



# NHAPL NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

## North Houston Association of Professional Landmen

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2009 Meeting Schedule		
October 29, 2009	Fall Social	Joe's Crab Shack
Nov. 12, 2009	Monthly Luncheon	Greenspoint Club
Dec. 10, 2009	Monthly Luncheon	Greenspoint Club
January 21, 2010	NHAPL/HAPL/WHAPL Joint Luncheon	Petroleum Club

**Message from the President:**

I hope you have had the opportunity to explore your new website and have updated your profile. I would like to thank Don Willis, President of Avanti Web Services for his diligence in making our beautiful new website a reality. I have enjoyed working with him to bring all the elements together to make your website a success. I look forward to hearing your feedback and remember to vote for NHAPL as having the best website for local AAPL chapters this year. As we are now automated you may begin signing up for events online effective Saturday, October 31, 2009... Halloween, oh my!

We had a successful members only golf tournament and photos will be posted soon to the website.

The holidays are quickly approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many blessings I have received this year. It is an honor and a pleasure to meet each of you and I look forward to seeing you at the NHAPL upcoming events. The Board of Directors wishes you a Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving and ask that you keep our troops in your prayers this season.

Curtis D. Horne, CPL, is the featured November 12<sup>th</sup> speaker. His topic is "The Ethics of the Deal." Hope to see you there.

**Cynthia D Hardin**

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### NEXT MEETING

**Date:** November 12, 2009

**Place:** Greenspoint Club  
"Oak Room"

**Time:** 11:30 AM  
NHAPL Luncheon

**Speakers:** **Curtis D. Horne, CPL**

**Topic:** " Ethics of the Deal"

**CPL & RPL, CPLTA Credits:** (1)

**RSVP by Monday, November 9th, 2009**  
Online at [www.nhapl.org](http://www.nhapl.org)

<b><u>NHAPL Committee Chairpersons:</u></b>	
<b>Luncheons &amp; Speakers</b>	Randy Helms
<b>½ Day Seminar</b>	Glen Mauldin
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Joe Edgar
<b>Socials</b>	Charles Duffy, III
	Caleb Fielder
<b>NHAPL Astros Night</b>	Justin F Foley
<b>Texas Landmen's Coalition</b>	Cynthia Hardin



**The AAPL Region IV Director's Report**  
**By: Charles E. Wetegrove, CPL**

AAPL held its last quarterly meeting in Jackson Hole, WY on September 13, 2009. Reports were given on the following (with synopsis added):

1. Summer NAPE 2009 – attendance was down about 15% and booth sales were down about 7% over 2008, by comparison Tradeshow Week reports 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter tradeshow attendances down about 10.4% and booth sales down about 11.3%.
2. NAPE 2010 – booth sales are on track with NAPE 2009. NAPE 2010 is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.
3. Education- the “grandfathered” RPL process comes to an end on December 31, 2009; about 150 CPL applicants have been tested thus far this year.
4. Landman Scholarship- 13 scholarships were awarded to Petroleum/ Energy Land Management students at OU, University of Tulsa, Texas Tech, University of LA at Lafayette and Western State.
5. Education Programs- by the end of 2009, AAPL will have presented 54 programs in 24 cities with over 3000 attending. Several new programs including a JOA/Exploration Agreement Seminar, an Advanced Contracts Seminar, and an Applied Field Land Practices Seminar, as well as usual Fundamentals of Lands Practices and W I Seminars, CPL/RPL reviews, Regional Institutes, Pre-NAPE seminars and Annual meeting and workshops are planned. The online education programs are fairly well received.
6. Membership- fiscal year ended with 11,068 members compared to 10,087 last year.
7. AAPL Licensing Task Force- There could be an interim study by legislators, Rep. Charles Geren, who originally filed the bill in the 2009 session, is considering doing this. If requested, the Speaker of the House would have to appoint such a committee. If made and approved, AAPL will take part in the study with no commitment to support any attempt to enact same in the 2011 legislative session.
8. IPAA & AAPL share a land access chair in Washington D.C. (a lobbyist).
9. The Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen is interested in speaking with any association which carries advertising on its website. They believe all associations should carry reciprocal advertising for the good of the industry as a whole.
10. The next Quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held Dec 5 & 6, 2009 in Huntington Beach, CA. Anyone who has any topics they wish to have me present before the national board should contact me prior to said meeting.
11. Finally, as you all have probably heard by now, Robin Forte`, Executive V.P. of AAPL has tendered his resignation. I attach current AAPL director and former AAPL President David Cape's able explanation. David has said it in a most appropriate and thorough manner. I have borrowed it from AAPL's newsletter,

“With the continued growth of AAPL's membership and the phenomenal growth of NAPE, it was noted that the job of the AAPL EVP has grown too large for one person. AAPL started NAPE in 1993. At that time, AAPL had approximately 7,000 members, a staff of 8 people and an annual budget of approximately \$1.5 million. AAPL has grown to over 12,000 members, with a staff of 12 people and an annual budget of approximately \$2.7 million. Currently, AAPL's staff-to-member ratio is 1-1000. By comparison, the AAPG and SEG have staff-to-membership ratios of approximately 1-to-400. As you can see, AAPL maintains a lean and efficient operation. During the same timeframe, NAPE has grown to include over 21,000 attendees with net income exceeding \$5.5 million (Combined 2009 winter and Summer NAPE).

AAPL's primary purpose is to provide a myriad of services to its members (including superior publications, providing high-quality continuing education opportunities to its members, and proactive involvement in legislative and regulatory affairs to protect the rights of all Landmen), while NAPE's primary purpose is to turn a profit. Although AAPL has benefited handsomely from its share of profits generated through NAPE, the primary purpose of AAPL and NAPE are not always in alignment. This puts a strain on the concurrent operation of NAPE from AAPL. It should be noted that the financial accounting records for AAPL and NAPE were separated in 2005, with a separate set of books maintained for the two entities. The only change being made now is to separate the day-to-day operation of AAPL from the day-to-day operation of NAPE. This operational separation will allow AAPL to focus 100% of its time, staff and resources to providing service to its members, while the NAPE organization can continue to operate NAPE as the premier prospect show and networking event in our industry. Mr. Forte` has agreed to stay on board until a new EVP is in place with AAPL and continue advising the new AAPL EVP in a consulting capacity as long as needed. More importantly, Mr. Forte` has signed a five year contract to assume a full-time position as the EVP of NAPE.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT AAPL IS RELINQUISHING CONTROL OF NAPE. Mr. Forte` will report to AAPL's Executive Committee in his capacity as NAPE EVP. AAPL's majority ownership stake in NAPE will not change. As such, AAPL will continue to reap the rewards of its majority ownership in NAPE.

AAPL First Vice President Steve Wentworth has been asked to chair a committee to begin an immediate search for AAPL's new EVP. Updates in the status of this search will be provided as they occur.”

I told you David's was thorough, thanks David Cape.