

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN

Local Association Award

Best Member Communication
(During Calendar Year 2019)

Awards Committee Evaluation Form

To be completed by Local Association

Local Association Name: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

Member Name: Eli Huffman

Title of Communication: Local Elections

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<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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December 3, 2019

A Transcript of remarks given by Association President, Eli Huffman, at the December Membership Luncheon.

Local Elections – I would like to briefly discuss an important matter that many of us may not be paying attention to given our very busy personal and professional lives. The Houston City Elections. When our founding fathers formed this great republic, they had many robust discussions of policy, one of which was – On what day of the week should elections be held? They finally decided on Tuesday. The reason that they chose Tuesday instead of Monday is that voting locations were limited to just a few towns and villages. Many citizens lived far away from the voting locations and travel from their distant farms to the polls required difficult travel, often requiring an overnight stay. They did not want to travel on Sunday, a traditional day of worship, and they did not want to miss any opportunity to place their vote, so they chose Tuesday instead of Monday as the voting day. Even though the act of placing your vote was inconvenient and required difficult travel and sacrifice, voter turnout was near Eighty Percent. That is 4 out of every 5 voters making it a priority to cast their vote. Last month, in the 3rd biggest city in the United States did you know that our voter turnout was less than Twenty Percent of registered voters? In a city of over 1.5 million, we had less than 200,000 people cast a vote. Because of the wide-open field of candidates, nearly every position including the Mayor’s race and most city commissioner seats are now in a runoff. Early voting started last week and will continue until next Tuesday. Then they will close early voting locations and your last opportunity to vote will be on Saturday, December 14th. So – I provide this information as a courtesy and to remind us that if we care about who our elected officials are, then we should participate in one of the greatest gifts ever given to mankind and take advantage of our privilege of free choice. It is predicted that some of these runoff races may be decided by a margin of a few hundred votes – In a city of millions.... So – if you care about participating in our democracy then I encourage you to please make it a priority to vote. We are incredibly lucky that it only takes a few minutes to stop by the many voting locations in this city and let your voice be heard. Our founding fathers were willing to literally walk for days just for the chance to participate in the freedom of choice that many of us now seem to take for granted.

Thank you again for joining us today. Wade Edington will be back to the podium shortly to introduce our speaker and honored guest for today’s luncheon. Enjoy your lunch and fellowship today.