

AAPL Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2016
Kingsmill Resort – Williamsburg, VA

Officers & Members of NHAPL

It was my pleasure to attend the Quarterly AAPL Board Meeting in December. The meeting started with the usual formalities and financial reports. Noteworthy activity within Committees were as follows:

- Accreditation – The current fee for application or renewal for university accreditation is \$500. Given the costs to conduct on-sight visits, the committee is reviewing the merits of increasing the fees to \$2500 or even \$5000.
- Annual meeting- The Seattle Convention this summer will have “Hot Play Happy Hours” and the registration is open and expected to break even.
- Education
 - *Paid Education Speaker Update*- this issue has been a hot button topic over the last 6 months. Education speakers traditionally have been paid travel expenses & a day rate to present at AAPL events, and that issue has been debated given the downturn. I was hoping to hear more about this, but there was nothing to report or discuss at the meeting
 - *AAPL Call for Speaker Program*- AAPL is trying to save money by finding volunteers to not only give presentations but provide material that AAPL can use and keep.
 - This Committee has quite a bit of focus on how it will proceed in the future with webinars, paying speakers, and decreased events. The NHAPL is dedicated to voting for measures that will enhance the education experience and maintain the highest level of quality in AAPL education events, while making sure the events do not lose money.
- Field Landmen - \$12,500 was voted to be appropriated into committee to finish the year’s planned activities. These seminars are free to attend and require funding
- Forms- the Forms are up and running for companies to use and edit internally within individual companies. The JOA (including new versions), Confidentiality Agreements, & Gas Balancing Agreement highlight the forms available now. Master Services Agreement, and other offshore contracts are still a work in progress
- Membership- AAPL has been averaging 62 new member applications per month since beginning of fiscal year
- NAPE- Summer NAPE was down to just 2800 attendees, compared to 4400 in 2016. Still considering the possibility of holding off on Denver Nape for 2017
 - Vote to ratify a public NAPE Charity entity was approved

This Meeting was a quiet one without any lively or hot topic debates. Plenty of issues were tabled for future dates and we are lucky to have Past NHAPL President Curt Horne represent us and attend the March AAPL Board of Directors Meeting in Santa Barbara, CA. I’ll be back to attend the Summer Board Meeting proceeding the Annual Conference in Seattle.

Please never hesitate to talk to myself or any officer of NHAPL about ideas on how we should vote or issues to bring forward at any AAPL Board Meeting. Remember if you find yourself starting to agree too much with any large group about everything, it’s time to take a closer look. We have the same vote as any other Local Association and we aim to serve our Members the best possible with your voices being heard loud and clear.

Thanks

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