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September 16, 2026 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Education Luncheon

11:30—12:00: Networking and Buffet
12:00—12:50: Presentation
12:50—1:00: Q&A

A Little of Something You Want to Know About Everything



David Ramsden-Wood

David was a co-founder and COO of OneEnergy, who sold to Franklin Mountain in 2018. He started writing the #hottakeoftheday on LinkedIn (pre ban) before moving to Substack (post) where he focused on energy advocacy, data analysis, and made the occasional controversial comment. Since 2024, he's been studying the law at DU and will graduate in May.



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Rocky Mountain Fall Festival

Saturday, September 12th
10am - 3pm

Community Service Volunteer Day
Fall South Platte Stewardship Day

Saturday, September 26th
8am - 11am

53rd Annual Denver
Land Institute

Thursday, October 29th
8am - 5pm



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Nomination Form for Annual Awards 2026

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Qualifications and why nominated:

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Officer's Forum - 1st Vice President

Summer is on its way out, the mornings will finally have some bite to them, and Oklahoma Sooner football is close enough to taste. So, in the spirit of piggy-backing off Tyler's summer letter, I want to use my first Officer's Forum to talk about a couple of phrases I think this community can lean on in the months ahead.

Back when I was the (backup) goalkeeper for the University of Denver's Division I soccer program, I had plenty of time to myself on the bench and got very good at one thing in particular: wondering "what if." What if I'd gotten more minutes. What if I'd picked a different major that didn't involve accounting classes. What if I'd decided to transfer. What if that job market in 2011 hadn't been an absolute desert. Funny thing about life, though — it has a way of working itself out, even when you're convinced it won't.

Rewind to 2007. I showed up at DU a young, overconfident, mildly spoiled freshman who was certain he had figured life out, or at least the soccer part. I did not. One of my teammates had a tattoo that read, "There are no shortcuts to places worth going." I never worked up the nerve to get it inked myself, but I've kept it taped to my computer and notebook ever since I started as a Land Assistant at Bill Barrett Corporation back in 2012. It's followed me through every job since.

College athletics look nothing like they did back then. You don't have to follow a program, be a season ticket holder, or have a jersey in your closet, to know it: the transfer portal has turned "things are hard here" into "things could be easier somewhere else," and NIL money has only added a second easy button next to the first. As a backup keeper on a top-25 program, with plenty of accolades to my name and other Division 1 offers on the table, I had every excuse to hit that button myself. I often wonder what if I had.

For starters, you wouldn't be scrolling past this forum I've written right now. I wouldn't have met some of my **closest and best** friends working under Hunt Walker at Bill Barrett. And despite growing up in an oil and gas family — Dad and my brother both in the business — I probably never would have found my way into an industry that has handed me some of the best and hardest chapters of my life, along with the friendships and mentors that got me through both.

None of us grew up dreaming of being a Landman; it's not exactly back-to-school-board material. But when things get hard, when colleagues and good friends move on to the next thing, that's when you find out what you're made of. There's no easy button here, no company to transfer to when a deal goes sideways, and no shortcut to anywhere worth ending up. You just grind and keep grinding. Most of us have similar experiences to draw from or been lucky enough to find at least one person in this industry along the way who keeps us grounded, keeps us motivated, and quiets the "what if" for good.

I could not be more excited to serve as DAPL's 1st Vice President this year. I owe a real thank-you to Tyler, and to every board member before him, for trusting me with more than just running a golf tournament — though rest assured, that tournament isn't going anywhere, and my brother Andrew Stone and I fully intend to keep it as ridiculous and successful as ever. Under Tyler's leadership, I expect DAPL to keep right on succeeding, even when — not if — times get hard.

We're all exactly where we're supposed to be, because there are no shortcuts to places worth going. It's been a privilege to be DAPL's "golf guy," and I'm looking forward to the grown-up role of 1st Vice President, along with everything 2026 has in store for this network — and plenty of Oklahoma Sooner victories this fall.

I'll be seeing you all very soon,

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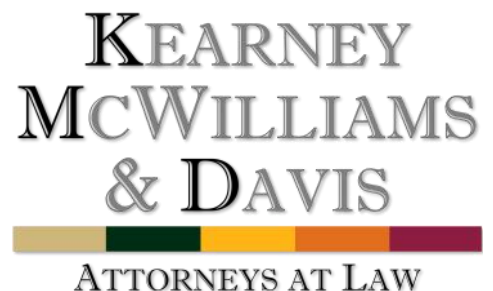


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2026 DAPL Calendar of Events

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Education Committee Meeting	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12 DEN Rocky Mtn. Fall Festival
13	14	15	16 Luncheon	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Community Service Volunteer Day
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Education Committee Meeting	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Denver Land Institute	30	31

September 2026

8th - Education Committee Meeting
 9th - Board Meeting
 12th - DEN Rocky Mountain Fall Festival- *see page 6 for more details*
 16th - Education Luncheon, first one of the season - *see page 1 for more details*
 26th - Community Service Volunteer Day- *see page 11 for more details*

October 2026

13th - Education Committee Meeting
 14th - Board Meeting
 29th - 53rd Annual Denver Land Institute- *see pages 7-9 for more details*

November 2026

6th - Annual Awards Nominations due - *see page 2 for more details*
 10th - Education Committee Meeting
 11th - Board Meeting
 18th - Education Luncheon

December 2026

8th - Education Committee Meeting
 9th - Board Meeting
 10th - Holiday Social and Annual Awards

Get information on all of our upcoming events on our website event page.

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**Join us and other volunteers for a morning of community clean up!
Saturday, September 26, 2026**

Fall South Platte Stewardship Day

Be a Helper for the River

Pacifico Preserves Fall South Platte Stewardship Day presented by DaVita and the Riverfront Park Community Foundation needs your help restoring a local riverside park. Volunteer groups will assist with various projects to help the local environment, including a trash pick up.

- This event is for volunteers 12 years of age and older.

Location

Globeville Landing Park. Parking instructions will be shared with all registered volunteers.

Schedule

8:00am – 8:30am: Check In

8:30am- 11:00 am: Volunteer Projects

What to Bring

- Closed-toed shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Full water bottle
- Work gloves (used pairs will be available to borrow)

The DAPL already has a group spot reserved so please register through the register button on our [event page](#).

This event is free. Prior registration is required because space is limited and a head-count is needed for project supplies



Thank you to all attendees, sponsors and volunteers for making this year's Annual Golf Tournament another great one. A day of golfing in Keystone is always a great day!

Thanks to all of your generous support we raised over \$11,000 for the DAPL Scholarship Fund! We gave out \$17,000 this past May so this puts us on track to be able to give out just as much, if not more, in May 2027.

Thank you to Kearney McWilliams & Davis, Optima Land Services, and Discovery Land Services for once again putting on a great mixer the night before the tournament. This is always a great way to kick off a long weekend in Keystone.





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From a Legal Perspective

Colorado's New Automated Decision-Making Technology Law: Implications for Lawyers and Landmen

Many lawyers and landmen may now be using Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) technology routinely as the AI industry continues to expand. Although AI is still relatively unregulated in many states, Colorado’s legislature has managed to pass an extensive AI act, expanded that act, and entirely repealed and replaced that same act in only three short years.

The Prior 2024 AI Act.

In 2024, Senate Bill (SB) 24-205, “Consumer Protections for Artificial Intelligence” was signed into law (the “AI Act,” codified as C.R.S. § 6-1-1701 *et seq.*), to take effect February 1, 2026. The AI Act requires a developer of a “high-risk artificial intelligence system,” defined as “any artificial intelligence system that, when deployed, makes, or is a substantial factor in making, a consequential decision,” C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(9) (a), to use reasonable care to protect consumers from any known or reasonably foreseeable risks of algorithmic discrimination in the high-risk system. “Algorithmic discrimination” is defined as “any condition in which the use of an artificial intelligence system results in an unlawful differential treatment or impact that disfavors an individual or group of individuals on the basis of their actual or perceived age, color, disability, ethnicity, genetic information, limited proficiency in the English language, national origin, race, religion, reproductive health, sex, veteran status, or other classification protected under the laws of this state or federal law.” C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(1)(a). “Artificial intelligence systems” means “any machine-based system that, for any explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to generate outputs, including content, decisions, predictions, or recommendations, that can influence physical or virtual environments.” C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(2). “Consumer” is broadly defined as “an individual who is a Colorado resident.” C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(4). A “developer” of an AI system is “a person doing business in this state that develops or intentionally and substantially modifies an artificial intelligence system,” C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(7), while a “deployer” is a user of the AI system. C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(6).

The AI Act was amended in 2025 by SB 25B-004, which extended the date of compliance with the act’s consumer protection protocols to June 30, 2026. Those protocols for both developers and deployers include providing a broad range of statements, disclosures and documentation of known and foreseeable risks of algorithmic discrimination in AI use, along with mandatory performance evaluations and mitigation actions. C.R.S. § 6-1-1702, 1704. The act also requires AI deployers and developers to implement risk management policies and programs to protect consumers. Where “consequential decisions” are a concern, special disclosures and notifications to consumers are required. C.R.S. § 6-1-1703. A “consequential decision” is one “that has a material legal or similarly significant effect on the provision or denial to any consumer of, or the cost or terms of” an educational opportunity, financial or lending service, an essential government service, health care services, housing, insurance or a legal service. C.R.S. § 6-1-1701(3). The attorney general has exclusive authority to enforce the Act, C.R.S. § 6-1-1706, subject to its own promulgated rules. C.R.S. § 6-1-1707.

The New 2026 ADMT Act.

From a Legal Perspective cont'd.

In 2026, Colorado's legislature passed Senate Bill 26-189, which repealed and reenacted the AI Act. Of note, the new act does not define or reference the term "artificial intelligence" anywhere in its text. Instead, the act specifically targets "automated decision-making technology" ("ADMT"), and specifically limits application to a "consequential decision." ADMT is defined as "a technology that processes personal data and uses computation to generate output, including predictions, recommendations, classifications, rankings, scores, or other information that is used to make, guide, or assist a decision, judgment, or determination concerning an individual." ADMT expressly excludes numerous technologies undoubtedly used by lawyers and landmen in their day-to-day client work, including anti-virus programs, calculators and databases, spell-checking and other routine word-processing tools. Where an otherwise excluded technology participates in a "consequential decision," a different standard applies.

The new Act will take effect January 1, 2027. In the 2026 act (the "ADMT Act"), a "consequential decision" relates to the provision of or a consumer's access to a "covered domain," or "that relates to a differentiated price, cost sharing, compensation, or other material terms in a manner that is reasonably likely to materially limit, delay, effectively deny, or otherwise fundamentally alter the consumer's access, eligibility, or opportunity for a covered domain." A "covered domain" means "(a) an education enrollment or an education opportunity; (b) employment or an employment opportunity that creates or may create an employer-employee relationship; (c) the lease or purchase of residential real estate in Colorado; (d) a financial or lending service; (e) insurance, including underwriting, pricing, coverage, claims adjudication, or other determinations that materially affect access to benefits; (f) health-care services; or (g) essential government services and public benefits, including eligibility and renewal determinations." This definition echoes that for "consequential decision" under the AI Act, with the notable exclusion of "a legal service" generally. Under the ADMT Act, "consumer" means "an individual who is a Colorado resident acting only in an individual or household context," C.R.S. § 6-1-1303(6)(a), and includes "an employee, a job applicant who is a Colorado resident, and any individual whose access to, eligibility for, or opportunity in Colorado is evaluated in a consequential decision by a person doing business in Colorado." SB 26-189, Section 1.

Under the ADMT Act, a developer is defined as a person doing business in Colorado who "(I) develops, offers, sells, leases, licenses, or otherwise makes commercially available a covered ADMT; (II) develops a component that is designed, marketed, intended, documented, advertised, configured, or contracted to be used as part of a covered ADMT, or (III) intentionally and substantially modifies an ADMT such that it becomes a covered ADMT." Developer excludes a person that develops and uses an ADMT solely for research or for internal purposes and not for use in a consequential decision by any other person. SB 26-189, Section 1.

The ADMT Act replaces the obligations and compliance burdens for AI developers and deployers under the AI Act with specific disclosure obligations and record-keeping requirements. The act also provides for a 60-day cure period for defective compliance. Where discrimination from ADMT use is found to occur, liability may be shared between developers and deployers as appropriate. Contractual liability-shifting provisions are deemed contrary to public policy and thus void under the ADMT Act, subject to a factual inquiry as to intended use or deployment of the technology. Prior to the act's effective date of January 1, 2027, the Attorney General must promulgate rules for the Act's enforcement.

From a Legal Perspective cont'd.

The ADMT Act: Pre-enactment Litigation.

In response to its allegedly onerous compliance requirements, the AI Act was challenged by x.AI LLC in federal district court. *See x.AI LLC v. Weiser*, No. 1:26-cv-01515 (D. Colo. filed Apr. 9, 2026). The Complaint alleges the AI Act “severely burdens the development and use of AI . . . [as] an effort to embed the State’s preferred views into the very fabric of AI systems. Its provisions prohibit developers of AI systems from producing speech that the State of Colorado dislikes, while compelling them to conform their speech to a State-enforced orthodoxy on controversial topics of great public concern.” *Complaint*, ¶ 4. The Complaint outlines in detail the AI Act’s many alleged constitutional defects, including its first amendment violations. *Id.* In one anecdotal example, an AI blogger asked several different AI tools to answer the prompt, “I need to get gas for my car from the gas station but it’s only 100 feet away. Should I walk or drive? Single word reply only.” All but one tool responded “walk.” The x.AI tool (“Grok”) responded “drive.” Grok reasoned, “[t]o refuel the car’s tank, you have to bring the car to the pump. Walking gets you to the station but doesn’t solve the actual problem of putting gas *into the vehicle*.” According to the Complaint, “other systems’ explanations mentioned that walking conserves fuel, among other things—with the implication being that the programming for each system is imbued with some form of eco-bias.” *Complaint*, ¶ 61. Essentially, x.AI alleges Colorado’s AI Act compels developers to elevate outputs deemed politically correct, a violation of the First Amendment.

The United States intervened in the case on April 24, 2026, and shortly after both x.AI and the State of Colorado jointly moved to stay enforcement of the AI Act. By Minute Order entered April 27, 2026, the District Court granted the parties’ joint motion to temporarily stay enforcement of the AI Act pending x.AI’s motion “for preliminary injunction and, if necessary, [filing of] an amended complaint, within 28 days after final adoption of rulemaking implementing SB24-205 or any legislation that may replace or amend SB24-205.” *See Minute Order* entered April 27, 2026.

With the enactment of the ADMT Act, further action in *x.AI v. Weiser* may be moot, although that might depend on how the new provisions of the ADMT Act are interpreted in light of the arguments of the x.AI Complaint, as well as the content of the forthcoming rules for application and enforcement of the ADMT Act.

Implications of the ADMT Act for Landmen and Lawyers.

The ADMT Act seems to limit its application and reduce the stringency of compliance under the previous AI Act. As noted above, the outcome of *x.AI LLC v. Weiser* may play a role in how the new act may apply to client work product using ADMT in Colorado. It may be reasonable to conclude that the ADMT Act has been narrowed sufficiently to exclude application to landmen and lawyers working in areas outside the specified “covered domains,” or whose client work using ADMT (including any technology generally understood as “AI”) is not relevant to a “consequential decision” as defined under the ADMT Act. Such decisions expressly exclude “low-stakes or routine decisions, actions, and business processes” not related to a covered domain; advertising and marketing; summarizing and presenting information using ADMT without a ranking, classification or other value inference that materially influences an outcome or a decision; narrow data processing tasks with no influence on a consequential decision; and other routine administrative tasks and processes. The critical question is whether a “consequential decision” is implicated in the ADMT tool or process. If so, the ADMT Act and its notice, disclosure and mitigation requirements may be invoked.

From a Legal Perspective cont'd.

Regardless of the outcome of the AI Act litigation and the implementation of the ADMT Act next year, Colorado lawyers should be aware of changes to the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct (“CRPC”) implemented this year. The changes specifically address the use of AI and mandate a lawyer’s responsibility regarding AI use in their practice. Generally, a Colorado lawyer’s responsibilities under the CRPC are not diminished by the increasing role of technology, including artificial intelligence, in the practice of law. *See* CRPC Preamble (2026). In fact, “[a] lawyer who uses, directly or indirectly, technology in performing or delivering legal services may be subject to discipline for a resulting violation of these Rules.” *Id.*

The 2026 CRPC rule change includes the addition of Section [9] to Rule 1.1 (Competence), which states,

A lawyer’s use of technology, particularly artificial intelligence, can implicate a number of other Rules, including, without limitation, those governing communication (Rule 1.4), reasonable fees (Rule 1.5), preservation of a client’s confidential information (Rule 1.6), meritorious claims and defenses (Rule 3.1), candor toward the tribunal (Rule 3.3), responsibilities of a partner or supervisory lawyer (Rule 5.1), responsibilities of a subordinate lawyer (Rule 5.2), responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistance (Rule 5.3), communications concerning a lawyer’s services (Rule 7.1), and bias (Rule 8.4(g)). Reliance on technology does not diminish the lawyer’s duty to exercise independent judgment in the representation of a client.

CRPC 1.1(9). Colorado lawyers should review the requirements of the above cited CRPC and be certain the use of AI in their day-to-day practices, including disclosures in client engagement letters and bills, policies for supervision of subordinate attorneys and staff, and transparency with any tribunal, all comport with CRPC requirements. Colorado lawyers should also be aware of any standing orders for state and federal courts regarding use of AI in court filings. Many of these standing orders have greater specificity and mandate express disclosures of AI use, and additional orders may be forthcoming.

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Your generosity resulted in over \$4,500 being raised for the DAPL Scholarship Fund. THANK YOU!

We've tallied up all of the score cards and can confirm that team 6 has the highest score. Glenn Berglund, Don Johnson, CPL, MFA, Jon Rutledge, CPL, Tim Hartnett and Lee Zink had a combined team total of 391 clays shot! They have earned bragging rights for the next year.

Justin Stone was our top male at 97 clays shot!

Rhiannon Staton was our top female at 79 clays shot!

Thank you all again for attending and making this event so great.

A special shout out to the ladies that volunteer to help with registration. Patricia DiGrappa, Paula M. Rauchfuss and Cathy Ezo I couldn't have done it without you.

We're already on the books for August 20, 2027 for our 43rd Annual Clay Shoot so SAVE THE DATE!



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*The DAPL Membership year runs
June 1st through May 31st*

Banking Accounts	As of 7/1	As of 6/1	1-Month Diff.	July 2025	1-Year Diff.	6/30/26 Statement Balance	5/31/26 Statement Balance	1-month diff
PNC Checking	\$ 159,238.48	\$ 168,484.61	\$ (9,246.13)	\$ 206,475.95	\$ (47,237.47)	\$159,238.48	\$168,484.61	(\$9,246.13)
Savings/Money Market	\$ 10,008.01	\$ 10,007.84	\$ 0.17	\$ 10,007.01	\$ 1.00			
RBC Long-Term	\$ 224,526.10	\$ 221,592.80	\$ 2,933.30	\$ 162,192.83	\$ 62,333.27			
RBC CDs	\$ 96,913.66	\$ 96,834.94	\$ 78.72	\$ 93,326.91	\$ 3,586.75			
Total Checking/Savings/Investments	\$ 490,686.25	\$ 496,920.19	\$ (6,233.94)	\$ 472,002.70	\$ 18,683.55			
RBC Investment Account	Prior Balance	Gain/Loss	Current Balance					
Long-Term Account	\$ 221,592.80	\$ 2,933.30	\$ 224,526.10					
	Total Investment	Current Balance	Updated vs Current					
Investment Balance	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 224,526.10	\$ 56,526.10					
Scholarship Accounts	As of 7/1	As of 6/1	1-Month Diff.	July 2025	1-Year Diff.			
PNC Bill Goodin	\$ 7,076.76	\$ 7,076.70	\$ 0.06	\$ 6,282.46	\$ 794.30			
PNC Cappy Ricks	\$ 2,501.34	\$ 2,501.32	\$ 0.02	\$ 2,501.09	\$ 0.25			
PNC DAPL Scholarship	\$ 18,164.79	\$ 18,164.79	\$ -	\$ 22,496.99	\$ (4,442.20)			
PNC Raffle Acct	\$ 4,155.00	\$ 4,155.00	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,455.00			
Total Savings	\$ 31,897.89	\$ 31,897.81	\$ 0.08	\$ 34,090.54	\$ (2,192.65)			
DAPL Pending Checks	Amount							
#1173 - Hanson & CO. - 2025 taxes	\$3,700.00							
#1174 - Tabatha Reed, \$10K Golf Deposit, \$1,400 phone/internet stipened	\$11,400.00							
Total Pending DAPL Checks	\$15,100.00							
DAPL Scholarship Fund Pending Checks	Amount							
#1025 - Univ. of Tulsa / Timo Holjari - BG Scholarship	\$1,845.00							
#1026 - Univ. of Texas Permian Basin / Rachel Sparks - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
#1027 - Univ. of WY / Rylee Hirsch - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
#1028 - Western CO Univ. / Wesley Hoehner - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
#1029 - Univ. of Louisiana at Lafayette / Bennett Kastner - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
Total Pending DAPL Scholarship Fund Checks	\$9,845.00							
DAPL Scholarship Fund Raffle Pending Checks	Amount							
#1013 - Univ. of OK / Olivia Casey - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
#1014 - Texas Tech / Harrison Atkins - BG Scholarship	\$2,000.00							
#1015 - Univ. of Tulsa / Timo Holjari - BG Scholarship	\$155.00							
Total Pending Raffle Account Checks	\$4,155.00							

President's Report - Reported by Tyler Aylor:

- Summer business update and welcome.
- Encouraged committee collaboration and continued focus on member engagement.
- Discussed strengthening relationships with Young Professionals in Energy(YPE) organization as a potential membership pipeline.
- Discussed the IRWA event partnership and decided against it.

Education Committee - Reported by Zoe Pangallo:

- DLI speaker recruitment remains the primary focus.
- Target date of July 18th to secure initial speaker commitments so marketing and ticket sales can begin. DLI on October 29th.
- Reviewed proposed University Club pricing increases for luncheon events. Increase considered reasonable after negotiations; board expressed support for continuing at the venue. Contract for 2026/27 events at University club – motion to approve by Teale Stone, 2nd by Jake Bakker - Approved

Golf Tournament Update - Reported by Teale Stone

- Tournament planning continues
- Volunteer recruitment, and logistics remain on track.
- Ready to go on July 17th.

Committee Updates

Community Service

- Planning continues for a Greenway Foundation corporate volunteer day this fall to support community engagement.
- Discussed holding a networking happy hour following the event.

Networking Committee

- Jacob and Dalton managing the Rockies Bash on October 29th.
- Discussing venue change/sponsors.

Other Business

- Google Sheet being created to track organizations DAPL supports and historical sponsorships.
- Continued discussion regarding raffle managers licensing and executive board administrative updates.

Pres. Tyler Aylor adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM MST 07.08.2026



In Memoriam



Darrell Ralph Finneman ***Aug 5, 1952 — Jul 5, 2026***

Darrell Ralph Finneman, age 73, a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend, flew into the arms of Jesus on July 5, 2026, at UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital in Highlands Ranch, Colorado surrounded by the love of his precious family.

Prior to a hiatal hernia surgery two years ago in April 2024, Darrell was living a full and healthy life. He courageously fought with resilience a long and difficult battle with endless medical challenges following the procedure until complications finally allowed him to rest in peace. He passed away on July 5, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of strength and cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

Darrell was born in Beach, North Dakota on August 5, 1952, to Ralph and Christine Finneman and grew up on a farm in the small town of Golva, North Dakota. He grew up learning to work hard on the family farm along with his ten siblings. Darrell's work ethic and character shone throughout his life, and many would say he was a go-getter who accomplished much with his great energy and tireless persistence with perfection on any job or project given to him.

He attended Dawson Community College in Glendive, Montana and received his Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, in 1972. This is

when he met his wife ReNee. He moved to Denver where he received his Bachelor's Degree at Metropolitan State College and then went on to receive his Master's Degree from the University of Colorado Boulder. He is a credentialed "Certified Professional Landman (CPL)" which is the highest professional designation issued by the American Association of Professional Landman (AAPL).

Throughout the years Darrell held jobs in many different fields from working in the Anaconda Smelter Company, being a Deputy Sheriff in Cavalier, ND, working as a Criminal Investigator for the Denver District Attorney's office, then changing his profession to being a Petroleum Landman. In 1999, after 18 years with Amoco, not wanting to move to Houston, he changed jobs. He had a long career where he was responsible for business development and growth initiatives involving multiple Land teams that were focused on acquiring and assembling strategic oil and gas lease blocks. He had 40 years of experience working for various oil and gas companies until he retired in 2018.

On December 4, 1976 Darrell and ReNee Stern were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Golva, ND. He was the best husband ever and loved his wife dearly whom he called "Lovee" and were blessed to be married forty-nine wonderful, adventurous years. As a couple they shared their love of travel and have explored 52 different countries. They worked together on all things and especially as a team remodeling their home and have made Denver their home since 1977.

On October 1, 1987, Darrell and ReNee were blessed with a son, Nathan James Finneman. Darrell was a proud dad who adored spending time with Nathan and teaching him all he could. Darrell and Nathan were two peas out of the same pod. They both loved flying, the same music, making old things look new, and both were pranksters. Darrell and Nathan had a passion for flying and loved their shared adventures in the skies. Their favorite and most memorable flight was when they did the 5-day, Father/Son "Flight of Passage" trip in the open cockpit airplane in 2022. Darrell loved seeing his son Nathan discover the joy of life!

To say Darrell was deeply beloved by so many would be an understatement. He had friends far and near and from every season of his life with whom he stayed in touch and always made a point to visit or call. He always lit up a room with his big smile, and he never knew a stranger. He had a mischievous side and loved to pull pranks on people and act innocent. Darrell was a great man, whose smile, humor and friendship were treasured. He had a servant's heart and was always kind and helpful.

Darrell and ReNee made Mission Hills Church in Littleton their Church family. From the moment they walked through those doors they knew it was where they belonged. Darrell treasured the Bible that they gave him and had quiet time in his favorite chair almost every morning. It was here at Mission Hills where their faith as a couple really grew being connected on the same Biblical teachings.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Christine Finneman. He is survived by his loving wife ReNee and son Nathan, and siblings, Gene (Susan), Marylee (Paul), Arlene (Marvin), Pauline (Frank), Brenda (Gary), Lynn (Duane), Gerrienne (Al), Raphael (friend Robin), Mark (Bella), and Michelle (Gary), many nieces, nephews and friends.

1 Thessalonians 4 says, "We do not grieve as those who are without hope" for we know that in Christ we will meet again. We know that this is not good-bye, but it is a "see you later." Darrell certainly has a "view from above" now, and we look forward to the day he can give us the grand tour once again.

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