

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN

Local Association Award

Best Member Communication

(During Calendar Year 2024)

Awards Committee Evaluation Form

To be completed by Local Association

Local Association Name: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Member Name: Tracy Santoro

Title of Communication: HAPL 68th Annual Exective Night Recap & Pictures

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The following criteria are listed to assist in the evaluation of the Member Communication.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
EDUCATIONAL/MOTIVATIONAL VALUE	0-6	_____
INTEREST TO OTHERS	0-5	_____
ORIGINALITY OF WORK	0-5	_____
OVERALL PRESENTATION	0-5	_____
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HAPL 68th Annual Executive Night Recap & Pictures

By: Tracy Santoro, RPL, Talos Energy

On October 24th HAPL held its 68th Annual Executive Night, a hallmark event that brought together industry executives, company leaders, and rising stars from across the energy sector.

More than 300 attendees from all disciplines of the oil and industry gathered to kick off the evening with a lively welcome reception. Attendees enjoyed a variety of refreshments while reconnecting with colleagues and forging new connections. The energetic atmosphere buzzed with conversations about recent developments and shared experiences in the industry.

Following the seated dinner, HAPL members and industry colleagues came together to honor two outstanding award recipients: 2024 HAPL Outstanding Landman of the Year Christine Touchstone, CPL, and 2024 HAPL Company of the Year Kearney, McWilliams & Davis, PLLC. The honorees were recognized for their exceptional professionalism, leadership, and commitment to the land profession.



HAPL President John Gerrish also shared exciting news with attendees, announcing the official launch of the HAPL Charities organization and presenting a check for \$16,000 to its newly appointed Board of Directors.

The highlight of the evening was an engaging keynote address by Mike Wichterich, Chairman of the Board of Expand Energy and Founder and CEO of Three Rivers Operating Company LLC. Mike shared valuable insights on industry consolidation, where the market is heading, and how these shifts specifically affect land professionals. His thought-provoking presentation provided a fresh perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing landmen and energy professionals in a rapidly changing market.

Producing an event of this scale requires a tremendous amount of planning. Led by co-chairs Tracy Santoro, RPL (Talos Energy) and Michael Peiler, CPL (Drake Land Services, LLC), the committee began preparations for the event early in the year. The hard-working team included Christine Touchstone, CPL (LeFrak Energy); Andrew Cooper, CPL (Roger A. Soape, Inc.); Glen Mauldin, CPL (Independent); Mark Metz, CPL (Phoenix Energy Advisors, LLC); Jennifer Groves (Roger A. Soape, Inc.); Katie LaRue, RPL (Mitsui E&P USA LLC); and Charles M. "Tres" Fife, III (Kingsbury Oil & Gas, Inc.). HAPL and AAPL Past President Carl Campbell (Alamo Resources) generously provided guidance and support as special advisor to the committee.

On behalf of HAPL, the Executive Night Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the generous sponsors that made this unforgettable evening possible. Their extraordinary support and unique contributions were instrumental in ensuring the success of this event. A full list of sponsoring companies can be found in this newsletter and on our event webpage.

To relive the evening, photos from the 68th Executive Night are available for viewing online through this [link](#) or on the HAPL Facebook page [here](#).

