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12:00-12:50: Presentation

12:50-1:00: Q&A

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Importance of Land Admin and Relationships Between Land and Lease/DO Analysts



Paula Rauchfuss

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Paula is the mother of two young men and is proud of her 30-year marriage. She enjoys the outdoors, playing sports, spending time with family and friends and a certain black lab puppy.

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Officer's Forum - First Vice President

Hello DAPL Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! It's a busy time of year here at the DAPL. September is the kickoff of our monthly luncheons, and this October, we are so excited to present our 50th annual Denver Land Institute. The Rockies Bash and the Holiday Luncheon, too. We have an exciting lineup of speakers, so sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot! In any case, check out all these events this fall.

In addition to getting a new year kicked off, it's an excellent time to remind our members that **WE NEED YOU** to get involved. You can make a difference. The only way we can better support our members is to have our members on the board and committees. Undoubtedly, our member input is the most valuable resource we gain access to. We rely on each of you to carry out our mission and objectives. Is there something we can do better? Is there a particular type of content you want to see more of? Are there events you would like to see or more volunteer efforts? No matter your level or time commitment, we have something for everyone.

Reasons for getting involved:

1. Making a tangible difference
2. Using your skills and talents for good
3. Meeting and networking with others in the professional land community
4. Helping others and lending a hand
5. Working to elevate a cause you believe in

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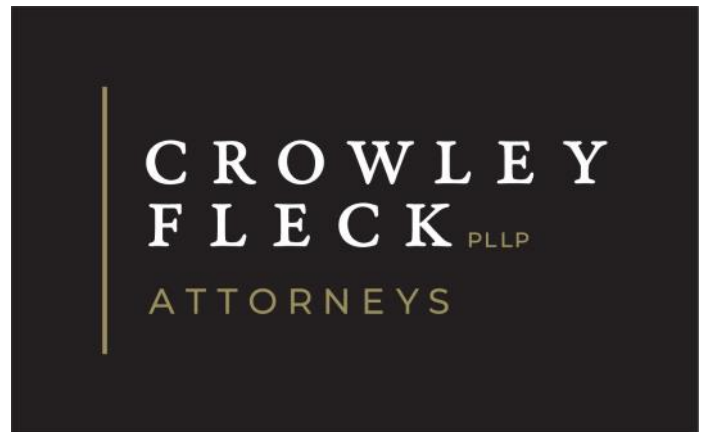
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Field Landman Question

Air Quality Control Commission Approves Guidelines

A DAPL member has asked: What is the status of Colorado's new air quality regulations?

In December 2021, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) adopted new rules, aimed in part at reducing air pollution associated with oil and gas operations. The new rules are the first of their kind in the United States and focus on tying emission reductions to the amount of oil and gas produced. Subsequent to the adoption of the new rules, the AQCC engaged in an interim process of developing guidelines/standards for how such emission levels are to be measured and monitored. That process was completed, and new guidelines/standards regarding the same were adopted, in July 2023, with the rules to become effective in 2025.

Colorado has enacted general statutory requirements requiring the reduction of 2005 greenhouse gas emission levels by 26% as of 2025, by 50% as of 2030, and by 90% as of 2050. For the oil and gas industry specifically, the general requirement is to reduce 2015 greenhouse gas emission levels by 20% as of 2030. In order to meet this requirement, the AQCC believes that the oil and gas industry must reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 140,000 metric tons per year.

The newly adopted measurement and monitoring guidelines/standards, which were ultimately endorsed by both industry and environmental groups, address the same by adopting an "intensity program," *i.e.* an oil and gas operator is required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by set percentages, which percentages are tied to the volumes of oil and gas such operator produces.

The new AQCC Rules contain certain requirements focused on specific field equipment used and inspection enhancement, and also include provisions requiring more detailed emission inventories, the calculation of greenhouse gas intensity per 1,000 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE), and submission of a plan for how an operator intends to meet the required emissions goals. However, the AQCC does not otherwise specifically direct an operator as to how the required percentage emission reductions are to be achieved, leaving Colorado's oil and gas operators with some flexibility in meeting the required goals. Indeed, legislators and regulators are hopeful that the new intensity program will create new ways to capture greenhouse gases, specifically methane, which is the main greenhouse gas emitted by oil and gas operations.

In terms of the required emissions reductions, operators that produce more than 10 million BOE per year are permitted to emit no more than 11 tons of carbon dioxide per 1,000 BOE per year. Below that level, the requirement allows an operator to emit up to 34 tons of carbon dioxide per 1,000 BOE per year. However, these levels will be lowered in 2027 and 2030, and new oil and gas operations will be subject to even lower emissions limits.

The precise manner in which the AQCC's new intensity program will function is still being fleshed out, but now that the AQCC has adopted the framework rule for how greenhouse gas emissions will be measured and monitored, oil and gas industry operators will have both the direction and flexibility needed to meet Colorado's nation-leading greenhouse gas emissions goals.

Brent D. Chicken
Member, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

Do you have a land issue you would like discussed? Do you need supporting documentation to win a bet with a colleague? Is there a question you are too embarrassed to ask your boss? If so, the DAPL would like to hear from you! Please submit your question to joe.martin@highwestresources.com. Each month, we will publish a question chosen from those submitted, along with a Steptoe & Johnson PLLC attorney's discussion of the issue. The foregoing article discusses general legal principles and laws applied to a generic fact situation, is not intended to constitute legal advice or create any attorney-client relationship, and no representation or warranty of accuracy or applicability regarding the same is made by the author or Steptoe & Johnson PLLC. The content of and views expressed in the foregoing article are those of the author, and are not the views of the DAPL.



50th Annual Denver Land Institute

Thursday, Oct. 12

8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Ritz-Carlton, Denver

TOPICS:

- ▶ Case Law Update
- ▶ Federal Lands Panel
- ▶ Renewable Energy
- ▶ Carbon Capture Operations
- ▶ Market Update
- ▶ Ethics of Augmented Intelligence
- ▶ AAPL President's Update

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7:15 am-----Registration Opens / Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:15 am: Welcoming Remarks

- Gil Guethlein, President, Denver Association of Professional Landmen

8:15 am – 9:15 am: Steering Clear of Legal Landmines for Landmen

- Andrew Good, Partner, Oliva Gibbs LLP
 - Ambassador: Kyle Reynolds

9:15 am – 9:30 am-----Break

9:30 am – 10:30 am: Energy Dilemma Docuseries

- Adam Stielstra
- David Ramsden-Wood
- TBD
 - Ambassador: Aaron Gray

10:30 am – 11:30 am: Water Rights in Oil and Gas

- James Aldredge, Shareholder, Winstead PC
 - Ambassador: Gil Guethlein

11:30 am – 12:00 pm-----Lunch Line

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm: AAPL President

- Brooks Yates, President, American Association of Professional Landmen
 - Ambassador: Tyler Aylor

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Oil & Gas Market Update

- Trisha Curtis, President & CEO, PetroNerds, LLC
 - Ambassador: Crosby Garrison

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Renewable Energy Law Update

- Alex Kuiper, Managing Partner, Kuiper Law Firm
 - Ambassador: Bresee Carlson

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm-----Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm: Federal Land Panel

- Tara Rigetti, SER Professor of Law, University of Wyoming
- Kris Koski, Director of PLM Program, University of Wyoming
- Katie Schroder, Partner, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
- Philip C. Lowe, senior Attorney, Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitors Office, US Department of the Interior
 - Ambassador: Aaron Gray

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm: Ethics of AI in Land and Legal Work

- Ashley Gilmore, Co-Founder & CEO, Tracts
 - Ambassador: Sam Evasick

4:45 pm-----Adjourn / Head over to Rockies Bash @ Wynkoop Brewery



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Gil Guethlein - DAPL President

Ms. Guethlein has fifteen years of experience in the energy industry, during which time she has transacted over \$1B in properties. She specializes in land management and stakeholder relations within multidisciplinary teams. As Director of Land at KXP Resources, she leverages learnings from oil and gas for use in clean energy exploration and technology. Ms. Guethlein previously managed Permian Basin Land at Bayswater, supervised DJ Basin Land Business Development at Anadarko and worked the Fayetteville, Haynesville, and Marcellus shale plays at BP America. She has a BS and JD from The University of Texas, is licensed to practice law in Colorado and Texas, is an alumna of the Latino Leadership Institute and is President of DAPL.

Andrew Good - Partner, Oliva Gibbs LLP

Andrew is a Partner with Oliva Gibbs LLP in its Columbus, Ohio office. He represents companies active in the oil and gas industry in both litigation and arbitration matters, from risk management to trial. He also advises clients on compliance and regulatory issues and handles proceedings in front of administrative agencies/governmental bodies, including the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Department of Commerce. In addition to his energy practice, Andrew has broad experience in commercial and business litigation, construction disputes, non-compete/non-solicitation disputes, trade secrets, business torts, and real property-related claims. He is OSHA certified in Construction Safety and Health and has drafted and reviewed numerous construction contracts.

With over a decade of experience, Andrew has handled hundreds of cases that involved investigating claims, preparing and responding to motions, and conducting depositions. Likewise, he has tried multiple cases to verdict, arbitrated numerous matters, handled appeals, and favorably resolved complex cases through mediation. By combining his legal experience with an in-depth understanding of industry and state-specific issues, Andrew provides clients with practical and effective strategies. He takes a collaborative approach with an emphasis on understanding the unique needs and goals of each client in order to efficiently evaluate risk and guide them toward the best possible outcome. Since 2020, Andrew has been recognized as an "Ohio Rising Star" by Super Lawyers and as "One to Watch" by Best Lawyers.



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Adam Stielstra -

Adam Stielstra combines his passion for filmmaking and cultural subjects to create impactful and engaging visual stories. With over 25 years of experience in storytelling, Adam pursues helping devise the most impactful ways to tell stories to help the world.

Adam has been recognized with multiple awards and nominations for his work, including two Emmy nominations, a Platinum Telly, a Platinum MarCom, and a Gold Communicator. Adam also co-created and built the story formula for the internationally acclaimed Nooma film series featuring Rob Bell (over 10 million sold).

David Ramsden-Wood

David Ramsden-Wood was the Co-Founder and COO of OneEnergy Partners (2018 sale). The creator of the #hottakeoftheday, David began his career in energy with Anadarko in 2001. David's ability to analyze the flow of funds throughout the opportunity set and to interpret market trends, coupled with colorful presentation, will undoubtedly entertain and educate on what is to come in 2020.



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James Aldredge - Shareholder, Winstead PC

James Aldredge is a regulatory, administrative, and environmental attorney focused on creative solutions for water and wastewater suppliers. James is skilled at navigating the increasingly complicated and confusing tangle of State and Federal regulatory agencies. He focuses on clearing regulatory hurdles while taking the time to explain the nuances of agency processes so that his clients always know where they stand. James represents clients before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), and the State Office of Administrative Hearings, as well as other administrative agencies and state judicial courts.

James' past experience serving as counsel for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality equipped him with unique insights and a familiarity with the inner-workings of water rights, districts, utilities, and water quality regulation in Texas.

Brooks Yates - AAPL President

Brooks Yates, CPL, is senior vice president of A&D/land at Peregrine Petroleum Partners Ltd., an oil and gas exploration and production company with offices in Dallas and Houston and operations in Texas, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Prior to joining Peregrine, he spent over 15 years as vice president of land at Ventex Oil & Gas Inc. During the 1990s, he was land manager for The Rudman Partnership. A native of Mississippi and an alumnus of The University of Mississippi, Yates began his career in the oil and gas business as a landman in various land roles with Hunt Energy Corp. and Placid Oil Co. in the 1980s before being moved to Shreveport and ultimately Dallas.

A member of AAPL since 1985, Yates served on the Executive Committee as first vice president during 2022-23, treasurer during 2010-11, spent three terms as a director and chaired multiple committees, including the NAPE Advisory Board, NAPE Operators Committee, Southwest Land Institute, Publications Committee and Marketing Committee. He also previously served on the AAPL Investment Advisory Board, Legislative and Regulatory Committee and Ethics Committee. He currently serves on the NAPE Operators Committee. He earned his CPL designation in 1991.



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Trisha Curtis - President & CEO, PetroNerds, LLC

Trisha Curtis is the President and CEO of PetroNerds, LLC. She founded the company and began running it out of Denver in 2016. She was formerly the Director of Research, Upstream and Midstream, at the Energy Policy Research Foundation, Inc. (EPRINC) in Washington, DC. Since 2010, she has led extensive research efforts and major consulting projects and authored several reports on the North American upstream and midstream markets for government agencies, global think tanks, and corporations.

At PetroNerds, Ms. Curtis leads research and consulting services. She is a macroeconomist with an expertise in US shale markets. She is globally recognized for her knowledge of US shale and has been asked to speak and present at several forums including OPEC in Vienna, Austria, in Bahrain, and in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Stanford University, Chatham House, Oxford University, Denver University, and Colorado School of Mines.

Alex Kuiper - Managing Partner, Kuiper Law Firm

Mr. Alex Kuiper counsels a variety of energy industry clients in multiple legal facets. He is Board Certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

With a primary focus on oil and gas law, renewable energy and CCS, employment law, and bankruptcy law, Mr. Kuiper's legal practice caters to a diverse range of clients within the energy sector. He is highly regarded for his role as outside counsel, providing valuable insights and guidance to private equity oil and gas companies and Fortune 500 corporations.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kuiper has been instrumental in facilitating corporate acquisitions cumulatively valued at billions of dollars. From transactional services to adeptly handling civil disputes and litigation, he has consistently delivered exceptional results for clients, including both young professionals and large corporations.



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Tara Righetti - SER Professor of Law, University of Wyoming

Tara Righetti is an SER Professor of Law in the College of Law. She teaches core courses in energy law at the College of Law and in the School of Energy Resources Professional Land Management Concentration. She served as the director for the Professional Land Management concentration from January 2016 to August 2020. Prior to joining the University of Wyoming College of Law and SER faculty in the fall of 2014, she served as CEO and general counsel of a privately owned upstream oil and gas company. She is a member of the state bars of Texas and California, and a Certified Professional Landman and member of AAPL.



Kris Koski - Director of PLM, University of Wyoming

Kris Koski is the director for the Professional Land Management concentration within the academic program for Energy Resource Management and Development. He joined the School of Energy Resources faculty in the fall of 2017, and became PLM Director in the summer of 2020. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Koski is Of Counsel at Long Reimer Winegar LLP where he focuses his legal practice primarily in the oil, gas and natural resource areas of the law. Prior to joining Long Reimer Winegar LLP as an associate in July of 2011, Mr. Koski was an associate at a Houston, Texas based law firm where he represented oil and gas operators in the drafting and production of Drilling and Division Order Title Opinions. He is a proud Wyoming native and has a deep understanding of the energy industry in the Rocky Mountain Region.



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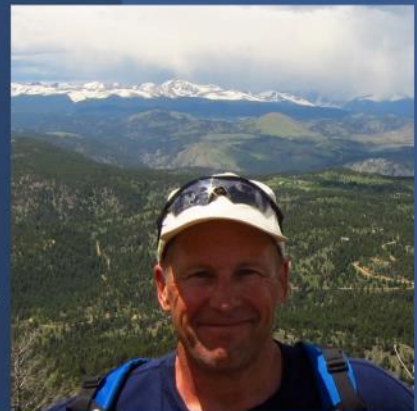
Katie Schroder - Partner, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP

Katie Schroder is a partner at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP where her practice focuses on all aspects of energy development on federal lands. Ms. Schroder counsels clients on oil and gas leasing and development on federal lands and agency compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. She has extensive experience with the Endangered Species Act, including the process for listing species as threatened or endangered, the process for obtaining permits under section 10 of the Act, and the development of conservation agreements for candidate species. She also advises on federal royalty issues. Katie has litigated in federal courts across the country and regularly handles administrative appeals before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Bureau of Land Management, and Office of Natural Resources Revenue, among other agencies.

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Philip C. Lowe - Senior Attorney, Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor's Office, US Department of the Interior

Phil Lowe is an attorney advisor with the Department of the Interior's Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor's Office. Formerly a hydrogeologist and environmental scientist in the environmental management and licensing section of a major electrical utility, he was also an attorney in the environmental practice groups at two large law firms in San Francisco and Denver. At the Regional Solicitor's Office, he advises Interior agency clients on legal and policy matters related to energy development, public land and minerals management and has extensive litigation experience before the Interior Board of Land Appeals and federal courts. Phil also advises Bureau of Land Management clients on NEPA and FLPMA issues associated with environmental impact statements and environmental assessments for a variety of land planning actions and project level records of decision. He also is a former Board Member of the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law and has a 1981 B.S. with honors from Rutgers University (where he won several athletic and academic awards) and a 1989 J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.



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Ashley Gilmore - Co-Founder & CEO, Tracts

Ashley Gilmore is the CEO and Co-Founder of Tracts. After graduating from law school, Ashley set out to build new products that fill gaps between technologies. Prior projects include ScanFly (Cloud-based Scanner Profiles and Admin), FileNile (Cloud Aggregator), and Mavbot (Digital Leash Tethering), and most recently, Tracts. Tracts is a cloud-based Title Management Software that leverages AI to create title efficiency across land departments. The technologies that Ashley & his co-founders have developed hold various patents. In 2022, Ashley was named as one of Hart Energy's 40 Under 40. Ashley is an identical twin.

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September 2023

12th-Education Committee Meeting
13th-Board Meeting
20th-Luncheon - *see page 1 for more information*

October 2023

10th-Education Committee Meeting
11th-Board Meeting
12th-50th Annual Denver Land Institute - *see pages 7-15 for more information*
12th-10th Annual Rockies Bash - *see page 17 for more information*

November 2023

7th-Education Committee Meeting
8th-Board Meeting
15th-Luncheon

October 2023

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From a Legal Perspective

When State Regulations Resulting in the Forced Shut-in of Oil and Gas Wells May Constitute Regulatory Takings

Pursuant to article II, section 15 of the Colorado Constitution, “[p]rivate property shall not be taken or damaged, for public or private use, without just compensation.” Colo. Const. art. II, § 15. A taking can occur via interference with a property owner’s possession, use, enjoyment, or disposition of the property or a governmental action that so substantially interferes with the owner’s use the action effectively amounts to dominion and control over the property. The latter form includes regulatory takings, which occur when the effect of a regulation deprives a property owner of all, or almost all, beneficial use of its property. It is indisputable that the government may legitimately regulate property, but regulations constitute a taking when “government action places an impermissible burden on certain landowners, effectively forcing some people alone to bear public burdens that, in fairness and justice, should be borne by the public as a whole.” *Forest View Co. v. Town of Monument*, 464 P.3d 774, 779 (Colo. 2020). When the government takes property without initiating formal condemnation proceedings, it is called an inverse condemnation.

When conducting a takings analysis, courts must consider the effect of the regulation on the full bundle of rights possessed by the property owner, not just one particular right in the land. Since mineral rights are real property rights, a mineral lessee has a protected property interest, and governmental action that impairs the lessee’s right to exploration and extraction of minerals may constitute a regulatory taking. However, where a mineral lessee’s property interest includes not only the right to the minerals but additional rights that would enable it to extract the minerals, all the property rights affected by the regulation must be considered. Importantly, the rights a property owner seeks to protect must have been part of the bundle of rights associated with the owner’s title when it acquired the property. Finally, the owner’s use must not be subject to attack via common law principles of property and nuisance law restricting uses addressed by the regulations.

There are two per se takings tests for establishing a claim for inverse condemnation when the property owner has lost all beneficial use of the land: (1) the regulation does not substantially advance legitimate state interests, and (2) the regulation strips an owner of all economically viable use of its property. When the property owner has not lost all beneficial use of its land, it may still establish a taking through the fact-specific inquiry test.¹ This article only discusses the last two tests.

Under the economically viable use of the land test, a property owner must establish a very high level of governmental interference that essentially amounts to a prohibition and permanent deprivation of all *reasonable* use of the land. Mere diminished value is not enough. When analyzing whether a regulation has deprived an owner of all beneficial use, a court must consider the entire bundle of sticks that comprise the property right, and not just whether the regulation

¹ While Colorado regulatory takings law tracks very closely with federal law given Colorado has adopted the tests announced by the United States Supreme Court, it has been suggested that Colorado’s tests are, or should be, more lenient because Colorado’s Constitution provides for compensation where property is not only taken, but also “damaged.” The Fifth Amendment of U.S. Constitution only provides for compensation when property is taken.

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affected one right in the land or one part of the land. Thus, where one right is abrogated by a regulation but other rights remain, there is no taking.

As noted above, the protections against takings afforded to land apply to other real property rights, including minerals. Where the effect of the regulation is to prohibit extraction of minerals or the production of the minerals when a well is forced to be shut-in, there may be a taking. However, because the effect of a regulation under this test must result in permanent deprivation of all beneficial use, if a regulation allows the property owner to apply for a variance or a special permit to engage in the prohibited use, the application must be denied before the property owner can bring an inverse condemnation claim.

When a property owner cannot establish that a regulation has stripped all beneficial use, i.e., the property still retains some value, the owner may still be able to establish a taking on the grounds that the regulation has gone “too far.” Here, courts apply a fact-specific inquiry test. Under this test, the diminished value of the property is analyzed together with several factors, the most important being: the economic impact of the regulation, the extent to which the regulation has interfered with the property owner’s reasonable investment-backed expectations, and the nature of the regulation. Courts may also consider any other relevant factors unique to the circumstances.

In conclusion, a regulation that results in the forced shut-in of oil and gas wells arguably has gone too far where it deprives a lessee of all, or nearly all beneficial use of its mineral rights, forcing the lessee to shoulder the sole burden of the public benefits the regulation seeks to achieve without providing compensation.

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June 2023
Tyler Aylor



FINANCE

AAPL remains in a strong financial position despite declines due to market activity. As compared to March 31, 2022, total assets have decreased from \$42,339,817 to \$37,355,925, a change of \$4,983,892 or 11.8%. Decreasing membership levels as noted above have been met with increased discussion and action in reducing the operating expenses while maintaining the same level of current services and offerings to the membership.

The AAPL Board of Director's Meeting was held on June 14th in Huntington Beach, California. This second quarter board meeting kicked off AAPL's 69th Annual Meeting which included nearly 500 attendees, offered 17 continuing education credits, and welcomed in the new [Executive Committee](#).



MEMBERSHIP

Total membership is up 0.51% from 2022 to 11,438 members, however still down 25.16% from 15,284 in 2020.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022-2023 % Change	2020-2023 % Change
Active	13,305	10,655	9,702	9,621	-0.83%	-27.69%
Associate	1,317	947	907	1,072	18.19%	-18.60%
Senior	176	270	287	338	17.77%	92.05%
Student	486	364	484	407	-15.91%	-16.26%
Total	15,284	12,236	11,380	11,438	0.51%	-25.16%

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

As of the June meeting AAPL was tracking 429 bills, 88 Federal/State regulations and 30 Federal/State judicial cases. A full summary can be found on the AAPL website under [Advocacy and Legal](#).

Additionally, [AAPL Scores Big Win for Members With Passage of Our Sponsored Texas Landman Bill](#). This is a great example of how AAPL works for all landmen whether they are members or non-members. While this was in Texas, AAPL can and will apply the same efforts in any state to protect the land profession. There is a Governmental Affairs Advocacy Request Form at the bottom of the Advocacy and Legal link above.

For the mutual good of the DAPL and AAPL and in the spirit of maintaining a strong relationship between our associations please contact me at tyler@impactland.us with any questions, concerns or suggestions.



2023 Golf Tournament Recap

A huge THANK YOU to all that participated, sponsored and volunteered at our 2023 Annual Golf Tournament. Both Keystone courses were beautiful and a good time was had by all. We had a total of 188 golfers and ***raised over \$10,000 for the DAPL Scholarship Fund.***



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DAPL July 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

7/12/2023

In Attendance:

In-person: Tabatha Reed, Laurie Wizeman, Jake Bakker

On Phone: Janet Rost, Teale Stone, Scott McDaniel, Gil Guethlein, Justin Savage, James Culbertson, Estee Sanchez, Armando Trevino, Teale Stone, Tyler Aylor, David Connolly, Chad Sullivan

Pres. Gil Guethlein called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM MST 7.12.2023

Approval of Minutes:

Chad motioned to approve the June minutes. Jake seconded. APPROVED

Membership - Reported by Janet Rost:

12 new memberships. 3 are students

Gil motioned to approve the new members; Armando second; No objections: New Members APPROVED

July 2023 Board Meeting									
MEMBER NAME	COMPANY	ACTIVE	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT	AAPL	SPONSOR	OFFICE PHONE	E-MAIL	
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Christopher Tracht	SM Energy			X	Yes	Tom Bertrand	817-271-1160	ctracht@sm-energy.com	
Jul-23	Jun-23								
Total Number of Current Members - 676	Total Number of Current Members - 655								
Total Number of Non-Members - 813	Total Number of Non-Members - 805								
Expired 5/31/23 - 175	Expired 5/31/23 - 234								
Expiring 5/31/24 - 287	Expiring 5/31/24 - 217								
Expiring 5/31/25 - 62	Expiring 5/31/25 - 62								
Expiring 5/31/26 - 42	Expiring 5/31/26 - 32								
Honorary/Retired (never expire) - 110	Honorary/Retired (never expire) - 110								
Jul-22									
Total Number of Current Members - 641									
Total Number of Non-Members (Expired) - 665									
Expired 5/31/22 - 148									
Expiring 5/31/23 - 272									
Expiring 5/31/24 - 83									
Expiring 5/31/25 - 34									
Expiring 5/31/26 - 1									
Honorary/Retired (never expire) - 103									

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Treasurers Report - Reported by James Culbertson

Numbers in the report below reflect financials after the RBC transfer of \$113,000 approved from the June board meeting

Banking Accounts	July 2023	June 2023	1-Month Diff.	July 2022	1-Year Diff.
PNC Checking	\$174,054.57	\$277,734.82	-\$103,680.25	\$318,295.15	-\$144,240.58
Savings/Money Market	\$10,005.01	\$10,004.92	\$0.09	\$10,004.01	\$1.00
RBC Long-Term	\$136,813.24	\$96,362.69	\$40,450.55	\$69,347.14	\$67,466.10
RBC CDs	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Checking/Savings/Investments	\$395,872.82	\$384,102.43	\$11,770.39	\$397,646.30	-\$1,773.48
RBC Investment Account	Beginning Balance	Add. Investment	Gain/Loss	Current Balance	
Long-Term Account	\$96,362.69	\$38,000.00	\$2,450.55	\$136,813.24	
	Updated Investment	Current Balance	Updated vs Current		
Investment Balance	\$138,000.00	\$136,813.24	-\$1,186.76		
Scholarship Accounts	July 2023	June 2023	1-Month Diff.	July 2022	1-Year Diff.
PNC Bill Goodin	\$4,409.74	\$4,409.69	\$0.05	\$2,511.34	\$1,898.40
PNC Cappy Ricks	\$15,483.28	\$15,483.15	\$0.13	\$15,481.73	\$1.55
PNC DAPL Scholarship	\$14,076.99	\$14,076.99	\$0.00	\$8,306.99	\$5,770.00
PNC Raffle Acct	\$4,230.00	\$4,230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,230.00
Total Savings	\$38,200.01	\$38,199.83	\$0.18	\$26,300.06	\$11,899.95
DAPL Pending Checks	Amount				
Recipients, DAPL Scholarships	\$10,000.00				
Scott M., 1/26 Mentoring HH	\$177.80				
Tyler A., AAPL Meeting Travel	\$750.00				
Armando, DAPL Hats	\$427.80				
Total Pending DAPL Checks	\$11,355.60				

President's Report. Reported by Gil Guethlein

Education meeting was on 7.11.23 and the DLI is in on track for success. All speakers have committed to the event along with their time slots for speaking. Agenda for the DLI will be released soon. There are two registrants so far and Quorum has committed \$1,000 for sponsorship.

Gil will be the official Rockies Bash Chair due to lack of a chair as of 7.12.23. Generous fundraising will need to generate for the Bash. Gil pursuing additional fundraising to help sponsor the Rockies Bash and requests that if you have contacts who would like to sponsor the DLI or Bash, please start reaching out to them for sponsorship.

Crosby has secured a speaker for the September luncheon and the luncheon location is to be determined. There is a hold at the Earth Resources Library for the September luncheon should it be the selected location. The Granite Tower is another option for luncheons that is being reviewed. November speaker will need to be secured.

Holiday party planning will be kicked off by Tabatha. Renaissance has been reached out to for hosting in the past but additional venues will be reviewed.

Golf Tournament. Reported by Teale Stone.

All supplies for the event secured.

Locations of tents and charity folks on the course being finalized. Platinum sponsors will be assigned to betting holes.

Armando working on gifts and door prizes.

Determined that volunteers are not needed on every hole, just on bidding holes. Volunteers have been confirmed for registration at both courses. Additional volunteers for registration would be appreciated if available.

Afterparty will be located at River course.

Armando to handle request to make tee box signs notifying attendees that the afterparty is at the River course.

Registration closing on 7.17 and sponsorship opportunity ends on 7.14

Teale in communication with the course and reports that all is ready for the tournament on their end.

Thanks given for the team effort given to plan another successful DAPL gold tournament.

Clay Shoot. Reported by Todd Ritchie.

Sponsorship letters have been sent out and Tabatha is setting up registration. Door prizes have been purchased and breakfast, lunch and beer sponsors have been secured.

Colorado Clays has confirmed that the DAPL is set for the event on August 25th. Format of the event will be similar to years past and there will be raffle prizes for fundraising

Pricing will be the same as last year.

Gun raffle purchases will begin in approximately one week and linked posts will also be created in effort to gain additional sponsorship.

Networking - Reported by James Culbertson & Justin Savage

Lime is confirmed for July Happy hour from 4:00pm – 6:30PM MST. Total spend will be \$1,500 for this event.

Skyline has been booked for the August 17th HH. Tables are reserved from 4:00pm – 6:00PM MST. Seeking 3 total sponsors and 2 have already been confirmed for the August HH

No current events planned in the Fall but will look into the possibility of a Fall event. Networking committee will likely just hold off additional events until December.

Mentorship Committee – Scott McDaniel

Final HH will be on 7.26.23

Already receiving interest for next years program but would also like to reach out via DAPL newsletter to requests for new mentors and mentees.

Big thanks to Discovery Land for sponsoring the mentorship event on 7.26.23

Tabatha and Scott working on certificates for this year's mentorship program attendees.

AAPL Summit at Huntington Beach Summary – Tyler Aylor

Over 500 attendees for the AAPL event.

AAPL Board requested that all local committees review codes of ethics and bylaws and see if they align with the AAPL's code and bylaws. This was requested so that if a member of a local association is also a member of the AAPL, the codes and bylaws they operate under will naturally align and a violation can be reported up the ladder through the AAPL if needed

Tyler is currently reviewing DAPL's codes of ethics and bylaws to ensure AAPL's above request is met.

AAPL pursuing the idea of creating a shared calendar that will show all local associations events across the country.

AAPL directory will be cross checked with DAPL directory to capture accurate numbers of AAPL membership within the DAPL.

Biggest news from the summit was that the Texas governmental affairs received a signed bill from the governor of Texas that will help protect the unauthorized practice of law for landmen. This is a great example of what the AAPL can do for local associations and if there are ever topics on the state level the DAPL is concerned with, it is encouraged to reach out to the AAPL for support.

Reminder that the AAPL education committee has a budget for financial reimbursement requests from local associates for education events.

AAPL will start including a director's report in the newsletter.

Pres. Gil Guethlein adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM MST 7.12.23



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IN MEMORIAM

Odell, William G. (Bill)
August 15, 1931 - July 18, 2023

William G. (Bill) Odell was born in Sapulpa, OK to Dan G. and Margaret Odell, and grew up roaming the woods and developing an appreciation for nature that sustained him throughout his lifetime. He was an Eagle Scout and loved backpacking in the Rocky Mountains, where he spent many summers as a fire lookout in Northern Idaho, and as a camp counselor and oilfield roughneck in New Mexico and Wyoming. While in law school at the University of Oklahoma he met his better half, Phyllis Williams, and in 1956 their adventure together began. In 1964 they moved their young family to Wheat Ridge, Colorado so Bill could take a job at Humble Oil Company in Denver.

He became a founding partner of the Poulson, Odell & Peterson law firm, and quickly integrated into the burgeoning oil and gas community that energized Denver in the 1960's and 1970's. He loved working in the industry and especially enjoyed the people he worked alongside, whether colleague or client, many of whom remained dear friends long past their professional associations. Among his many honors he was most proud of being named Landman of the Year by the Denver Association of Professional Landmen and being inducted into the Western Energy Alliance Hall of Fame in 2014. He was known for his professional and personal integrity, his congenial nature even in the midst of conflict, and his sense of humor.

His favorite pastimes were fishing in Alaska every summer with his wife and family members, spending time in his garden and sharing the vegetable and flower bounty with friends and neighbors. He served as a wonderful mentor to his children and grandchildren, in whom he instilled a love of the outdoors, and they remember his words of wisdom as well as his fun-loving spirit. He joins his wife Phyllis, who died June 25, and they will both be missed by their children Sarah Proffitt (Chuck), of Bozeman MT, Elizabeth Odell, of Wheat Ridge, CO, Dan Odell (Cindy), of Ft. Lupton, CO, William Odell (Marci) of Hilton Head, SC, and grandchildren Nate Proffitt (Madi Larson), Emily Downing (Brett Finneran), Ryan Downing and Grady Downing. He will also be missed by Charlie Downing of Wheat Ridge, CO, and the many dear friends and colleagues he knew throughout his life.

Donations may be made in his honor to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) or a [charity of your choice](#). Interment along with his wife will be at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge. A joint Celebration of Life for both Bill and Phyllis will be held in September in Lakewood.

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