

The Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen (LAPL) has been in existence since 1947, so approximately 77 years. It has seen its membership numbers which started with around 50 members of which all were company landmen to around 500 members in the 1970’s. Then in the 1990’s LAPL saw its membership decline to between 150 to 180 or so members. This was due primarily to many companies leaving Lafayette for either New Orleans or Houston. All the major companies which almost all had offices in Lafayette left. This decimated the LAPL membership, but with a core group of local independent landmen LAPL stayed its course helping educate the many land service companies and their throngs of independent landmen and abstractor workers. The membership numbers grew slowly to about 250. When the Covid-19 pandemic hit LAPL made a financial decision to forgo dues for the year 2020, there were many ideas how to help the out of work landmen. Forgoing membership dues was the only thing LAPL could do that would benefit every member. Many had been out of work for a year some for two years as oil and gas work in Southern Louisiana was almost nonexistent. In 2021 LAPL’s Executive Committee began to contact all the past members for renewal and laid out a schedule of events and luncheons that would help the independents train for the energy transition as well as stay abreast with the oil and gas laws and provisions that are very unique to Louisiana. This maneuver bolstered the membership numbers. LAPL also made sure to have the AAPL President visit each year to help articulate the benefits of AAPL membership so that the members would continue to keep both the local and national memberships. LAPL member numbers continue to grow and in 2022 the number of local members stood at 286 with 207 being members of AAPL. The LAPL continues to provide top notch educational seminars usually both in the Spring and the Fall, other events for networking like Golf, Crawfish Boil, Fishing Tournament, Skeet Shoot, 4-5 socials and a Christmas Event. The membership reported for 2024 has now grown to 360 local members with 318 also being members of AAPL.

Thank You for your consideration of largest growth percentage for a large local association being with a membership of over 250 members.