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Daniel Cooper, center, poses with students from the WVU Environmental, Energy and Land Management program after enjoying some pizza at a local restaurant in Morgantown.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MLBC PRESIDENT, JOHN CATSONIS



Spring is Here

Spring is officially here; brackets are busted, and daylight saving time is in full swing. It is the season of renewal, when longer days and fresh energy give everything a chance to grow. It is a good reminder that growth often starts with just a little momentum; and with the right support, it can flourish. Whether in our careers or our communities, this is a great time to reflect, reset, and move forward together.

Overcoming Obstacles

Last week, I had the pleasure of speaking with AAPL President Nancy McCaskell. We discussed a range of topics related to land and landmen, and one question in particular stood out: *What are the biggest obstacles that landmen face today?*

It is a big question—and an open-ended one. The answer varies depending on where you are in your career and what your goals are. Company landmen may face different challenges than consulting landmen. Recent graduates face different hurdles than those nearing retirement.

There may not be a one-size-fits-all answer to this question, because the biggest obstacle is often unique to each individual. So, if we all face different challenges, what is the common thread for overcoming them?

This may sound a little self-serving, but I genuinely believe the answer lies within our national and local organizations. Let me expand.

How Can We Help Each Other? How Can the AAPL Support You?

If you are a member of the AAPL, their website offers a wealth of resources for every stage of your career:

Landman Learning

- Per the AAPL's website: *AAPL's new learning management system hosts in-person courses, webinars, and on-demand education. You can register and access materials immediately. There is even an online discussion board to network with others.*
- Topics range from petroleum engineering for non-engineers to renewable energy. They also offer a Renewable Energy Certificate program to help you expand your knowledge in this evolving space.

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Model Forms

- Members have access to AAPL's model forms, such as the Master Land Services Agreement, Ratification of Oil and Gas Lease, Affidavit of Non-Production, and many others. Most are free, and others are available for a nominal fee.

Professional Development Assistance

- The AAPL offers up to \$300 off registration fees for eligible members attending AAPL-operated events, including the Annual Meeting and NAPE education sessions, among others.

The MLBC Is Here to Support You, Too

I believe one of the best ways to overcome challenges is through a strong network of like-minded professionals, people you can trust and lean on. That is what the MLBC fosters.

We have all benefited from the contacts and friendships we have made through this organization. When challenges arise, there is often someone within our network who can lend perspective, advice, or a helping hand.

Here are some ways you can get involved and connect with fellow members:

- **April 3–4, 2025:** *Appalachian Land Institute* — Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe, PA.
- **May 2, 2025:** *MLBC Foundation 5K and Family Fun Run* — Morgantown Rail Trail, Morgantown, WV at 6:00 PM with afterparty at Table 9. Proceeds benefit the MLBC Scholarship Fund.
- **May 8, 2025:** *MLBC Live Webinar* - "Engineering Insights for Landmen: Data-Driven Development & Valuations in the Appalachian Basin" by Kimberly L. Ayers. Free for MLBC members.
- **May 23, 2025:** *MLBC Spring Charity Golf Outing* — Quicksilver Golf Club, Midway, PA. Proceeds benefit UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital.
- **June 5, 2025:** *MLBC Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner* — Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV.
- **June 18–20, 2025:** *AAPL Annual Meeting* — Kansas City, MO. Registration now open on AAPL's website.

Focus on the Good

Not everyone can make it to events, and some of us prefer quieter, more introspective forms of engagement. That's okay, too. I want to share a few positive things happening in our world, because focusing on the good helps us keep going.

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- I have really enjoyed *The Minerals & Royalties Podcast* by Tim Pawul. The Non-Op series is my personal favorite. Two standout episodes from this podcast with a focus on Appalachia:
 - “Kitchen Table War Stories” featuring Jeff Brown, MLBC past president (2008–2009) and SVP of O&G at Pardee Resources.
 - “Passing Bills & Regulatory Policy in Appalachia” with Valerie Antoinette, Director of BD at Bounty Minerals.

In the spirit of celebrating our peers and their accomplishments, I would like to highlight a few recent successes within our MLBC community.

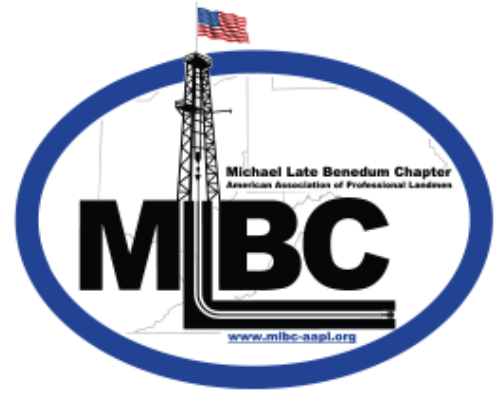
- **Tyler Murray**, MLBC Local Director, earned his CPL designation. Congratulations on this significant professional milestone!
- **Infinity Natural Resources** successfully completed their initial public offering and rang the opening bell at the NYSE on February 11, 2025. It was great to see an MLBC past president on CNBC ringing the bell! Congratulations to the entire Infinity team!
- **Expand Energy**, as reported by Hart Energy, drilled a 5.6-mile (including vertical) and 4.7-mile lateral well in just five days, on a single bit run. This impressive feat was achieved at the Shannon Fields OHI #3H well in Ohio County, West Virginia.

As we look ahead to a busy spring and summer, I encourage you to stay connected and take advantage of the opportunities around you. But more importantly, I hope this message serves as a reminder: no matter what obstacle you are facing, there are people, tools, and resources ready to help. We are stronger together, and sometimes the support we need is just a click or conversation away.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Catsonis

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- ▶ Topics Unique to Appalachia
- ▶ Networking Reception
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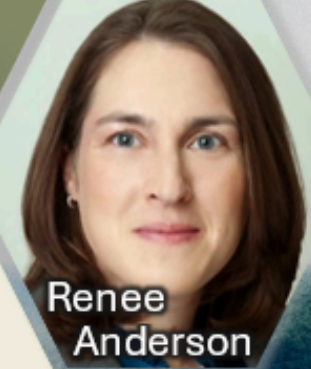
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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025
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Join us for this great event and help us as we embark on our next adventure with UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital! We will have some great prizes to give away and are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Registration will open soon, which will include a round of golf on Quicksilver Golf Course (formerly a host of the Senior PGA Tour and Korn Ferry Tour), and also lunch after golf with plenty of prizes.

Please consider sponsoring this great event at one of the sponsorship levels below, and remember that our donations continue to enrich the lives of our communities and their families through the work of UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital. Let's continue to support our great causes!

*Registration will open in April. \$175/golfer.

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MEMBER NEWS



2025-26 CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer applications for our many committees are now open! Your time and commitment to AAPL is invaluable. Not only does your work help us achieve our mission, but it also provides you with an opportunity to expand your network, increase your skills and be an integral part of our team. Learn about all AAPL committees at the bottom of our [Volunteer page](#).

You may express your interest in serving on a committee by logging into your account and filling out the required information on our [Committee Appointment page](#). You must apply for each committee you are interested in separately as the qualifications and expectations for each committee may differ.

Applications will be accepted through April 26. At that time, applications will be reviewed and selections will be made. All candidates will be notified of their application status after committee appointments have been finalized.

Thank you for being a valued member of AAPL! We hope you take your commitment to the land profession even further by joining an AAPL committee.



FEATURED COMMITTEES

Field Landman Committee

The Field Landman Committee is a conduit between field landmen and AAPL to promote membership, certification, education, goodwill and ethical standards. Applicants should possess strong communication, planning and networking skills.

Technology Committee

This committee promotes the use of technology, recommends membership-wide information technology policies and serves as a technology resource to the association and its members. Members should be familiar with technology and be a land subject matter expert.

Certification Committee

The purpose of the Certification Committee is to create and maintain certification programs for AAPL and ensure that the certification programs adhere to relevant best practices in certification and that the content is relevant and timely for members.

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ANNUAL MEETING FEATURED PRESENTERS

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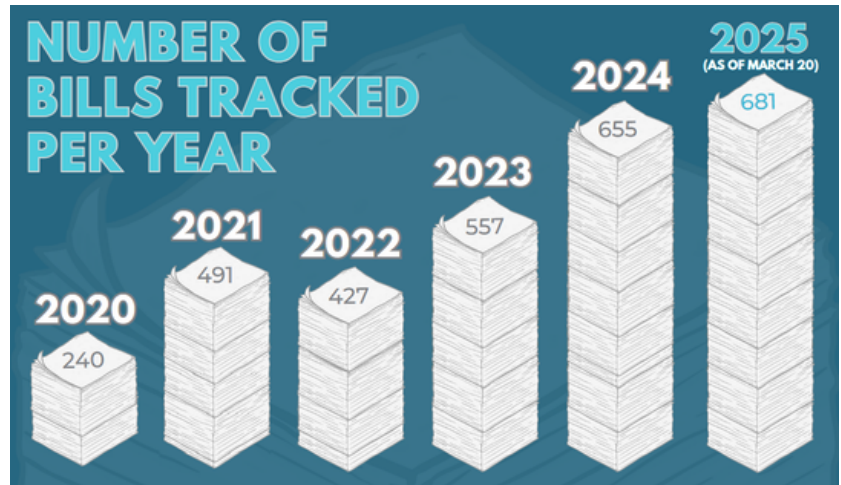
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RECORD-BREAKING BILL TRACKING

AAPL's Governmental Affairs department continues to raise the bar by bringing critical legal updates to our members. In fact, our team has just set a record for the number of bills tracked in a single year, and it's only March!

As of this email, AAPL is tracking 681 total bills that could affect our members – 35 on the federal level and 646 on the state level. Over 36 states currently have bills closely monitored by AAPL.



LANDMEN GIVE BACK

AAPL, NAPE Expo Charities Fund, the Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen, Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen, East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen Michael Late Benedum Chapter of AAPL and Michigan Association of Professional Landmen were recently privileged to support various charities spanning across America. Through last fall's DAPL/NAPE Charities Pickleball Tournament, \$28,000 was raised for six honorable charities. After additional donations from AAPL-affiliated local associations, the grand total amount given has neared \$100,000! We extend our appreciation all who supported this wonderful cause. Learn more about this project, including each charity, in this [LinkedIn post](#).

There are multiple ways to provide financial support to charitable causes that benefit the public and energy industry, such as the [AAPL Educational Foundation](#), [The Landman Scholarship Trust](#) and [NAPE Expo Charities Fund](#). We are also incredibly proud of the philanthropic work that all 38 of our affiliated local associations do in their communities.



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AAPL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by: Jeremy White



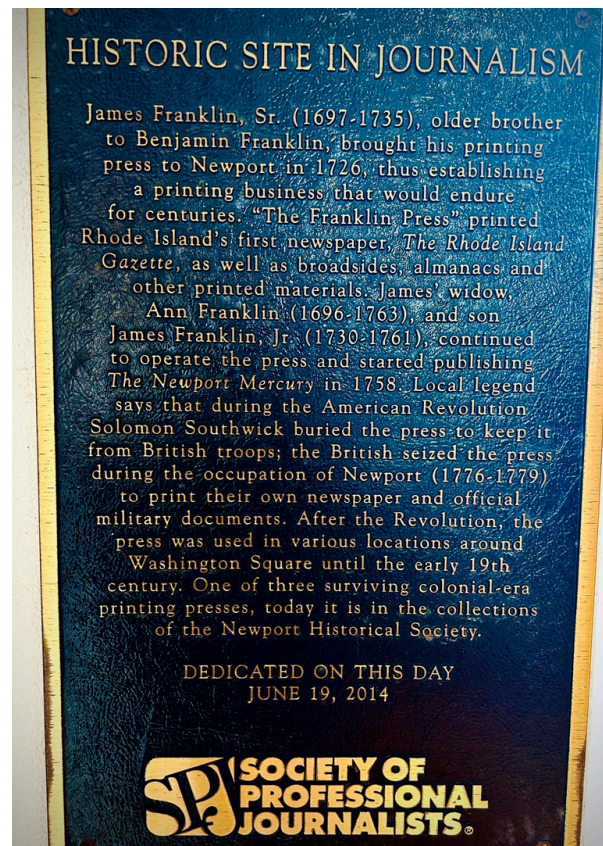
On March 15 & 16, 2025, the AAPL held its Q1 Board Meeting at the Newport Harbor Island Resort in historic Newport, Rhode Island. I flew into Providence, RI on Friday and flew back on Monday since Newport is an easy 30-minute drive from Providence.

I had never been to Newport, but I believe I will return when I have more time to explore. The city, founded in 1639, is rich in history. It is known as more of a summer resort town and historically has been where the some of America's wealthiest families - the Vanderbilts, Astors, Wetmores, and many others - spent the summer months here in their "cottages". It is interesting to note that while they are rightly referred to as mansions, these wealthy families referred to these homes as their summer cottages. Their idea of a summer cottage and my idea of a summer cottage are two very different things. For instance, one of the grandest "cottages" in Newport belonged to Cornelius Vanderbilt II. It was built between 1893 and 1895 and contained a little over 138,000 square feet. It was named "The Breakers" and is open for public tours. Although I didn't have time to tour, I have included a photo for reference.

It is clear that Newport contains great wealth to this day. Today, most of the mansions - or cottages - continue to be privately used. Several of them are available for tours, although I did not have time to take one. I did take some time Saturday afternoon to walk the "Cliff Walk" which is a 3.5-mile trail along the rocky coast, passing by many of these estates. I highly recommend taking that walk if you happen to visit.

Saturday evening, I spoke with a couple Newport locals over drinks. I told them that all the mansions along Bellevue Avenue were impressive, and I'd like to come back and check them out. They asked if I had been down Ocean Drive, which I had not. They then told me I should take the time to drive through there because "That's where the really impressive homes are". Indeed. By the way - Jay Leno "summers" on Ocean Drive in his sprawling Louis XIV inspired estate named "Seafair". While not the size of The Breakers, it's pretty impressive in its own right.

Beyond ridiculously large summer cottages, Newport has many other points of interest. In the mid 1800's, many Irish immigrants settled in this town. To this day, St. Patrick's Day is clearly an important day for them. Thames Street is the main north south route through town passing by many quaint shops, Irish Pubs, wharfs, and other restaurants and landmarks. Beginning on the north end of the cobblestone Thames Street, near City Hall, the parade makes its way through the town with bagpipe and marching bands, fife and drum corps, reenactment units, fire and law enforcement departments, and even bands of pirates. The parade is a big deal in Newport, and it attracts many thousands for the day long party. I'm a sucker for a good parade, so I checked it out for a little while.



After spending some time watching the parade, I milled around historic Bowen's Wharf. Bowen's Wharf is the anchor of Newport. Once a busy maritime wharf, some of the buildings from the 1700's stand today and are a reminder of times gone by. Because Newport was founded by dissidents, it became a place of refuge for others wishing to worship as they pleased, and many came to Newport in the mid-1600s to find religious freedom. They brought talent and a gift for hard work. The settlement prospered and it became one of the New World's busiest ports.

I took some time to have lunch at one of the historic institutions at Bowen's Wharf, The Clarke Cooke House, which dates to 1780. They still have the original wood fireplaces burning and you can sit at the upstairs bar and look through the wooden floorboards to the level below. It's as if you are transported back to the 18th century. Fantastic food, drink, and experience.

Speaking of the year 1780, Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau, a French Royal Army officer was appointed commander of land forces over 7,000 French troops and sent to join the Continental Army under none other than George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Rochambeau landed in Newport on July 10, 1780. He and his troops ended up spending the next year in Newport before heading to join Washington and combine their forces to march to the Siege of Yorktown and the Battle of the Chesapeake in 1781. Perhaps Rochambeau sat in front of one of the fireplaces at the Clarke Cook House and enjoyed a fermented beverage. One can only imagine.

Energy Connection: This is more of an observation that sort of dovetails with my last article. The topic of New England energy has been discussed at length. The Rice brothers have commented, rightfully so, of how little sense it makes for New England states to import LNG from abroad – at exorbitant prices mind you – all because they are opposed to pipeline construction. It's been reported that even though one of the world's largest natural gas field lies a mere 200 miles away, New Englanders pay 5-6 times what consumers in our area do – and sometimes even more. Apparently though, they don't like renewables such as wind either. All over Newport I saw signs protesting wind turbines. NIMBYism? One must think that with being opposed to fossil fuels, and apparently being very picky with their renewables, they are going to be paying even higher heating and electricity costs in the near future. But maybe they don't care as much as you and I would.

As far as actual AAPL business, the Q1 meeting was very short, and honestly not well attended. In addition to the individual Director's Reports, the following is a summary of the key points covered:

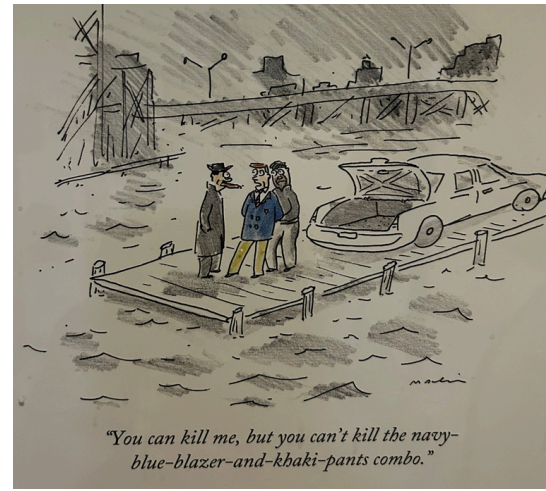
- **Treasurer's Report:** AAPL total assets have increased to \$43,560,277, up 8.2% YOY. The increase is primarily due to market activity related to the investment account and not drawing down on the investment account for cash flow since February 2023.
- **Revenues** (exclusive of investment revenue) year over year, have increased from \$1.565M to \$1.741M, a change of \$176k.
- **NAPE Revenues:** increased \$553,020 from last year. Attendance was 7,553
- Expenses compared to this time last year have increased 7.1% from \$2,768,636 to \$2,965,217, an increase of \$196,581.
- **Other Notables:**
 - Organic Google search impressions to AAPL's website are up 3000%
 - The Landman Podcasts have been played 6,152 times
 - AAPL is tracking 498 Federal/State bills – up 125 YTD
 - AAPL Committees are looking for volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, feel free to log into your account and apply.
 - Currently AAPL has 10,490 members



On June 17 & 18, 2025 I'll be traveling to Kansas City, MO for the AAPL Q2 Board Meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Sadly, that will be my last time representing the MLBC as its Regional Director. After that, someone else will be sitting in this chair. As always, I would like to thank the MLBC for the opportunity to represent the organization and region as its AAPL Director. I would also like to thank Tenmile Land, and its ownership, for supporting my efforts to serve this term.

If any of our members have questions or concerns related to the AAPL, feel free to reach out to me and I'll try to help the best way I can.

Sincerely,
Jeremy M. White
AAPL Director 2023-2025



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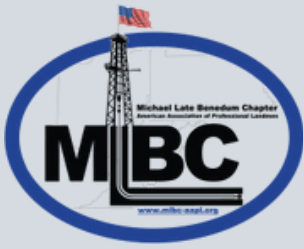
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Member Spotlight

Owen Gray



Tell us a little about yourself.

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio, but moved to West Virginia nearly nine years ago to attend West Virginia University. After I finished my undergraduate studies, I stayed in Morgantown to simultaneously attend law school and obtain my Master's in Public Administration. Throughout my time in school, I fell in love with the region and decided to stick around post-graduation. When I am not working, I enjoy golfing and spending time outdoors whenever possible. I also run a small nonprofit organization in town that keeps me busy outside of work.

Who are you currently employed or contracted with?

I am an associate attorney with the mineral title and due diligence team at Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC.

How long have you worked in the oil and gas industry? And what states do you have experience? And tell us about any other land organization you belong.

I officially began practicing law in the oil and gas industry last year, but my experience with the energy industry began through an internship in 2022. Since then, I have also worked as a contractor helping provide chain of title for mineral rights. Although my work today is primarily focused on West Virginia and Pennsylvania, I have some experience with the industry across the Appalachian region.

Tell us about your first position in the industry.

While I was pursuing my Master's degree, I had an internship with an organization called Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development. During my time with the organization, I researched energy transition initiatives across the Appalachian region and wrote articles on how potential legislation might impact the energy industry as a whole. This experience helped me understand how important a strong oil and gas industry is to support any future energy projects and, perhaps more compelling, how important the industry is for workers throughout the region.

What areas of the industry do you have experience in?

My day-to-day work is focused on providing mineral title and due diligence services, including identifying any curative requirements that are necessary to resolve chain of title and/or leasehold issues. I also have experience with coal rights and researching how new regulatory requirements may impact the oil and gas industry.

Do you have a mentor in the industry? Can you provide details?

I have been fortunate to start my professional career in a place with numerous experienced and friendly individuals to learn from. Both Ben McKinney and Matt White, who encouraged me to get involved with the MLBC, have been extremely helpful as I made the adjustment from student to energy lawyer. Fellow MLBC member Brooke Kamicker has also been a wealth of knowledge for me within the industry.

How long have you been a member of the MLBC. Do you currently have any certifications through the AAPL?

I joined the MLBC in the second half of last year. I do not have any AAPL certifications at this time.

What benefits have you found as a member of the MLBC? What are your favorite aspects?

As most of my professional interactions on a day-to-day basis are with others in the legal field, one of the biggest benefits I have found as a member of the MLBC thus far is the amount of networking opportunities. It has been great meeting other professionals within the oil and gas industry and hearing about the wide range of experiences that everyone brings to the organization. Additionally, as a big proponent of giving back to the community, I appreciate the charitable aspect of the MLBC. In my short time as a member, I have greatly enjoyed hearing about all the scholarship opportunities and charitable events put on by the organization.

Do you serve the MLBC, AAPL, or any other organizations in an executive capacity and/or serve as a committee chair? Are you a member of any committees?

This upcoming year, I plan on working with current leadership to take on the role of Membership Committee Chair. Additionally, although not energy related, I currently serve as the Vice President of a small nonprofit organization that I co-founded in law school called the Test Strips Save Lives Foundation. Our mission is to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic's impact, specifically as it relates to young adults, and provide free resources to college communities with the goal of helping keep young people safe.



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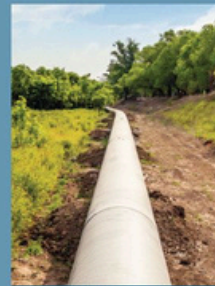
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WVU Students Strengthen Industry Ties, Support Community

Students from West Virginia University's Environmental, Energy, and Land Management Association (EELMA) have spent the past few months actively engaging in a variety of professional, fundraising, and community service activities that are reinforcing their connections to industry leaders while giving back to their local communities.

Community Involvement: Giving Back with Heart

During the 2024-2025 academic year EELMA has renewed its efforts to engage with local communities. In October, a group of students organized a thoughtful initiative to create and deliver cards to the young patients at WVU Children's Hospital. This heartwarming effort brought some cheer and encouragement to children going through challenging times.

The spirit of service continued in February when EELMA members organized a supply drive to support families in southern West Virginia who had been severely affected by flooding. The drive collected essential goods to aid recovery efforts, further cementing the group's commitment to supporting those in need within the region.

EELMA is always looking for new opportunities to partner with industry leaders for community engagement initiatives. The organization is eager to expand these efforts and collaborate with industry partners to create more impactful service projects that benefit both the community and the professional network.



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Scholarships Empower Future Industry Leaders

Scholarships play a vital role in supporting students as they prepare for careers in the energy and land management industries. Over the past academic year, EELMA students have benefited from several prestigious scholarships designed to ease financial burdens and encourage professional engagement.

These scholarships include:

- **Landman Scholarship Trust (AAPL) Scholarship**
- **Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream (ABGPA) Scholarship**
- **International Right of Way SARPA Scholarship**
- **MLBC Scholarship**

Each spring, students have the opportunity to apply for these competitive awards, which provide not only financial assistance but also valuable connections to industry leaders and organizations.

As part of this ongoing support, Daniel Cooper visited West Virginia University on February 12 to discuss the MLBC Scholarship process, offering insights and answering student questions. His visit underscored the importance of these scholarships in fostering the next generation of industry professionals.

The continued generosity of these organizations plays a crucial role in shaping the future of EELMA students, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities needed to succeed.



Connecting with Industry Experts: Enhancing Student Engagement and Learning

West Virginia University (WVU) students have had valuable opportunities to engage directly with industry professionals, gaining firsthand insights into career pathways and emerging industry trends. Through guest lectures and campus visits, these interactions help bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world applications.

Recently, the Energy and Environmental Land Management Association (EELMA) welcomed representatives from leading companies, including **Percheron** and **Diversified Energy**. These industry experts provided students with a deeper understanding of their respective fields, offering guidance on career development and the evolving landscape of the energy and land management sectors.

Further strengthening industry connections, WVU also hosted members of the **Michael Late Benedum Chapter (MLBC) of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL)**. Notable representatives—including **Kevin Pierson, Anthony Romeo, Seth Jarvis, Matt White, and Ben McKinney**—visited campus to engage with students, discuss industry best practices, and foster networking opportunities.

EELMA is committed to expanding these learning experiences and invites more industry professionals to participate as guest speakers. These engagements provide students with invaluable mentorship, industry perspectives, and potential career pathways. **If you or your organization would like to share your expertise with the next generation of industry leaders, we encourage you to reach out and get involved!**



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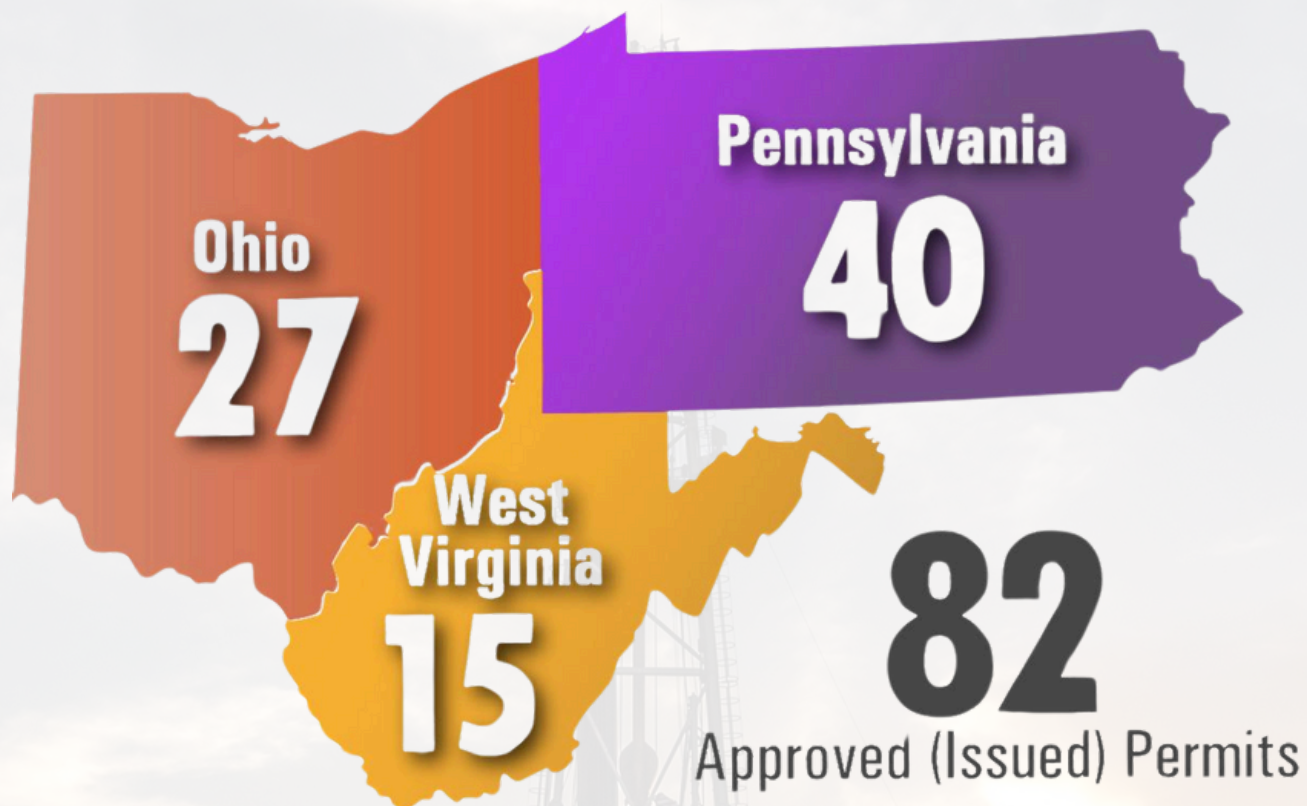
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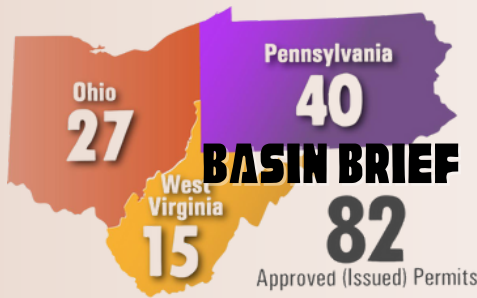
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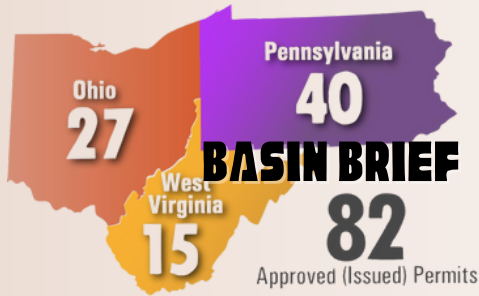
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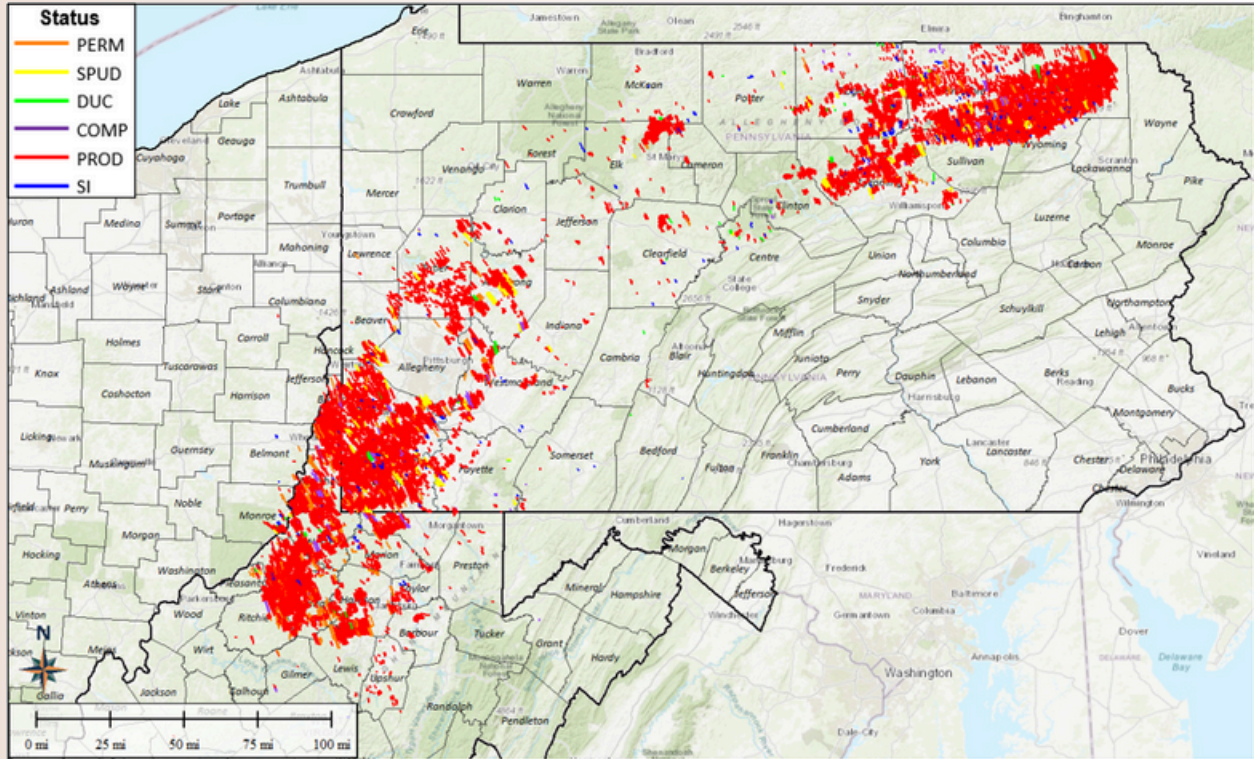
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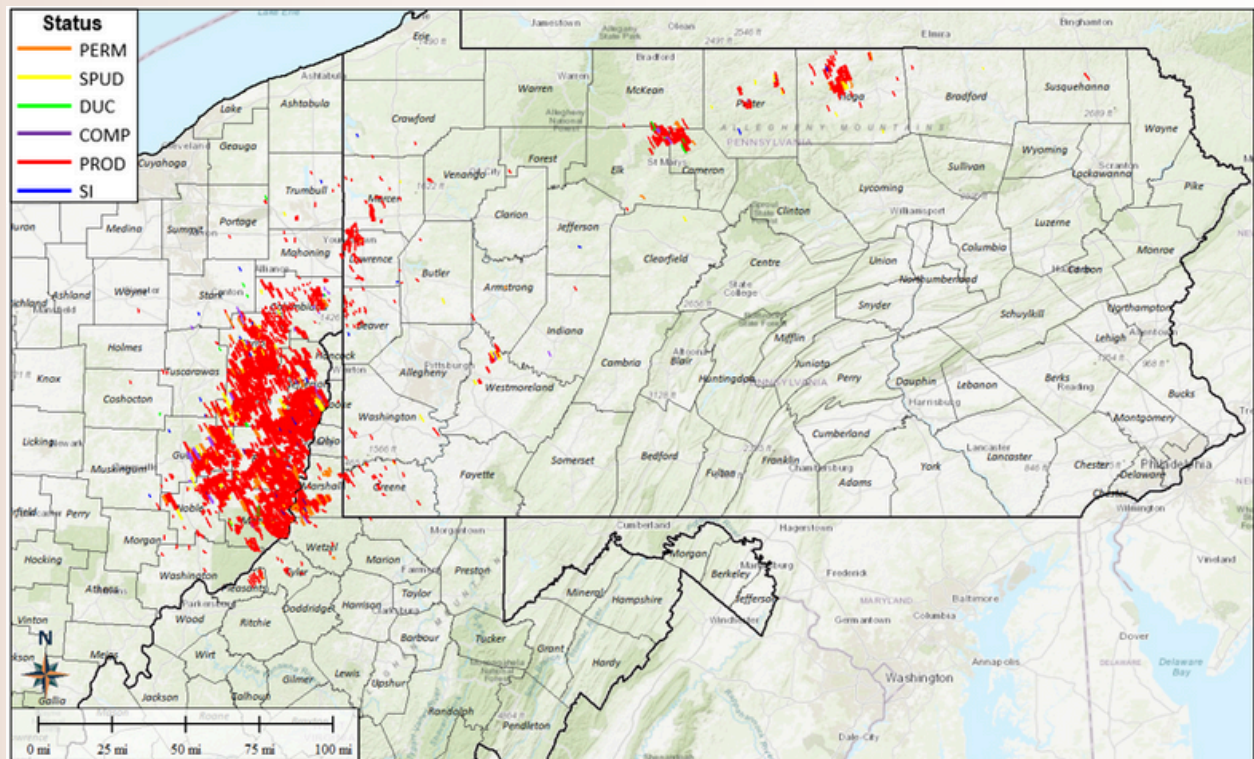
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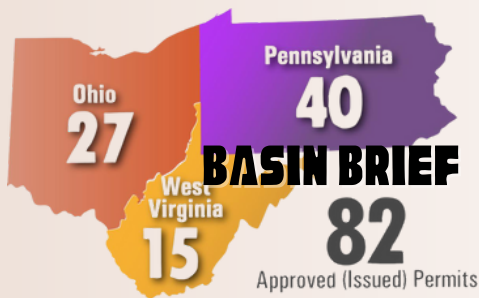


MARCELLUS WELLS BY STATUS



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PERMITTING SUMMARY BY STATE

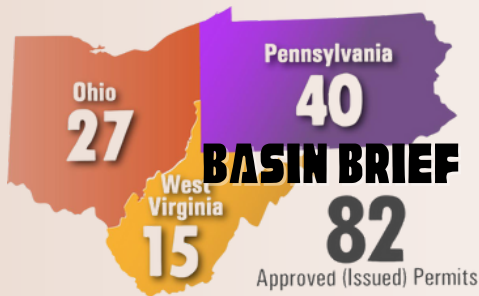
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OH	26	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PA	51	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WV	11	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	88	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PERMITTING SUMMARY BY OPERATOR

OPERATOR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
EQT	31	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Expand Energy	8	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Encino	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Range Resources	3	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Snyder Bros	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
INR Operating	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
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Apex Energy	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Others (8)	13	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
TOTAL	88	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170

HORIZONTAL WELLS BY RESERVOIR BY STATUS

RESERVOIR	PERM	SPUD	DRLD	COMP	PROD	SI	TOTAL
Marcellus	790	438	109	198	14,992	371	16,898
Utica	213	136	29	60	4,009	43	4,490
Burket	30	23	-	3	324	7	387
TOTAL	1,033	597	138	261	19,325	421	21,775



PRODUCING WELL COUNT BY RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Marcellus	41	11,122	3,829	14,992
Utica	3,466	419	124	4,009
Burket		291	33	324
TOTAL	3,507	11,832	3,986	19,325

PRODUCING MARCELLUS WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Expand Energy	29	2,337	672	3,038
EQT	-	2,053	947	3,000
Range Resources	-	1,565	-	1,565
Antero	-	-	1,269	1,269
Coterra	-	1,085	-	1,085
Seneca	-	816	-	816
Repsol	-	766	-	766
CNX	1	464	85	550
Pennenergy	-	343	-	343
XTO Energy	-	266	54	320
Others (53)	11	1,427	802	2,240
TOTAL	41	11,122	3,829	14,992

PRODUCING UTICA WELLS

OPERATOR	OH	PA	WV	TOTAL
Encino	1,059	-	-	1,059
Ascent	920	-	-	920
Gulfport	460	-	-	460
EQT	142	15	86	243
Antero	241	-	1	242
Expand Energy	216	1	5	222
Seneca	-	187	-	187
Hilcorp	88	97	-	185
INR Operating	117	-	-	117
CNX	45	25	5	75
Others (20)	178	94	27	299
TOTAL	3,466	419	124	4,009



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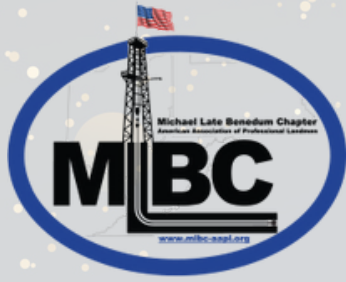
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2. Logo on all marketing and recap materials
3. (2) race participant slots
4. Ability to set up promotional tent at the finish line



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2. Logo on all marketing and recap materials



MLBC AWARD NOMINATIONS

The MLBC Awards Committee is calling for volunteers and nominations for our 2024-205 Awards Program. The MLBC established its awards program in order to recognize members for achieving excellence in the land profession here in the Appalachian Basin.

MLBC AWARDS PROGRAM

If you are interested in volunteering for the Awards Committee or you wish to nominate a deserving member, please submit all nominations to the MLBC Awards Committee Chair, David Stockman at David.Stockman@westernls.com or Abby Veigel at abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org. Nominations should include the name of the individual making the nomination, the name of the nominee and a brief description in support of the nominee. Descriptions or letter of support for the nominee should be limited to one page.

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Landman of the Year Award: To be presented to a MLBC member who honored and distinguished the land profession through demonstrated leadership, integrity, and his/her contribution to the industry, the community, and the profession during calendar year 2024. Current MLBC Officers are excluded from nomination.

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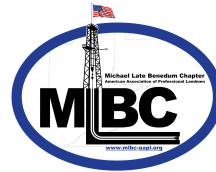
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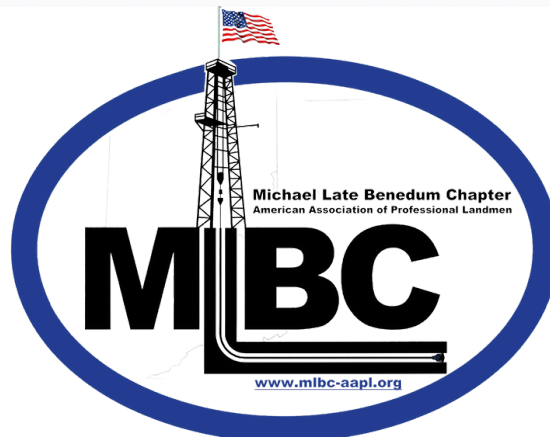
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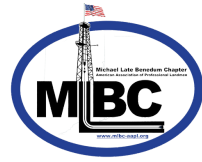
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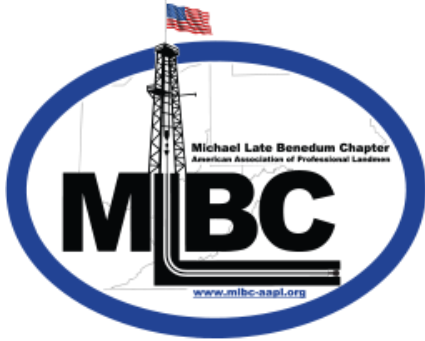


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MLBC MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2025



MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

Total Members:	573	Total Active:	367
Active:	336	% Active:	64.05%
Active PP:	31	
Honorary:	10	Associate :	100
		Student:	96

First Name	Last Name	Employer	Member Type	Sponsoring Member
Ross	Lodge	BHE-GT&S	Active	David Aman
Adam	Stefkovich	EQT	Associate	Billy Miller
Adam	Blint	JKLM Energy, LLC	Active	Travis Powell
Bethsandra	Ash	Percheron, LLC	Active	Lhag Bowers
Andrew	Horsman	Ironhorse Exploration Partners, LLC	Active	Reed Dixon
Parker	Grace	Northeast Natural Energy, LLC	Active	Robert Cuppett
Katherine	Colvin	R&E Energy, LLC	Associate	Christopher Colvin
Jacob	Velasco	Seneca Resources Company, LLC	Active	David Stockman
Danielle	Aman	Shamrock Land, LLC	Associate	Kevin Pierson

SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to the following member(s) recently gaining their Certification through the AAPL :



Virginia Preston – RPL Certification

New members are approved on a monthly basis. If the need arises to move along membership approval (ex. Ohio Landman Registration), please email Abby Veigel - abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The MLBC membership application is located on the website at www.mlbc-aapl.org. Please check your information on the website prior to submitting your renewal. The [MLBC website](http://www.mlbc-aapl.org) has an updated version of the membership listing. Please use this resource if you cannot find yours or others information in the directory. Please report any errors or omissions to Abby Veigel at abbyveigel@mlbc-aapl.org.

Application for membership in the Association shall be subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall require the signed approval by the acting President of the Executive Committee, as evidence of the Committee's approval.

Notice of the approved application(s) of all potential Association member(s) shall be printed in the next regularly scheduled publication of the Association. Members shall have the opportunity for a period of thirty (30) days following the publication to object to the potential member's application.

