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From left to right: West Bay Exploration Geologist, Murray Matson; MAPL Treasurer, Bob Chronister; AAPL Region II Director, Russell S. Shinevar, CPL; AAPL President, Steven D. Wentworth, CPL; AAPL Executive President, Martin Schardt; President, Leslie A. Irish, RPL; MAPL Membership Chairman, Sue Benson, CPL (Photo Courtesy of Jack Westbrook)

Our AAPL Field Landman's Seminar in Jackson was a success with 74 AAPL participants including 31 NEW AAPL MEMBERS! Landmen joining AAPL are Alan Browne, Daniel Callaway, Bob J. Chronister, Jerry Cochrane, Matthew DeRose, Steve Dupuie, Amanda L. Eifert, Richard Fackler, Kate Fetkenhier, Kris Gale, Larry W. Harness, II, Layla Hicks, Robert Hinman, Steven Johnson, Linda Lefebvre, Nicholas Lewis, Ruth Long, David L. Millsop, Kimberly L. Moore, James Neal, Sandra Petrorskis, Randy Pipkins, Stephanie Pipkins, Patrick J. Riley, Marie M. Schwartz, Wes Shinevar, John Stillwell, Crystal Stoner, Sue Thompson, Robin Touzi and Charles Vickerman.

> **WELCOME NEW AAPL MEMBERS!**

AAPL welcomes its new Director of Education, Christopher Halaszynski who comes to AAPL with a strong background in corporate education and adult training. He has already jumped in with both feet and will be working diligently with various committees. By the end of 2010, AAPL will have presented over 30 educational programs across the nation in 19 cities to over 2500 attendees. 2011 is sure to be even bigger and better! Thanks go out to local Michigan APL members who made the two AAPL Seminars in Michigan recently a great success!









At the Director's Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, AAPL designated two new Committees. The Policy/By-law Review Committee and the Website/IT Committee. The Directors also voted to approve \$100,000 for AAPL web site improvement. Our President, Steven Wentworth, announced that he wants to see AAPL at the forefront of web technology. I understand both these new committees have "hit the ground" running and are prepared to better serve membership.









Join me at the Boston Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts June 8-11, 2011 for the next AAPL Annual Meeting. Start planning now to attend this awesome event. attended the last two AAPL Annual meetings myself and had so much fun that I hope I never have to miss one. It's not all education, if you were thinking that it was, it's also a lot of fun times and chances to play! Makes a great vacation too! ©



Let's go to Summer

Nape August 17-19, 2011 at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston Texas! AAPL has already sold 1200 booths. Exhibitor packets are being mailed and attendee registration is now open. The deadline for registration at the early price is December 16, 2010, and the deadline for all pre-registration is February 3, 2011. Additional events include a performance by legend Country Superstar LeAnn Rimes and discounted tickets to watch the Houston Rockets play the Philadelphia 76ers at the Toyota Center next to the Convention Center.











AAPL assets continue to grow. As compared to September 30, 2009 total assets have increased from \$15,267,352 to \$18,347,628 a change of \$3,080,276 or 20.2%

AAPL is owned and governed by its members, that's you and I. As an AAPL voting member and Director, I am very proud to be a part of such a great organization and I appreciate the continuing opportunity that Michigan APL offers to me to represent Michigan Landmen. You can count on, and rely on, me as your Director and I am here to assist MAPL and AAPL members with all AAPL questions and inquiries. Russell



Guest Speaker Aaron Morse with AAPL Director Russell Shinevar, CPL at the Jackson Field Landman's Seminar.

## Hey You! Landman!

Yeah you. How about a boost to your professional land career? As your AAPL Region II Director representing Michigan Landmen, I am currently looking for ten MAPL/AAPL Active Members that are willing to become Registered Landmen through AAPL. requirements to become an "RL" are (1) Be an Active Member of AAPL (2) Be working as a Landman, (3) Be sponsored by one CPL or RPL (4) Make application and, (5) Pass the AAPL RLs must administered take-home exam. complete five hours of land and industry continuing education courses each year and must apply for RPL within one year of becoming eligible.

## **RL Exam**

The RL exam is an "open book" exam that the applicant completes, using the Review Guide included with the exam and any other available resources. The exam covers the very fundamentals of landwork; Real Property Law, Contract Law, Conveyancing, Oil and Gas Lease, and Ethics. The exam is intended to be a part of the learning experience for each landman. The exam is sent to the applicant upon receipt of the complete application and required fee. The completed exam is to be returned to AAPL for grading.





I am really surprised that Michigan Landmen have not recognized yet that becoming a Registered Landman (RL) adds credibility through requirement of continuing education and maintenance of study. Instead of just typing "Landman" under your name, you could be typing "Registered Landman" and add the letters RL after your name. Currently, MAPL only has one RL that I know of, Robert G. Teeter, and I can tell you he is proud to be an RL and uses the designation as part of his daily routine working as an oil and gas attorney. Come on MAPL Members, let's take a step up, let's add some RL's to our great force of land professionals here in Michigan. Don't hesitate! Call me (517) 331-8126 Russell