

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: _____

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

AAPL Special Award – Community Service: 2024

I would like to nominate the Community Affairs (CA) Committee of the Oklahoma City Association of Professional Landmen (OCAPL) for recognition for their exceptional dedication to community service in 2024. Their impactful work this year has truly exemplified the spirit of giving back and has left a lasting positive impact on our local community.

Under the leadership of the Community Affairs Committee (Jordan Volino, Michael Brock, and Lindsey Owen), OCAPL made remarkable strides in supporting our community through both monetary contributions and volunteer efforts. Collectively, OCAPL donated over \$61,000 to various local organizations and scholarships, while also dedicating significant time and energy to meaningful community projects.

Key Initiatives of the Community Affairs Committee in 2024:

1. Volunteer Day with Pivot:

The CA Committee organized a volunteer day in April of 2024 with Pivot, a Youth Services organization dedicated to supporting young people in need. Volunteers worked to clean up the organization's grounds and gained valuable insight into Pivot's impactful programs.

Additionally, the committee spearheaded a hygiene drive among OCAPL members, collecting essential items for Pivot's teen toiletry pantry.

2. Rebuilding Together Event:

During the summer, the CA Committee partnered with Rebuilding Together to organize a major volunteer event. OCAPL members devoted a Saturday to renovating the home of a community member in need, resulting in a transformative experience for the homeowner and volunteers alike. OCAPL also contributed a monetary donation to further support the project's success.

3. Annual Christmas Party:

The committee's largest undertaking was the 2024 Christmas Party Charity Raffle, where they raised an impressive \$45,000 through donations and raffle ticket sales. These funds were distributed among seven deserving Oklahoma City charities:

- **Cavett Kids Foundation** – Supporting children with life-threatening or chronic illnesses.
- **Folds of Honor** – Providing scholarships to families of fallen or disabled service members.
- **OERB's Petro Tech Field Landman Certification Program** – Funding scholarships to encourage young adults to enter the Land Profession.
- **Rookie League Foundation of Oklahoma** – Supporting local communities through donations and programming initiatives.
- **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** – Advancing cures and treatment for pediatric catastrophic diseases.
- **Rebuilding Together OKC** – Creating safe homes and communities through volunteer-driven initiatives.
- **Tenaciously Teal** – Supporting cancer patients with care packs and assistance during treatment.

Not only did the CA committee raise an extraordinary amount of money for charities but they also worked hard to provide OCAPL members with opportunities to volunteer, fostered stronger relationships with local organizations, and amplified awareness of the charities supported by OCAPL. Inviting these organizations to the Christmas party allowed members to connect directly with the causes they were supporting, further enhancing the impact of their efforts.

Additionally, it is worth highlighting that members of the CA Committee are personally involved with several of the charities supported by OCAPL. Lindsey serves on the board for Rebuilding Together, Michael is a board member for St. Jude, and Jordan plays a vital role on the board for the Rookie League Foundation. Their dedication to these organizations further underscores the depth of their commitment to serving our community.

OCAPL is proud of the Community Affairs Committee and their commitment to making a difference in 2024. Their ability to mobilize resources, inspire volunteerism, and foster meaningful partnerships has significantly enriched the lives of those in our community. I recommend the CA Committee for this recognition and believe their work sets a standard for excellence in community service.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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