

# Special Award

## Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Education** – may be presented to a member who has achieved a level of unusual distinction in AAPL’s continuing education program as demonstrated by his/her contribution of time and service to the betterment of land professionals.
- **AAPL Committee Member Award** – may be presented to an AAPL Committee member who has greatly exceeded expectations.
- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.
- **Other** – may be presented to a member who has achieved unusual distinction or contributed significantly the betterment of land professionals in any other way deemed worthy of recognition.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Ben Eisterhold, CPL

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

NOMINATED BY: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

## 2019 AAPL Committee Member Award - Ben Eisterhold

Since joining the AAPL Forms Committee in 2016, Ben Eisterhold has consistently proven to be a valued and productive member of his committee. During his time on the committee, Ben has enjoyed leveraging his passion for oil and gas related contract drafting and interpretation. He currently serves on the Purchase and Sale Agreement sub-committee. Ben provided substantive input and edits on the documents in AAPL's "suite of forms," which included an Affidavit of Use and Possession, NPRI Ratification, Ratification of Oil and Gas Lease, and Release of Oil and Gas Lease. His past committee involvement also includes participating in peer reviewing various joint operating agreement exhibits and AAPL's Master Land Services Agreement. For those not familiar with Ben, a brief accounting is included below:

A native of Humble, TX, Ben began his career as a landman with ConocoPhillips Company in 2008. To date, he has worked in area, functional, and supervisory land roles within various ConocoPhillips' business units across the Lower 48. Ben is currently a Land Supervisor, where he oversees surface and subsurface land activities and operations in the Williston Basin. In addition, Ben instructs several ConocoPhillips internal courses on joint operating agreements.

Ben holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in Energy and Earth Resources from the University of Texas.

He has been an AAPL and HAPL member since 2008. Ben served as HAPL President in 2017/2018 and was recognized with HAPL's Outstanding Landman of the Year award in 2019. Ben obtained his CPL certification in 2016.

Ben currently serves on the board of directors for The Harris School and the SPIRIT Political Action Committee, and in the past has served as a member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Transportation Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and Coastal Conservation Association. Ben and his wife, Katie, are active members of Houston Second Baptist Church. He is a resident of West Houston, and enjoys spending time with his son, saltwater fishing, bird hunting, and watching college football and the Houston Astros.

Ben has been praised by the chair of the Forms Committee, Doug Schmidt, as an effective committee member who would make a great future chair of the committee. Because of Ben's hard work shown on the AAPL Forms Committee, we believe our fellow HAPL member is deserving of this recognition.