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Mr. Marc S. Tate, CPL  
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Re: Nomination of Katherine "Kitty" Chalfant, CPL  
Blankenship Family Horizon Award

Dear Marc:

I am pleased to nominate Katherine "Kitty" Chalfant, CPL for the 2021 Blankenship Family Horizon Award. Kitty is an exceptional female land professional who is respected throughout the industry and has been a leader for the land professional throughout her career.

Following her graduation from the University of Texas in 1980 with a Petroleum Land Management degree, Kitty began her career by working as an independent broker for several years. Recognizing the significance of the certification program, Kitty earned her CPL designation as soon as she was eligible in the mid-1980s. After the birth of her child, she worked as a contract landman for Parsley Petroleum until 1989 when she accepted a permanent position with Fina Oil and Chemical Company. When Fina left the Permian Basin in 1996, Kitty joined ARCO Permian where she was a Senior Landman. After ARCO merged with BP in 2001, she went to work for EOG as a Land Specialist and later in 2010 as the Lead Landman for Concho Resources. She is currently working as an independent landman through her company Dockside Oil & Gas Company.

Kitty has served her fellow landmen well through the Permian Basin Landman's Association and AAPL. She served as a director, secretary, treasurer and ultimately, President of PBLA. Prior to being elected Secretary of AAPL in 2006, Kitty was chairman of the Membership Committee and was a trustee of the Landman Scholarship Trust. She was presented the prestigious AAPL Landman of the Year award in 2003. Since serving as Secretary of AAPL, Kitty has served several additional terms as a Trustee of the Landman Scholarship Trust and has also served as chairman of the Awards and Forms committees. She is the current chairman of the Ethics committee.

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When Texas Tech University was having trouble maintaining its Petroleum Land Management program and was considering ending the major altogether, Kitty jumped in to help and was appointed the interim director from the summer of 2002 through the summer of 2003. During this time, Kitty reviewed and revised the entire curriculum. She traveled from Midland to Lubbock (a two hour drive one-way) twice each week during the year to teach a basic land management course and a course on the AAPL 1989 Operating Agreement. Many evenings after class was over, she would take the students to dinner and visit with them about the industry and their future. She did all of this while working full-time for EOG. Ultimately, Kitty was credited with saving the program, and as a result of her work, Texas Tech is continuing to produce PLM graduates today.

Kitty was instrumental in creating a ladies landman lunch group in 2005 in Midland. The group continues to meet each month to discuss work issues and socialize.

Kitty is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Midland where she serves as a deacon. Kitty has a second home in Clear Lake Shores, Texas, and she has volunteered her time to help on the Clear Lake Shores committee to write rules for short term rentals on the island. She recently completed CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training for Galveston County which qualifies her to serve as a volunteer in times of emergencies. She has also served as a volunteer for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo several times.

Kitty has had an outstanding career as a landman and as a volunteer to her industry and the community. She is well respected throughout our industry and continues to be asked to serve in leadership positions with AAPL. She is a role model for all landmen and particularly female land professionals. She is certainly a worthy candidate, and I highly recommend her for the 2021 Blankenship Family Horizon Award.

Yours very truly,



David W. Miller