



## AAPL Director's Report

It is my pleasure to provide you with my first AAPL Quarterly Report as your new Region 4 Director. The Board of Directors' Meeting was held on Wednesday June 8, 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Topics discussed briefly detailed below include the Annual Meeting 2011 and 2012, 2011/2012 officer election results, seating of new directors, 2011/2012 budget, Landman Scholarship Trust, Education, NAPE 2011, Summer NAPE 2011, and new membership opportunities.

The Boston annual meeting had 972 officially registered participants as compared to 755 in Vail last year. The final certified vote for the 2012 San Francisco Annual meeting was approved and scheduled for June 8-11, 2011. One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting this year was the presentation by the keynote speaker Karl Rove. He spoke for approximately 1 hour and then took Q&A for another 30 minutes. There wasn't an empty seat in the ball room and local and national media was in attendance covering Mr. Rove's remarks.

The official results of the election of officers for the 2011-2012 term are as follows:

President – Jack Richards – Devon Energy – Oklahoma City, OK  
First Vice President – Jim Dewbre – Southwestern Energy Company – Houston, TX  
Second Vice President – Bernard Ulincy – Range Resources Appalachia – Canonburg, PN  
Third Vice President – Russell Shinevar – Independent – Lansing, Michigan  
Secretary – Pamela Feist – Lakewood Exploration – Midland, TX  
Treasurer – Houston Kaufman – Trinity Land Services - Ft. Worth, TX

New directors seated were Craig Blackburn (Appalachian Association), Randy Helms (North Houston Association), David Donnelly (Nevada Association), Bruce Payne (Panhandle Association), Brandon Renner (Tri State Association) and Edie Hardy (Wyoming Association).

Treasurer, Brooks Yates, provided several reports that detailed AAPL's financial health, indicating an asset increase of 27.1% from the previous year. The approved budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, was given by Jack Richards, and is anticipated at a total income of \$7.1 million with expenses projected at \$3.8 million. The board also approved giving the Landman Scholarship Trust \$500,000 from the AAPL account for 2011-2012 scholarships.

The search continues for a Director of Education and interested applicants are encouraged to apply. 2011 educational programs are currently being reviewed and may be available at the new AAPL website.

**The Outstanding Graduate for 2011-12 was Martin Lebrun, senior at the University of Tulsa.**

**NAPE 2011 had 15,933 attendees up from 13,765 in 2010. Booth rental was flat at 1640 booths. A net income of \$4.2mm was realized, up approximately 16% from 2010. The AAPL's share was \$2.1mm, which includes the AAPL management fee.**

**Summer NAPE 2011 will be held August 18-20<sup>th</sup>. NAPE 2012 is scheduled for February 22-24 in Houston. Booth registration for Summer NAPE is open.**

**Some of the more interesting Committee Reports were as follows:**

**AAPL has hired the PR firm out of Austin, TX to assist AAPL with advice on improving its image among its membership and the general public. This is an ongoing effort and details and progress will be reported in subsequent reports.**

**Membership Committee:**

**AAPL currently has 12,603 members up from 11,600 this time last year which is an excellent testimonial to the job Steve Wentworth and the Membership Committee has done**

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**Tax Committee:**

**Roger Soape is the chairman and his main emphasis will be to focus on tax issues affecting land professionals and employee/independent contractor issues. His committee will be monitoring every state's legislative agenda's and will keep AAPL and its' members apprised on legislation affecting the land profession.**

**Field Landman Committee:**

**This committee held 13 seminars last year with 1447 independent field landmen attending. These seminars are a great way for field landmen to obtain continuing education points close to their respective work locations.**

**It is an honor to serve you and I look forward to seeing you this year and wish you all a successful year! If you wish to contact me concerning the contents of this report please email me at [rhelms@teaminonline.com](mailto:rhelms@teaminonline.com).**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

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