

AAPL 2020-2021 Awards

Special Award Nomination

Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen ("FWAPL")

AAPL Awards Committee,

I would like to recognize and nominate the FWAPL Board of Directors for a Special Award for an exceptional year under the extraordinary circumstances of a worldwide pandemic and subsequent economic decline still being felt by the entire oil and gas industry. Their passion for the organization and dedication to their membership during an extremely challenging year is worthy of this recognition by the AAPL. The hard work and creativity of this board and their numerous volunteers have made a considerable contribution to the continued betterment of their land professionals through educational opportunities, networking events and community involvement. Through their leadership, they have maintained their commitment to provide support to various local charities in Fort Worth and the surrounding communities.

The FWAPL board hosted their annual Golf Tournament at Bear Creek Golf Course on June 26, 2020. Through the generosity of its members, sponsors, and volunteers, they were able to raise \$3,500 which was donated to Best Place 4 Kids, a local charity dedicated to providing meals and education to the Fort Worth Metro disadvantaged, with an emphasis on those affected by Covid-19. Their support aided efforts to impact 4,000 local families and students at a community Drive-Up Road to Readiness Carnivals hosted across 6 Fort Worth locations on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

In July, the FWAPL Scholarship Committee received sixteen applicants for the 2020 scholarship program and a total of \$18,000 was distributed to eleven individuals based on several criteria including need, achievements and professional background. These scholarships aided with tuition expenses for the 2020 fall semester.

Another big fundraising event for the FWAPL board this year was their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Clay Shoot which was held at Defender Outdoors on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As with many of their planned events for this year, the board struggled with the decision of possibly canceling the shoot but ultimately were so pleased with the turnout and the ability to keep everyone healthy and safe. With the contributions of numerous industry sponsors, hardworking volunteers and the donation of several large raffle ticket items, the FWAPL board was able to raise \$30,000. With these proceeds, they were able to donate \$10,000 to Fort Worth's A Wish with Wings Foundation, \$5,000 to Brandi's Play in the Shade and \$15,000 to the 2021 FWAPL scholarship program.

To close out the year, although their annual Christmas party held at the Petroleum Club of Fort Worth was ultimately cancelled due to the ongoing concerns of the pandemic, a donation in the amount of \$2,500 was still made to the Christmas Wish Project benefitting the foster kids of Tarrant County. Additional communication to their members was also given to help increase this donation and help provide these children the best Christmas possible. Also, during December they donated \$1,000 to the YMCA Annual Campaign which raises the much-needed funding to support Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.

As a "Large Association" of approximately 350 active members for the calendar year, FWAPL truly delivers an environment of a "Small Association" feel while maintaining a big impact on its membership and community. In the face this year's uncertainty, the FWAPL Board was able to raise and donate \$55,000 that will have a tremendous impact on Fort Worth and the surrounding area for years to come.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Garrett Elander

FWAPL Second Term Director

Awards Chairman