

**OCAPL's Nomination to AAPL for 2020 Pioneer Award**  
**Aubrey McClendon**



OCAPL would like to nominate Aubrey McClendon for the 2020 AAPL Pioneer Award.

Aubrey was an American businessman and the founder and chief executive officer of American Energy Partners, LP. He also co-founded Chesapeake Energy, serving as its CEO and chairman. He was an outspoken advocate for natural gas as an alternative to oil and coal fuels, and a pioneer in employing fracking.

McClendon was a founding member of America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA), a trade association and lobbying group for independent natural gas producers, based in Washington, D.C. He was an advocate for the greater use of natural gas in the United States and he funded a campaign in 2007 to draw clean-energy activists' attention to a Texas utility's plan to build 11 new coal plants. He also made a donation to the Sierra Club to fund its "Beyond Coal" campaign, which had blocked more than 150 new coal plants in the United States, as of October 2013.

McClendon was a public proponent of natural gas, fracking and shale drilling throughout his career. In an appearance on *60 Minutes* in 2010, McClendon argued a case for natural gas as a clean fuel and a significant job-creating industry. He defended the natural gas and oil industry's use of hydraulic fracturing techniques for well completion. Later that year, he was quoted saying, "We have found something that can liberate us from the influence of OPEC, that can put several million Americans back to work, liberate us from four-dollar gasoline."

In 2007, McClendon was inducted into the Oklahoma Heritage Foundation's Oklahoma Hall of Fame and in 2009, he was a top finalist for CEO of the Year at the Platts Global Energy Awards. In 2010, U.S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc., gave McClendon the Chief Roughneck Award, which honors the lifetime achievements of petroleum industry leaders. He was also recognized in 2011, when awarded the Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur of the Year in Energy, Cleantech and Natural Resources. In 2013.

All in all, Aubrey McClendon not only paved the way for Horizontal Drilling and changed the Natural Gas game he single handedly made the word "Landman" a household name.