

## Landman of the Year Nomination

Dear AAPL Awards Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Jimmy Wright, CPL, CMM for AAPL's Landman of the Year. Jimmy has been a ubiquitous member of the AAPL for many years and his contributions this past year have been exceptional to our organization, the land profession, and to his community.

Jimmy exhibited leadership in several roles this past year. First, he served as Chair of the AAPL Mentorship Committee which transitioned into his continuing contributions as past-chair. Anyone who was at the AAPL Board of Directors meetings last year will know that his efforts to promote the mentorship program were passionate, creative and sincere. In addition to serving in that leadership position, Jimmy also served the profession as part of the RPL/CPL Education Committee. After he stepped down from those committees in June, Jimmy took over as President of the Austin Professional Landmen's Association. The Austin chapter was one of the last local associations to re-establish in-person meetings and Jimmy was instrumental in reconnecting our local members through monthly lunches as well as regular happy hours. If that wasn't enough to get the organization revitalized, Jimmy has taken on hosting the first ever Land Technology Seminar that the local association will host in a few weeks. He has recruited speakers from across the country, garnered sponsorships, and established a practical "how to" seminar for attendees both in Austin and via webinar.

In addition to his service to the AAPL at both the national and local levels, Jimmy also serves the industry in numerous roles with the National Association of Royalty Owners (NARO). Jimmy serves on the national board of directors for the association as well as on the board of directors (and as President) of the NARO Foundation. He was also instrumental in the re-drafting and implementation of the testing and certification program for Registered and Certified Mineral Manager (RMM/CMM) designations. When the NARO executive director resigned in late 2022, Jimmy agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director while the search committee finds their new permanent leader. Jimmy has mentioned several times that the land professional is a liaison between mineral owners and operators and both NARO and AAPL provide invaluable opportunities for their members to learn about our industry and how to work together.

Outside of these industry related leadership and volunteer positions, Jimmy also serves his local community in several ways. He served as secretary and committee member of the City Parks Committee for the city of Granite Shoals. For anyone who has served on a public committee, you know that it is an unenviable service and a committee secretary's work is often extraordinarily difficult when keeping public records and maintaining compliance with Texas Open Meetings Act standards. Additionally, Jimmy serves as the announcer for his daughter's high school marching band. Again, any of you who know Jimmy know that he has no problem being the center of attention and is happy to hear his own voice over a loudspeaker under the Friday Night Lights!

Jimmy has done a phenomenal job of helping at all levels of our organization all while serving his mineral owner clients with integrity, honesty and a desire to educate. It is my hope that our organization will recognize him for these contributions with this prestigious award.

Sincerely,



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