

MAPL Spring Newsletter

SPRING 2010



Left to right: Samantha S. Strahan, RPL, Membership Chairman, Tad D. Stuart, CPL, Treasurer, Thomas S. Coughlin, CPL, Secretary, Leslie A. Irish, RPL, Vice President, Jon J. Dunaske, President, and Russell S. Shinevar, CPL, Past President and AAPL Region II Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6, 2010

MAPL General Membership Meeting
Radisson Hotel
Lansing, MI

June 16, 2010

MAPL Presidents Meeting
Comfort Inn & Suites
Mt. Pleasant, MI

August 6, 2010

MAPL Annual Golf Outing
Buck's Run Golf Club
Mt. Pleasant, MI

September 16, 2010

MAPL 33rd Annual Fall Seminar
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, MI

MAPL By-Laws have been Amended!

Last fall the MAPL Board of Directors formed a committee to deal with the issue of saving Michigan's vote with AAPL. We had to find a way to amend our By-laws so that 100% of our Active Members were also Active Members in AAPL, without taking rights away from our existing Active Members who do not belong to AAPL. We also didn't want our existing Active Members to have to step down to Associate Membership.

The committee came up with a solution that we felt would satisfy the requirements of AAPL, without being detrimental to our MAPL members who did not belong to AAPL. We presented our proposal to AAPL for their blessing and to the MAPL Board of Directors at the February Board of Directors Meeting. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the proposal and approved a mailing to our membership body asking for their support before making a final decision.

The response and support we received was overwhelming with no opposition, which made it easy for the Board of Directors to pass the final vote and approve the proposed Amendment to the MAPL By-Laws at a special meeting held on March 15, 2010.

The amendment basically moved an Active member who is not an Active AAPL member to a General Member, which does not allow voting on AAPL matters. Active MAPL members who are also Active AAPL members were not affected, nor were the MAPL Associate Members.

The MAPL By-Laws and said Amendment can be found on our website at <http://www.michiganlandman.com>.

We worked very hard on this, so thank you all so much for all your support and kind words. - Leslie A. Irish, RPL, MAPL Vice President and Committee Chairman

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General Membership Meeting

The MAPL General Membership meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan on May 6, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

More details will be in the mailed invitation, but we will have a speaker so that AAPL will approve credits for any CPL's or RPL's attending this meeting. Please plan to join us for dinner, drinks, information and entertainment.

Please contact Tad Stuart if you have any questions or comments at Tad@michiganlandman.com or 231-922-7302.

Annual Golf Outing at Buck's Run!

MAPL members and their guests will be able to participate in another day of golfing fun at Bucks Run Golf Club in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for a 9:00am MAPL shotgun start on Friday August 6, 2010. This is a four-person golf team event using the best ball scramble format. As started last year, at least two (2) golfers on each team must be an MAPL member in good standing (dues fully paid). Single golfers and those who do not have a full team may indicate so on the registration form and will be combined with similar players to complete a foursome. The event is limited to the first 36 teams to register.

The 2010 MAPL Bucks Run Golf Outing includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, access to putting greens, free range balls, drink tickets, and a box lunch on the course. There will be awards for the longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin and don't miss the big money hole'n one contest. The cost for the golf outing will be \$125.00 for MAPL members and \$150.00 for non-members, provided that we do not have increased costs for use of the facility. There will be two separate divisions for golfing teams, competitive and non-competitive. You or your company will have the opportunity to sponsor a hole by paying a pre-determined fee which provides a tee sign. The sign will be noticed by numerous company landmen, so it's a good chance to advertise and help out your MAPL organization.

If you are unable to golf but would like to join us at Bucks Run for the buffet dinner, it will be served upon arrival of all golfers back at the clubhouse where awards and door prizes will be given. Bucks Run Golf Club is located at 1559 S. Chippewa Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan just off M-20 Highway 3 miles East of Soaring Eagle Casino.

Submit questions or suggestions to tom@coughlinlandservices.com or call (989) 631-4520.

★REMINDER★

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please update MAPL with any new contact information:
Company, Address, Phone, Email

This information should be provided to Samantha Strahan
MAPL Membership Chairman
sam@michiganlandman.com

YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT!

As an MAPL member, you are invited and encouraged to share your ideas.

Our board strives to provide educational seminars and meetings pertaining to current topics of interest. If you have an idea or a topic please contact one of our board members today! Thank you for your participation and dedication.

OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS

267

Map Making Seminar using GIS will be held June 24, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City, MI. This is not an AAPL workshop, but AAPL is accrediting (6) CPL/RPL/RL Credits

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MAPL Presidents Meeting will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn on June 16, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jon Dunaske is working on the details now, but it is sure to be a well attended event that you won't want to miss!



MAPL 33rd Annual Fall Seminar

The MAPL 33rd ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 16, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are pleased to announce the following special net rates for anyone wishing to arrive the night before (9-15-10). We have set aside a block of only 15 rooms at this special rate, however, if you call at least 2-3 months in advance, they will honor more reservations as vacancy permits:

Single Room Occupancy: \$124.00 (normally \$215.00)

Double Room Occupancy: \$124.00 (normally \$235.00)

Triple Room (3 people): \$134.00 Quad Room (4 people): \$144.00

*Guest room rates are subject to 8% occupancy tax and 6% state tax

We are keeping with Tradition and preceding the MOGA meeting, which will take place that evening. However, MOGA has not set aside a block of rooms at a Discounted rate; so if you need to stay two nights, the Amway Grand will honor our discounted rate for the second night too - but you must call at least 2-3 months in advance. MAPL has agreed that the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel will be the only recommended hotel for room accommodations.

Please contact Leslie Irish if you have any questions or comments at Leslie@michiganlandman.com or 231-922-8703.

Update on Dominick Flanders Benefit

The family of Dominick Flanders would like to personally thank the MAPL for the generous donation to the Benefit of Dominick Flanders. With our help, Dominick has been fitted with his new leg brace which costs \$6,200.00. Dominick's battle with cerebral palsy has already placed the family in debt with medical expenses more than twice the cost of the leg brace.



The sale of raffle tickets along with the spaghetti dinner, 50/50 drawing, blind auction and kind donations more than \$9,787.00 has been raised with more donations still expected. The unofficial count at the dinner benefit held at Timothy's Pub in Gaylord totaled \$8,894.00. Dominick and his family are deeply indebted to everyone who helped make this benefit a huge success.

The 15th Annual MAPL Winter Mini-Seminar

was attended by 44 landmen, significantly less than the 2009 free seminar; however, the attendees came away with valuable information about solar technology and wind energy developments in Michigan. Rod Williamson, energy development manager (Americas) for Dow Corning Corporation presented different types of solar power heating systems for homes ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000. Even though Michigan lacks in number of sunny days, with average solar system costs declining, it is possible to satisfy 75% of Michigan residents needs. Kevin E. Parzyck, project manager for Invenergy, a Chicago based wind farm developer, discussed the cost of wind turbines and the role of landmen in the development of wind farms. Landmen will find that new terms and construction problems are involved; however, the lease acquisition process is very much the same. Attorney Robert Hinman presented a thorough overview of credit card use and the collection of credit card debt. He advised working closely with credit card companies to avoid unnecessary problems. Our own landman, David L. Milsop Jr., presented various technological tools needed for today's landman. His wealth of knowledge of the latest and greatest was very impressive and he disclosed some valuable techniques to use for those who want to be more productive.

Congratulations to our 2009 MAPL
Distinguished Landman

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MAPL Membership Chairman Position Opening Soon!

It's that time of year again...time for Jon Dunaske to step down and take on the well deserved "MAPL Past President" position. Prior to the June 16th President's Meeting in Mt. Pleasant, the MAPL Board of Directors will be voting to move Leslie Irish into the MAPL President's position, Tom Coughlin into the MAPL Vice President's position, Tad Stuart into the MAPL Secretary's position and Samantha Strahan into the MAPL Treasurer's position and voting in a new member for the MAPL Membership Chairman's position.

This means MAPL is looking for a new Membership Chairman. If you have any interest in this position, please contact one of the Board Members by May 14, 2010. The MAPL member who fills this position will be announced at the June President's Meeting. Besides keeping the membership records current, the Membership Chairman is responsible for the November meeting in Traverse City at Boone's Long Lake Inn (it's pretty easy and they know exactly what to do) and next year's Membership Renewals, which begins in March/April.

I don't think you'll ever find a past MAPL Board Member that has regretted being a part of this wonderful organization. Nor will you find one that feels their life/career hasn't been enriched from their involvement as a Board Member. But it's not all about the new business contacts and the great MAPL members you get to know a little better; it's also a chance to give back to our association and our industry that has done so much for each and every one of us.

Should you have any questions or comments, the MAPL Board of Directors are listed in this Newsletter, along with their contact information. If you want to be considered for this position or know of another member that you think would be well suited for this position, please let us know and we will contact them to see if they might be interested. Thank you for your consideration.

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