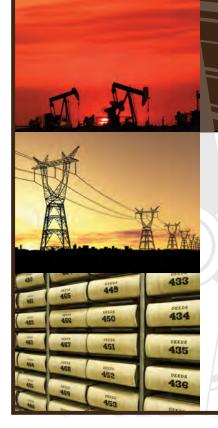
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#### Luncheon Seminar

#### Dear LAAPL Members & Guests,

We invite you to join us for a special LAAPL Luncheon Seminar featuring two outstanding speakers!

# LAAPL LUNCHEON SEMINAR Thursday, March 21, 2019 | 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM SPEAKERS:



**Uduak-Joe Ntuk** *City of Los Angeles Petroleum Administrator* 



Michael E. Curry, CPL
AAPL President 2019
VP of Land and Sr. Counsel
Henry Resources LLC

#### **COST:**

LAAPL Luncheon Seminar

**\$25.00** with reservation \$30.00 without reservation \$25.00 Retired

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

We anticipate a large turnout. Save your seat by visiting <a href="www.laapl.com">www.laapl.com</a> and clicking on <a href="http://www.laapl.com/laapl-luncheon-March-21st/">http://www.laapl.com/laapl-luncheon-March-21st/</a> or by emailing Chip Hoover at <a href="mailto:chiphoover@hotmail.com">chiphoover@hotmail.com</a>. \*Reservations must be made by 11:00 AM, Wednesday, March 20, 2019 to receive the discounted price. Walk-ins are welcome! Payments may be made by cash or check at the door.

**LOCATION:** The Long Beach Petroleum Club

3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 427-7966





#### Luncheon Seminar - continued

#### **MEET OUR SPEAKERS!**



**Uduak-Joe Ntuk** is a third generation Long Beach resident, the grandson of a naval flight deck captain stationed at the Long Beach Naval base and the son of an immigrant father from West Africa. He's a local product of St. Barnabas Elementary School and St. Anthony High School before attending Long Beach City College. Uduak-Joe Ntuk is a former student athlete who was All-City and All-CIF in both soccer and football. He earned his Eagle Scout Award from the California Heights Troop 78.

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#### Case of the Month - Right of Way

### REGULATORY TAKINGS MAY RESULT FROM IMPROPER CEOA DETERMINATION: STAY TUNED

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A few months ago, we reported on a Court of Appeals decision, Bottini v. City of San Diego, where the Court held that delays resulting from a governmental agency's improper denial of a permit application for a new development did not result in a regulatory taking. The case involved a local agency's improper application of CEQA to a proposed residential development, and the property owner successfully securing a decision by the court to overturn the City's requirement to comply with CEQA where there was a clear exemption. The owner also sought damages due to a lengthy delay in development, but the Court held there had been no regulatory taking. The owner petitioned for review by the California Supreme Court, which is rarely successful. However, interestingly, the Court decided to take up the case, so we will now await a decision on the issue.



The Court will be faced with determining whether a developer who succeeds in overturning a city's improper application of CEQA (or development regulations generally) is entitled to secure just compensation from the public agency resulting from the development delay — i.e., a temporary "taking" of the property. (For us regulatory takings geeks, the Court will likely focus on whether to apply the Penn Central "investment-backed expectations" test or the Landgate "substantially advances" test.) Usually these decisions revolve around whether (i) the government's improper action can be categorized as a "normal delay" during the permit approval process, and (ii) the government's actions were completely out of the realm of reasonableness. Rarely is there a bright-line that can be drawn in these types of cases, so it will be interesting to see how the

Supreme Court renders a decision. We'll continue to follow the case as it unfolds.

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#### Case of the Month - Oil & Gas



#### Insurance Coverage for Joint Ventures: Texas Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Anadarko in Insurance Coverage Dispute Over Deepwater Horizon Defense Costs

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It has been almost 10 years since an explosion onboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig rocked the offshore energy industry. In that time, most of the major (and minor) players involved in the disaster have been forced to resort to the courts to resolve disputes with their insurers, and they have made new law along the way. Anadarko is the most recent example. Anadarko's insurance claim has been working its way through the court system for several years, and on January 25, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas ruled in favor of Anadarko (and against its London Market insurers) in a dispute over coverage for defense costs arising out of the Deepwater Horizon incident<sup>1</sup>. The Texas Supreme Court's decision is a "win" for both Anadarko and other energy sector policyholders that participate in joint ventures.

#### THE DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT

The broad outlines of the Deepwater Horizon incident are well known. On April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire occurred onboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, which resulted in the deaths of 11 men, the sinking of the rig, and the subsequent release of millions of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico. President Obama called it the "worst environmental disaster America has ever faced."

Anadarko was a minority partner in the Macondo well where the blowout occurred (BP was the majority partner). As a result of its minority stake in the well, Anadarko was named as a defendant in thousands of claims arising out of the Deepwater Horizon incident. Anadarko eventually agreed to pay BP \$4 billion in exchange for, among other things, an agreement to indemnify Anadarko against liabilities arising out of the Deepwater Horizon incident. Anadarko also incurred well over \$100 million in defense costs defending itself against claims arising out of the incident.

#### ANADARKO'S "ENERGY PACKAGE" POLICY

Prior to the incident, Anadarko purchased an "energy package" insurance policy through the Lloyd's, London Market. Section III of that policy provided excess liability





insurance coverage subject to a \$150 million per occurrence limit. The relevant insuring agreement required the underwriters to indemnify Anadarko for "Ultimate Net Loss," which the policy defined to include defense costs. A "joint venture" endorsement, however, limited the underwriters' liability as follows:

[A]s regards any liability of [Anadarko] which is insured under this Section III and which arises in any manner whatsoever out of the operation or existence of any joint venture . . . in which [Anadarko] has an interest, the liability of Underwriters under this Section III shall be limited to the product of (a) the percentage interest of [Anadarko] in said Joint Venture and (b) the total limit afforded [Anadarko] under this Section III.

Based on the product of Anadarko's percentage interest in the Macondo joint venture (25 percent) and the total coverage limit under Section III (\$150 million), the underwriters argued that the endorsement effectively capped their liability at \$37.5 million. Anadarko countered that the endorsement only reduced the amount the underwriters were required to pay to cover joint venture liabilities to third parties, and did not apply to defense costs. Anadarko filed a lawsuit against the underwriters seeking payment for \$112.5 million in defense costs (\$150 million minus the \$37.5 million already paid by the underwriters). The trial court ruled in favor of Anadarko. The Texas Court of Appeals, however, reversed and ruled in favor of the underwriters.

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#### THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT DECISION

The Texas Supreme Court sided with Anadarko and held that the joint venture endorsement did not limit the policy's coverage for defense costs. In reaching this decision, the court focused on the first clause of the endorsement ("as regards any liability of [Anadarko] which is insured under this Section III . . .") and noted that although the policy does not define "liability," it "consistently distinguishes between Anadarko's 'liabilities' and 'expenses." Based on the policy's use of the term "liability" and its distinguishing references to "expenses," the court concluded that "liability" refers to an obligation imposed on Anadarko by law to pay for damages sustained by a third party who submits a written claim, i.e., not defense costs.

#### RELEVANCE TO ENERGY SECTOR POLICYHOLDERS

The Anadarko decision is relevant to other energy sector policyholders for several reasons. First, it is a helpful reminder that insurance policies issued to energy sector policyholders sometimes contain joint venture provisions or endorsements that "scale" or limit the insurer's exposure to joint venture liabilities by reducing the limits available for those liabilities (often in proportion to the policyholder's percentage interest in the joint venture). Some policies also contain provisions that limit the "cumulative liability" of the insurer from any one occurrence arising out of the operations of a joint venture involving more than one policyholder to some multiple of the policyholder's limits. Second, many policies contain joint venture provisions and other policy language similar to the language at issue in Anadarko. The Anadarko court, for example, relied on a very common definition of "Ultimate Net Loss" and other common policy provisions to distinguish between "liabilities" and "expenses." That distinction and the court's definition of "liability" (an obligation imposed on the insured by law to pay for damages sustained by a third party who submits a written claim) may even prove helpful outside the joint venture context.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Insurance policies issued to energy sector policyholders often contain unique policy provisions that apply only to joint ventures. These provisions may limit or even eliminate coverage for liabilities (and defense expenses) arising out of joint ventures. Policyholders should carefully review these provisions to make sure they have the joint venture coverage they need, particularly if they are required to purchase insurance under the terms of the joint venture agreements in which they participate.

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<sup>1</sup> Anadarko Petroleum Corp. v. Houston Cas. Co., No. 16-1013, 2019 WL 321921 (Tex. Jan. 25, 2019).







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#### Ronald Stein - Guest Article



#### SAN BERNARDINO SLAMS BRAKES ON BIG SOLAR

By Ronald Stein, Founder and Ambassador for Energy & Infrastructure of PTS Advance, headquartered in Irvine, California

The <u>San Bernardino County's Board of Supervisors slammed the brakes on big solar projects</u> and highlighted a challenge California could face as it seeks to eliminate the use of fossil fuels.

When we look at the hysteria to replace our current energy sources with renewable electricity from wind and solar, we're reminded of the phrase from the 1967 Paul Newman film Cool Hand Luke, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Numerous Politicians and lawmakers are joining the hype and hysteria bandwagon intent on converting our fossil fuel and nuclear electricity generation to wind and solar renewables, but the local citizens are not buying into the conversion miasma without some clear explanations as to what, how and why.

San Bernardino locals are soundly voicing their objections to those land devouring renewable projects that are viewed as extremely wasteful uses of land resources. They see these unsightly monstrosities that destroy vegetation, trees, and wildlife; and many see as eyesores that destroy ecosystems and lead to higher electricity prices and lower property values for nearby residents, and are saying not-in-my-back-yard! So, with no places to locate the renewables farms, what's next?

Land Use by Electricity Source in Acres/MW Produced

<u>Source</u>	Acres per Megawatt Produced	Electricity generation reliability
Natural Gas	12.41	Availability is continuous and uninterruptable
Nuclear	12.71	Availability is continuous and uninterruptable
Wind	43.50	Available when the wind blows, thus intermittent
Solar	70.64	Available when the sun shines, thus intermittent

To compound this "failure to communicate" with the blue collars, California is already taking actions that may be irreversible! The State's Congress has already passed legislation requiring 100% of its electricity to be generated from renewables by the year 2045. Thus, no electricity generated from Nuclear or Natural Gas in California by 2045. Damn the torpedoes, they say. Full speed ahead!

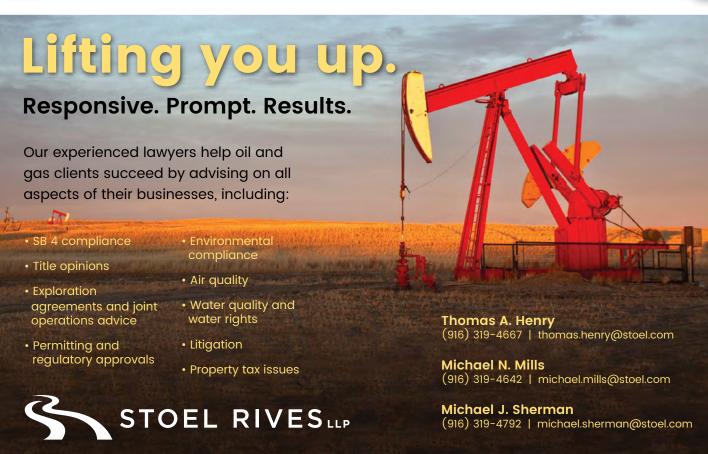
To meet this ill-fated target of 100% clean energy by 2045, growth in renewable electricity technology, including advanced storage facilities, will be required to be up and running on all cylinders by then to replace the electricity that is now generated by Nuclear and Natural Gas.

California is phasing out nuclear reactors to generate zero-emission electricity. In 2013 California already shut down the continuous nuclear facility of SCE's San Onofre Generating Station which generated 2,200 megawatts of power and will be closing PG&E's Diablo Canyon's 2,160 megawatts of power in 2024 getting ready for the renewable replacements. Most recently Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the impending closures of three DWP natural gas-powered plants, located at El Segundo, Long Beach, and the Los Angeles Harbor, again getting ready for those renewables. If this weren't so scary, it would be laughable.



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Ron Stein Nothing-Anywhere-Near-Anything," SOBBY – "Some-Other-Bugger's-Back-Yard," and NAMBI - continued from page 20 "Not- Against-My-Business-or-Industry" that put up oppositions to proposed developments in their local area can quickly initiate a herd of lawsuits to stop or delay projects for eternity. They can also present significant infrastructure hurdles, even for worthwhile projects, while creating insurmountable barriers for bogus projects as they rightfully target pork barrel projects from progressing.

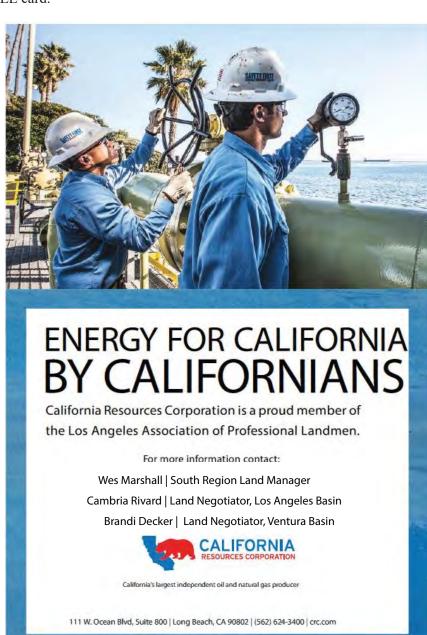
Astoundingly, to go along with all the hysteria to support renewables, and with all the world's efforts to protect life, wind farms are "legally" killing hundreds of thousands of top predator birds like eagles and hawks, and decimating bat populations every year. Without any regard for how this affects the ecosystems in their areas, it's appalling that society has given the wind farm industry a get-out-of-jail FREE card.

In 2017, the former President Obama's administration finalized a rule that lets windenergy companies operate high-speed turbines for up to 30 years — even if it means killing or injuring thousands of species protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Under the new rule, wind farms may acquire an eagle "take" permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that allows the site to participate in the <u>nationwide killing of up to 4,200 bald eagles annually</u>, under incidental "take" permits without compensatory mitigation. It's shocking that wind farms can legally obtain permits from the USFWS to kill those majestic bald eagles. I cry foul! I wonder if the renewable industry is proud of those new jobs being created also include those needed to clean up the mess from those creatures chopped up by the wind generator blades and from those fried from the heat from the solar panels?

Our politicians may be oblivious to the governments' acceptance of animal cruelty toward birds of prey, but the public is loudly rejecting this atrocity toward "taking," which is a kind word for killing, bald eagles.

The inability of our politicians to communicate their grand plans, inclusive of the Green New Deal, and gain the buy-in from blue collars, before jumping off the cliff is a guaranteed primrose path to failure. The recent rejection of a one million acre solar farm in San Bernardino, California, along with similar expected actions from other local communities will most likely squelch the idea of a Green New Deal and a "super grid" from ever coming to fruition.



Now that politicians have set in motion actions to remove current and proven infrastructures for electricity generation without any places designated to put those new wind and solar farms, what's next? Our Constitution prohibits the overreach of eminent domain, and the Supreme Court has recently upheld that protection. The citizenry of California is not bending over to allow these new energy policies to disrupt their lives, and I applaud them.

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#### **Guest Article**

#### THE OBVIOUS BIOMASS EMISSIONS ERROR

By Steve Goreham

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When Thomas Edison established his Pearl Street power plant in New York City in 1892, he used coal for fuel, not wood. Wood fuel could not compete with the cost of coal in 1892 and it still can't today. Nevertheless, burning of biomass is widely regarded as sustainable and promoted as a solution for climate change, especially in Europe.

Today, Europe produces about 17 percent of its energy and 29 percent of its electricity from renewable sources. Biomass accounts for about 19 percent of the electricity generated from renewables. Since 2000, Europe's biomass consumption for energy production is up 84 percent.

For example, biomass fuel produced 18 percent of Denmark's electricity in 2017. For the last two decades, Denmark has been reducing coal-fired power plant output, but adding biomass-powered plants. Since 2000, Denmark's use of coal fuel for electricity decreased 63 percent. But the use of biomass fuel for electricity in Denmark increased by a factor of five, almost exactly replacing the decline in coal output. About three-quarters of the biomass consumed by Denmark is wood, with most of it imported.



But the "sustainability" of biomass is questionable, despite the childish notion that if you grow it, it must be sustainable. Burning wood emits more carbon dioxide than burning coal.

A 2012 study by Synapse Energy Economics estimated that the average smokestack of a US biomass plant emitted about 1.67 tons of CO<sup>2</sup> per megawatt-hour of electricity generated, or 50 to 85 percent greater than emissions from a coalfired plant. CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from a biomass plant are more than triple the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from a natural gas facility.

Despite these well-known numbers, neither the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nor the European Commission (EC) count emissions from power plants that burn wood. The EPA stated in 2009, "The CO<sup>2</sup> emitted from biomass-based fuels combustion does not

increase atmospheric CO<sup>2</sup> concentrations, assuming the biogenic carbon emitted is offset by the uptake of CO<sup>2</sup> resulting from the growth of new biomass." In 2007, the EC ruled, "Biomass is considered as CO<sup>2</sup> neutral. An emission factor of 0 shall be applied to biomass."

The idea that burning wood is "carbon neutral" originated from the 1996 Greenhouse Gas Inventory paper from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of the United Nations. The IPCC assumed that, as trees grow, they absorb CO<sup>2</sup> equal to the amount released when burned in a biomass-fired power plant. If correct, substitution of wood for coal would reduce net emissions.

But a 2011 opinion by the European Environment Agency described a "serious error" in greenhouse gas accounting. The carbon neutral assumption doesn't account for CO<sup>2</sup> absorbed by vegetation that grows naturally on land not used for biofuel production. In addition, forests cut down to provide wood chips for power plants immediately release large quantities of carbon dioxide, but decades of tree regrowth are required to reabsorb released CO<sup>2</sup>. Substitution of wood for coal in electrical power plants is actually increasing carbon dioxide emissions.

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Biomass article As a result, the emissions numbers reported by Europe are wrong. Eurostat reports that Europe's greenhouse gas emissions declined 16 percent from 2000 to 2016, but emissions from plants burning biomass and emissions from vehicular biofuels aren't counted. European nations won't face this obvious biomass emissions error, because without biomass, already difficult climate targets would become impossible to meet.

As a fuel, wood contains less energy and is more expensive than coal or natural gas. According to the American Physical Society, coal produces about 46 percent more energy per ton than wood. Since wood is less dense than coal, more than twice the volume of wood is required to produce the same electrical output.

In the United States, biomass plants are not doing well. Aided by subsidies and the "carbon neutral" classification, the number of US biomass power plants almost doubled between 2003 and 2016, from 485 to 760. But in 2017, only 1.1 percent of US electricity was generated by biomass fuel.

In the last few years, many of these wood-burning plants have been idled. In California, 27 percent of biomass capacity is off-line. Biomass generation declined in 17 states from 2013—2017, because burning wood is expensive compared to traditional power plants and other renewable generators.

One of the largest industrial emitters of carbon dioxide in Europe is the Drax power plant in North Yorkshire, England. The Drax plant produces 3,900 megawatts of electricity, about 6 percent of the UK's electricity supply. This formerly coal-fired station consumed 36,000 metric tons of coal per day delivered by 35 coal trains each day.

In the name of cutting CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, four of the six Drax generating stations were converted to burn wood chips over the last seven years, at a cost of £700 million (\$1 billion). Hailed as "the biggest decarbonization project in Europe," this facility now consumes about 9 million tons of wood pellets per year, shipped 3,000 miles from the US and Canada.

An estimated 4,600 square miles of forest are needed to feed the voracious Drax plant, with acres of forest felled each day. Replanted trees will take half a century to regrow. Despite the decarbonization claims, the CO<sup>2</sup> emitted from the Drax plant is far greater today than when coal fuel was burned.

Burning wood for electricity is just one more foolish policy in the "fight" against global warming.

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ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT HOST HOTEL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

8:00 am - 7:30 pm Registration

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Welcome Reception Heinz Field's Great Hall (100 Art Rooney Ave)

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

6:00 am – 6:45 am Workout at the Park State Point Park (601 Commonwealth Pl)

8:00 am – 5:30 pm Registration

9:00 am – 11:30 am Opening Session: AAPL Awards & **Keynote Speaker Alexandra Pruner** 

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Membership and Business Luncheon

#### 1:10 pm – 2:00 pm Panel Discussion on Appalachian Basin: Problematic & Regional Issues

Ryan Pankiewicz, RPL, Meshek & Associates Renee Anderson, Sean Cassidy & Associates, P.C. Drew Romig, McDonald Hopkins

1:10 pm – 2:00 pm Excel 101: Tips and Tricks for Landmen James Niu, Cinco Energy

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm Wage and Hour Legal Compliance for America's Landmen Robert Pritchard, Littler Mendelson, P.C.

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm Step by Step: Acquisitions from PSA to Closing

Michael Hammond, DMC Bradley

3:10 pm − 4:00 pm Contract Center Workshop ► Limited seating | RSVP during registration

3:10 pm – 4:00 pm Making Cash Flow Dwayne Purvis, Dwayne Purvis, P.E.

3:10 pm – 4:25 pm Lease Payments and Obligations David Hatch, Holland & Hart LLP Jennifer Ott, RPL, PDC Energy, Inc.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hot Play Happy Hour Socials

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

AAPL Champion Golf Tournament The Club at Nevillewood Golf Course (1000 Nevillewood Dr)

6:00 am – 6:45 am Workout at the Park State Point Park (601 Commonwealth PI)

7:30 am – 8:30 am Horizon Breakfast Limited seating | RSVP during registration

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

9:00 am – 9:50 am Legislative/Regulatory Update Tony Ford, Crowley Fleck Steve Perdue, CPL, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

9:00 am – 9:50 am Comingling Doctrine & Horizontal Wells: Whose Burden Is It Anyway?

Ricardo Morales, Person, Whitworth, Borchers & Morales, L.L.P.

10:00 am − 11:00 am Contract Center Workshop ► Limited seating | RSVP during registration

10:00 am – 11:30 am Advanced Due Diligence Issues in Oil & Gas Acquisitions Peter Hays, King & Spalding

10:00 am – 11:30 am Surface Use Issues for Horizontal Wells M. Ryan Kirby, Kirby, Matthews, Walrath, PLLC

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Education Luncheon

1:10 pm – 2:00 pm Financing a Deal David Barcus, BBVA/Compass

1:10 pm – 2:00 pm Comparative Analysis of Unique Title Issues

Michael Vennum, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm Increase Your Company's Profits with Royalty Deductions Marlin Brown, CPL, The Bugle Group



#### 2:10 pm – 3:00 pm Statutes of Limitations and Equitable Defenses to Lease Termination Claims

Peter Lusenhop, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

Ilya Batikov, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP Gregory D. Russell, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

#### 2:10 pm − 3:00 pm Contract Center Workshop ◀

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# 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm The Importance of Understanding Complexities of Petroleum Geology

Laura Wray, Petroleum Consultant and Geologic Instructor

#### 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm Midstream Oil and Gas Fundamentals

Ana Rausch, Percheron LLC
Paul Carlson, CPL, Percheron LLC

#### 4:10 pm – 5:00 pm Due Diligence when Acquiring Upstream Assets Subject to Midstream Contracts

Dale D. Smith, Bracewell, LLP

#### 4:10 pm – 5:00 pm Covenants Running with the Land

Lydia Webb, Gray Reed & McGraw Phillip Jordan, Crossing Rocks Energy, LLC

#### 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm Landman Bash

Location TBD

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

9:00 am – 9:50 am Held By Production in the Appalachian Basin

Keith Bradley, DMC Bradley

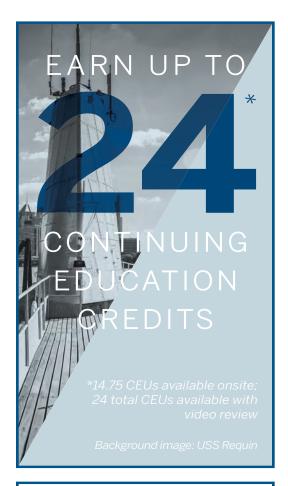
#### 10:00 am - 10:50 am Negotiations

Curtis Horne, CPL, Paradigm Land, LLC

#### 11:00 am - 11:50 am Federal Oil and Gas Leases 101

Bill Hackett, WCM Resources LLC

\*Schedule is subject to change. Most up-to-date schedule will always be available on landman.org.





AAPL's Contract Center provides online access to model form agreements including the 2015 JOA. This digital platform streamlines the drafting and negotiation of agreements.

Don't miss out! This workshop is offered at three times. Seating is limited in each, so reserve your spot when registering online.

- ▶ Learn about:
  - New features & best practices
  - New member pricing: \$250
  - New available forms



#### OPENING SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKER ALEXANDRA PRUNER

THURSDAY, JUNE 20



ALEXANDRA "ALIE" PRUNER
Independent Director, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Senior Advisor, Perella Weinberg Partners

Alexandra Pruner is an independent director of Anadarko Petroleum
Corporation (NYSE: APC) and also serves as senior advisor to the global advisory and asset-management firm Perella
Weinberg Partners (which includes energy investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. ("TPH")), where she served as CFO for nearly 12 years.

Pruner was a founding partner at TPH. Earlier in her career, she served as publisher of World Oil magazine focusing on the technical aspects of the oilfield services sector. Ms. Pruner's energy experience also includes nearly 10 years with E&P and midstream companies (Houston Exploration and NUI Corporation), in financing and investor relations positions. Her initial Wall Street experience includes six years with

Shearson Lehman Brothers, where she served as a Vice President in New York.

Pruner was recently named to *Oil & Gas Investor*'s Top 25 Influential Women in Energy list and was named CFO of the Year in 2013 by the *Houston Business Journal*.

Active in community affairs, Pruner currently serves as president of the Houston Symphony Endowment and chair of the Audit Committee of the United Way of Greater Houston. She also serves as chair of Brown University's President's Advisory Council on the Economics Department. She founded the Women's Global Leadership Conference in Energy and Technology, now in its 16th year.

She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Brown University, and she and her husband have two grown children.



#### SPECIAL EVENTS: WHERE BUSINESS MEETS PLEASURE

AAPL'S ANNUAL MEETING BRINGS
TOGETHER HUNDREDS OF OIL AND
GAS PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE
EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
THAT SUPPORT AND ADVANCE LAND
PROFESSIONALS' CAREERS. MIXED
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INFORMAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR
ATTENDEES TO CONNECT WITH OLD
COLLEAGUES AND MAKE NEW ONES.
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#### **WELCOME RECEPTION**

THREE CHEERS FOR LANDMEN!

Sport your favorite team jersey and join the celebration! Pittsburgh is at the top of its game when it comes to sports — touting a tagline of "The City of

Champions." It's a town that bleeds black and gold, the colors of its three professional sports teams: the Pirates,
Penguins and Steelers.

We are excited to announce that this year's Annual Meeting Welcome Reception will be hosted at Heinz Field's Great

Hall ▼. Part museum, part Hall of Honor, the Great Hall showcases magnificent moments from Steelers history and the men who made them. Lockers and bleachers from Three Rivers Stadium, replicas of the Steelers' six Super Bowl trophies, murals and tons of memorabilia make this the ideal setting to kick off AAPL's conference.

Enjoy the history and local enthusiasm with specialty foods and cocktails — including a drink inspired by Steeler





nation — while catching up with old friends and making new ones. Stadium tours will be offered along with a variety of photo-ops, games and surprises!

This reception is a great place to connect with other attendees and make plans for your stay in the Appalachian region. The stadium is located on the North Shore — a short walk over the bridge from the host hotel. AAPL buses will be provided for your convenience.

#### HOT PLAY HAPPY HOUR SOCIALS

AAPL's Hot Play Happy Hours ▼ have become one of the most progressive ways to network! Following the education program on Thursday, make plans to network and make new connections with others who work in your business region at the happy hours, which are conveniently located in consecutive ballrooms within our host hotel. Visit one or all, right across the hall





from the conference education sessions.

Bring your clients to the happy hours,
treat them to dinner afterward at one of
Pittsburgh's many popular restaurants
and grow your business!

#### AAPL HORIZON BREAKFAST New this year!

AAPL will honor trailblazing women who have helped pave the way in our industry. Enjoy breakfast and an entertaining presentation and panel discussion from successful and inspirational women leaders. AAPL will recognize a female trailblazer with its first Horizon Award at this inaugural breakfast. Seating is limited, so please RSVP during registration to save a seat.

## AAPL CHAMPION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Rolling forested hills, rich farmland and sparkling rivers make western Pennsylvania a visual treat and a gorgeous backdrop for some of the best golf in the United States — and there is no better setting than on the greens to network and develop new business partners. Join fellow landmen for a round of golf at **The Club at Nevillewood Golf Course ▼**. The centerpiece is the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course that opened for play in 1992.





The entire routing plan was personally designed by Nicklaus. His goal was to build the finest golf course in western Pennsylvania, and it is perennially ranked among the top designed, most enjoyable and best maintained in Pittsburgh, accommodating golfers of all skill levels.

This tournament requires a separate registration but will be well worth the investment in leisurely fun and networking. Food and prizes will be provided!

#### LANDMAN BASH

There is no better way to cap off a week of education and business than at the popular Landman Bash! Join us for a fun-filled Friday evening with entertainment, delicious food, dancing and visiting with landmen and their guests from all over the country.

This year's bash theme is Black and Gold Glamour. Dress up or dress down, it's up to you to interpret how best to embrace our host city's signature colors: black and gold. Last year's theme was Roaring 20s, and attendees clearly enjoyed getting into the dress-up spirit. We're sure our Pittsburgh attendees will turn out with the same creativity and enthusiasm!

#### WORKOUT IN THE PARK

New this year!

For the first time, AAPL will be hosting fun, family-friendly workout sessions for attendees and guests. Sessions will be hosted by certified instructors, designed for participants of all fitness levels and held in picturesque **State Point Park**, just steps from the host hotel's front entrance.

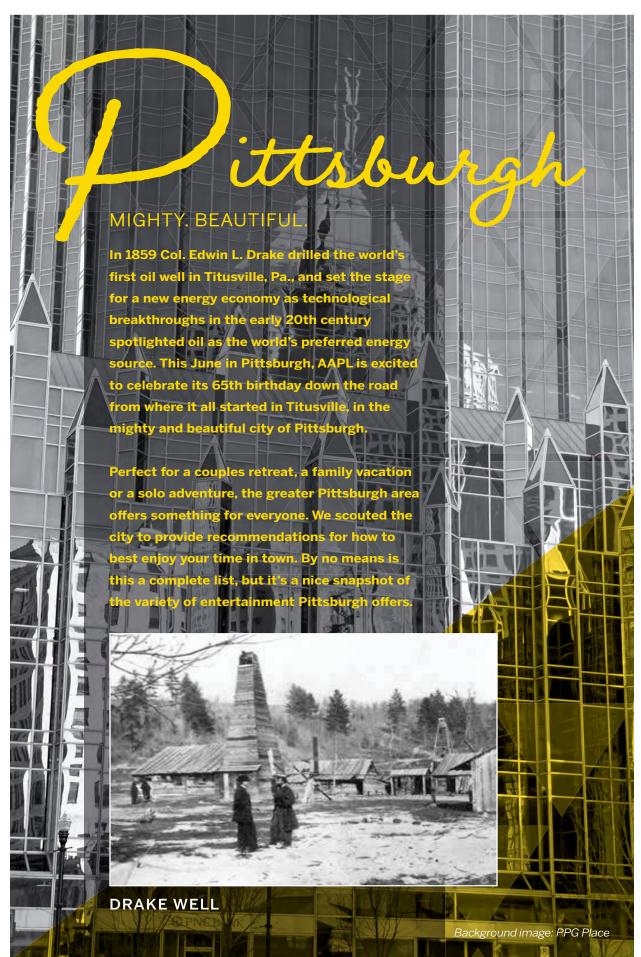












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THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



PNC PARK



LAUREL HIGHLANDS RIVER



**GATEWAY CLIPPER RIVERBOAT** 



**HEINZ HISTORY CENTER** 



**RIVERS CASINO** 



**DUQUESNE INCLINE** 



### REGISTRATION OPENS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.

Register for the 2019 Annual Meeting and book your housing online at *landman.org*. Host hotel rooms at the Grand Wyndham are expected to sell out, so make your flexible reservations today to conveniently stay on-site with the rest of the attendees.

	EARLY BIRD (THRU 4/12)	STANDARD (AFTER 4/12)
AAPL Member	\$600	\$700
Non-Member	\$800	\$900
Spouse/Guest	\$275	\$300
Student	\$150	\$175
Child (under 18)	\$25	\$35

#### **ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGES**

- ► AAPL member, non-member and student registrations include:
  - Welcome Reception
  - Opening Session
  - Membership Luncheon
  - Education Sessions
  - Hot Play Happy Hour Socials
  - Education Luncheon
  - Horizon Breakfast
  - Landman Bash
  - Workout in the Park Sessions
  - Professional Headshot Photo
- ► Spouse/guest registrations include:
  - Welcome Reception
  - Opening Session
  - Membership Luncheon
  - Hot Play Happy Hour Socials
  - Horizon Breakfast
  - Landman Bash
  - · Workout in the Park Sessions
- ► Child registrations include:
  - Welcome Reception
  - Workout in the Park Sessions

#### SPECIAL EVENT

(ADDITIONAL TICKET REQUIRED; MUST BE REGISTERED FOR ANNUAL MEETING TO REGISTER FOR TOURNAMENT)

Golf Tournament

\$225

#### ADDITIONAL TICKETS

▶ Individual tickets for the following events are available for guests who are not registered for one of our all-inclusive packages:

Welcome Reception	\$65
Opening Session	\$40
Membership Luncheon	\$70
• Hot Play Happy Hour Socials	\$50
Education Luncheon	\$70
• Landman Bash	\$140
Horizon Breakfast	\$30

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