

January 9, 2024

Dear AAPL Awards Committee,

I am honored to submit for your consideration my communication to the Austin Professional Landmen's Association regarding the AAPL Board's decision regarding lifetime membership with our organization.

Recognizing the significance of notifying our members about the AAPL Board's directive concerning the lifetime membership application deadline of December 31st, I felt the need to accurately communicate the information to our members promptly. Following the board meeting, I spoke with Membership Committee Chair Michael Pisciotte to make sure I was clearly communicating to our members on the application process.

To ensure impartiality in my message to our members, I sought input from key stakeholders including Mr. Pisciotte, Assistant Chair Will Boone and AAPL Education, Certification and Membership Manager Sidney Fuller. Their valuable insight and perspective were critical feedback, and I implemented their requests for clarification into the email that was later distributed.


In addition to our usual APLA membership recipient list, I expanded my outreach to include local association directors and presidents, AAPL committee chairs, AAPL executive committee members and other members of AAPL leadership. This approach aimed to reach the widest audience of AAPL members as possible.

Navigating the nuanced nature of the matter, where proposed bylaw amendments would be proposed later in the year, but the Membership Committee's instructions take effect earlier, I tried to prioritize clarity and conciseness (which I know is something I am not always known for!). To help accomplish this, I took a page from some young social media folks and included a "TLDR", or "Too Long Didn't Read", summary at the top of my email. This hopefully helped readers cut through the data and get to the action items.

After sending my email (which I am attaching below), several local association directors reached out, seeking permission to share my email with their members. This positive response and endorsement from these colleagues were very humbling and I am glad to have been able to hopefully help save them time with their efforts.

In the end, I tried my best to notify our local APLA members and help my fellow directors get this important message out to our members efficiently and fairly within a tight timeline. Thank you all for your consideration and for your service to the AAPL.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Wright, CPL, CMM

Notice Regarding AAPL Policy Adoption

Austin Professional Landmen's Association <austinlandmen@gmail.com>
To: mpisciotte@murfininc.com, will@wildcatresourcesinc.com, fuller@landman.org
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Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 1:20 PM

TLDR:

The AAPL is looking to phase out Life Membership. Life Membership may be conferred on an Active Member who chooses to make a one-time dues payment of \$2,500.00 and thereafter be exempt from annual dues. The deadline to apply for Life Membership is **December 31, 2023**. To apply, please contact Mike Pisciotte (mpisciotte@murfininc.com), Will Boone (will@wildcatresourcesinc.com), and Sidney Fuller (sfuller@landman.org).

Dear APLA Members and Friends of APLA,

The AAPL Board of Directors met this weekend in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. I will be preparing a full report soon, but there is a time sensitive matter that I wanted to get in front of you all promptly. The AAPL ByLaws under Article V.3.C. allows (i.e. permissive) the Board of Directors to confer the status of Lifetime Membership to an Active Member upon the member's status application and submission of a \$2,500 payment to AAPL. As such, the acceptance and/or approval of any such application is a policy prerogative of the AAPL Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors passed a motion to instruct the AAPL Membership Committee to suspend consideration of applications for Life Membership status as of December 31st, 2023. This process was initiated at the joint ExCom meeting at the 2023 AAPL Annual Meeting in Huntington Beach, California and was reviewed by the Membership Committee in August 2023. After its review, the Membership Committee recommended suspending applications for Lifetime Membership status pending an amendment of the bylaws. This change was also endorsed by the Executive Committee. This is in preparation for an anticipated proposal to amend the bylaws for the removal of Life Membership under the AAPL Bylaws. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws will be submitted to the full AAPL Membership in accordance with the bylaws for voting purposes; this process would commence most likely in spring of 2024.

Because of the timing of the implementation of this suspension of application review, I wanted to inform you all of this change so you didn't inadvertently miss this deadline were you considering a request to change from an annual Active Membership to a Life Membership. The details of the Life Membership are outlined in Article V, Section 3, Paragraph C of the AAPL Bylaws; the hyperlink to what I believe to be the most current version of the bylaws [can be found here](#).

Those who wish to request a change to a Life Membership should send an email requesting such to Mike Pisciotte (AAPL Membership Committee Chairman), Will Boone (AAPL Membership Committee Assistant Chairman), and Sidney Fuller (AAPL Manager of Education, Certification and Membership). Their e-mail addresses are copied on this message.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Wright
AAPL Director
Austin Professional Landmen's Association

