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Benjamin Disraelis**

NHAPL NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2010

North Houston Association of Professional Landmen

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2010 Meeting Schedule

April 8, 2010	Monthly Luncheon	Greenspoint Club
April 12, 2010	NHAPL/WHAPL Golf Tournament	Pine Forest CC
May 6, 2010	Night at the Ballpark	Minutemaid Park
May 13, 2010	Monthly Luncheon	Greenspoint Club

NEXT MEETING

Date: April 8, 2010
Place: Greenspoint Club
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Speaker: Todd Morgan
Topic: TxALA Update
CPL & RPL, CPLTA Credits: (1)

NHAPL Committee Chairpersons:

Luncheons & Speakers	Randy Helms
Half-Day Seminar	Glen Mauldin
Golf Tournament	Joe Edgar
Socials	Charles Duffy, III
	Caleb Fielder
NHAPL Astros Night	Justin F Foley
	Cynthia Hardin
TxALA	Caleb Fielder
	Curtis D Horne
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RSVP by Monday, April 5, 2010
 Online at www.nhapl.org



Cardiff By the Sea

President's Message

Spring is here and two more great events are around the corner. The joint NHAPL/WHAPL golf tournament is on April 12th, and the "Night at the Ballpark" is being held May 6th at Minutemaid Park. Make your reservations today as space is filling up quickly. Please contact Joe Edgar for Golf Tournament information and Justin Foley for "Night at the Ballpark." Registration is now open to non-members at \$65 for "Night at the Ballpark."

The AAPL annual meeting will be held June 16th through the 18th in Vail Colorado. Visit the AAPL website for more information.

NHAPL offers the following candidates for the upcoming May 13th election:

President: Randy Helms
Vice President: Glen Mauldin
Treasurer: Carla Francis
Secretary: Caleb Fielder

Directors:
Aaron Russell
Cheryl Schmidt
Curt Horne
Joe Edgar
Justin Foley

Cynthia Hardin – Immediate past president, AAPL Regional Representative

Mark your calendars to be present at the annual election luncheon.

TxALA met in Austin on March 31, 2010, to discuss current activity pertaining to oil and gas issues inclusive of landman licensing that may be entertained on the floor. HAPL lobbyist, Todd Morgan, provided an update and will be our April guest speaker to provide details.

The AAPL President, Rimmer Covington, was present at the meeting and members expressed their desire for improved communication between the AAPL and membership.

The recent AAPL BOD meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky. Our AAPL regional rep attended but has not provided a report as he indicated it must be approved by the AAPL legal counsel.

Please be advised that I have obtained the following information from attendees; the action to present Bill Rex's motion to form a task force to investigate the ExCom's actions was not voted on as the issue was not given precedence as business item number one as indicated in an email ("My plan at present is to put your request on the agenda as Business Item #1, so that we will have ample time to discuss the issues.") from Rimmer Covington to Bill Rex, dated February 24, 2010. All AAPL director's were copied and all emails forwarded to TxALA members. The President placed as business item number one his motion to approve and ratify ExCom's decisions and actions made on September 11 and 12, 2009, being as follows:

- 1. To physically separate the NAPE Expo LP operations from the AAPL.*
- 2. To secure office space in Irving, Texas for NAPE operations.*
- 3. To retain Robin Forte as the executive manager, EVP and COO of NAPE.*
- 4. To hire a new AAPL EVP.*

The motion was approved and ratified with 32 votes in favor. Although, the NHAPL BOD voted in favor of forming a task force, the motion was tabled due to the President's new agenda. The NHAPL regional rep voted in favor of the motion to approve ExCom's actions and did not abstain from the vote or vote no as other reps did according to their board's vote to form a task force.

We welcome your feedback and concerns.

Cynthia D Hardin, RPL

All President's Message photography by Cynthia D Hardin

APRIL 8TH GUEST SPEAKER

T. Todd Morgan and Morgan Capitol Consulting

Todd Morgan is a native of Abilene, Texas. The son of nurse and a petroleum landman and part-time rancher, Todd left Abilene to attend the University of Texas in 1985. There he received two degrees – a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Todd began his professional career working for then-Railroad Commissioner John Sharp, following him to the State Comptroller's office in 1991. During his eight years with Comptroller Sharp, he served in various capacities including Manager of Research and Revenue Estimating, Assistant Director of Tax Enforcement, Director of State-Federal Relations and Executive Director of the Texas Tomorrow Fund. During this period, he developed management experience and worked closely with state and federal legislators.

Todd left the Comptroller's office in 1999 to become the Director of State and Local Government Affairs for Temple-Inland, one of the nation's largest private landowners and a Fortune 300 company with interests in forest products manufacturing, minerals, banking and real estate development. He founded Morgan Capitol Consulting in 2007. His practice draws on his prior professional experience, allowing him to represent businesses and organizations effectively on legislative matters related to taxation, real estate development, private property rights, special taxing districts and environmental issues.

Todd lives in Austin with Jennifer, his wife of 11 years and his sons Hill (8) and Drew (7).