



Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association

Official Newsletter

Volume 9, Number 1

1st Quarter 2009

CAROLYN FROST KEENAN AWARDED TLMA 2008 OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD

Congratulations to Carolyn Frost Keenan, the recipient of the 2008 TLMA Outstanding Member Award. “Ms. Keenan won the 2007 TLMA Membership Recruitment Award and has continued in her dedication of time and energy to TLMA,” shares Dr. Kitty-Sue Quinn, TLMA Executive Director. “She is an overachiever and puts all that energy into shouting out the praises of our Association.”

Carolyn is a fifth generation Houstonian. She is married to Charlie Gaines of Midland who is an eighth generation Texan. “We are good stewards because we come from a long line of people who care for the land,” says Carolyn. As the CEO of Keenan Family Interests, Carolyn manages Keenan commercial real estate and farms. She has built buildings for retail space, restaurants, and shopping centers. Carolyn also owns the Red Robin franchises in Houston and Dallas/Ft. Worth. But most importantly to TLMA, Carolyn manages the Keenan oil and gas interests. She has first hand experience working with oil and gas operators. “She is someone that other mineral and land owners can relate to,” reminds Kitty-Sue, “She has experienced what they have experienced.”



Carolyn Frost Keenan

Carolyn grew up inside the loop of Houston but she also had frequent opportunities to visit her grandfather’s ranch. She is comfortable in the business world or on the farm. Carolyn’s mother had a heart attack a couple of years after Carolyn graduated from college. That’s when her father asked her to join him in managing their family’s interests. By the time her father passed away, he had transferred most of the responsibility of managing those interests to Carolyn. Carolyn has a B.S. in Child Psychology, an MBA in Marketing and an MA in Advertising all from the University of Texas in Austin. She was also a student athlete.

It is from this extensive background that Carolyn developed a belief in philanthropy. She donates 300 to 500 hours each year as a member of multiple charitable and volunteer boards and in chairing committees, among them Carolyn is the current chair of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Bayou Bend House Museum Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. She is also very active on the boards of UT Houston Health Science Center and UT Austin. Carolyn is the Vice Chairman of the TLMA Board of Directors and the Chair of the TLMA Membership Committee. She has been on the TLMA Board of Directors since TLMA was founded in 1999.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Keenan wins TLMA Outstanding Member Award
- Lemons wins TLMA membership Recruitment Award
- Educational Opportunity
- TLMA Letter to RRC on Mineral Interest Pooling
- 2009 81st Legislative Session Update
- New House Energy Resource Committee
- Carrillo Chair of RRC
- Response to Inactive Well Study Group
- Bills of Interest this Session
- Letter from Member

Got Internet? Be sure to check out our web site at: www.tlma.org
Legislative Updates at: www.tlma.org/affairs.htm

Also, be sure we have your correct e-mail address to receive updates and alerts!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Roger F. Welder
J. F. Welder Heirs, Ltd.

Vice Chairman

Carolyn Frost Keenan
Keenan Family Interests

Hon. Dolph Briscoe, Jr.
Briscoe Ranch, Inc.

Jack Hunt
King Ranch, Inc.

J. A. Whittenburg, III
Turkey Track Ranch

Hon. Cullen R. Looney
EIA Properties, Ltd.

Scott Petty, Jr.
Petty Ranch Company

George E. Tanner
Mesteña Operating, Ltd.

Chaunce O. Thompson, Jr.
C&S Cattle Co.

Barry Coates Roberts
Coates Energy Trust

VICE PRESIDENTS

Morgan Dunn O'Connor
Bissett Ranch Partnership

Mike Gillean
Provident Minerals

Dr. John S. Baen
University of North Texas

Billy K. Lemons
Resource Analyt & Management Group

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kitty-Sue Quinn, Ph.D.

TLMA's mission is to create a business and legal environment that is accommodating to the continued exploration for and production of oil and natural gas by ensuring that the rights of both the mineral and surface owners are protected, reduce litigation and to protect our precious groundwater resources.

1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 479-5000 (phone)
(512) 479-5066 (fax)
info@tlma.org (email)
www.tlma.org

BILLY K LEMONS AWARDED TLMA 2008 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Billy K. Lemons, the recipient of the 2008 Membership Recruitment Award. Mr. Lemons is currently the TLMA Vice President - District 6.

"I am very thankful for this honor. It is very gratifying and rewarding to get to be a part of TLMA. At the core of the Association is a good balance of all the good things, free enterprise, stewardship, personal responsibility, and caring for the land that sustains us," responded Mr. Lemons. "Our members are the salt of the Earth. We have a fine Board of good, humble people of character. And our leadership at TLMA headquarters is unsurpassed. I look forward to opportunities to contribute to TLMA's success in any way I can."

"Billy is very knowledgeable of the oil and gas industry and landowner issues in East Texas," states Dr. Kitty-Sue Quinn, TLMA Executive Director. "He has been very helpful to TLMA as he hosts meetings, writes informative articles and works with media representatives to educate the public, and speaks at educational seminars in both Texas and Louisiana.

Mr. Lemons is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry degree and has done graduate and post graduate work in forest biometrics, applied statistics, oil and gas, and real estate. He is a principal of Resource Analyt & Management Group, a Nacogdoches based natural resource consultancy, with almost three decades experience in providing oil and gas, consulting forestry, GIS, appraisal, management and other services to clientele of non-industrial private landowners and mineral interests, estates and trusts, family limited partnerships, industrial and financial institutions, and legal and accounting firms. He currently resides and works in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Mr. Lemons is a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen, the Fort Worth Geological Society, the Shreveport Geological Society, the Society of American Foresters, the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors, and the Texas Forestry Association, as well as other professional associations. He is a Texas registered Easement & Right-of-Way Agent and a Registered Forester.

"He was very humbled when nominated for the award and promised to do whatever he could to further the cause of the Association. He believes strongly in our core issues. He appreciated our vote of confidence, and he continues to work hard to be an integral part of our Association," continued Dr. Quinn.



Mr. Billy K. Lemons

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

35th Annual Ernest E. Smith, Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Institute
Co-sponsored with The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section
Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Institute
Friday, March 27, 2009
Call 512-479-6700 for more information

Railroad Commission of Texas Commissioner Michael L. Williams, then Chairman of the Railroad Commission, sent a response to the following letter in which he reminded the TLMA Board that he “voted against approval of the application.” Contact the TLMA office if you would like to see a copy of his letter in its entirety.

November 14, 2008

Railroad Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Commissioner [_____]:

In light of the Railroad Commission’s recent decision on the *Finley Resources, Inc.* case, the Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association (TLMA) feels compelled to respond and share with you some critical issues to consider.

TLMA understands the unique facts of the case may have led the Commission to interpret the Mineral Interest Pooling Act in such a manner that mandates forced pooling upon certain mineral interest owners in the proposed East Side Unit, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field. We appreciate the fact that the Commission provided reasonable compensation to the mineral owners who were forced into the unit. However, there are dangers in the decision that need to be addressed in order to ensure the action is limited only to this specific instance.

Forced pooling in Texas, if it is used broadly, will:

1. Send a message that Texas does not support the private property rights of land and mineral owners and perhaps, that Texas favors stripping those rights for the benefit of the oil industry.
2. Be extremely costly to state government. It will require increased manpower, paperwork, hearings, appeals, etc. Eventually it could burden the already over-extended court system.
3. Significantly reduce bargaining power of land owners and mineral owners regarding lease terms, which will likely reduce the value of their mineral properties permanently.
4. Result in less overall exploration by restricting or eliminating the use of horizontal and vertical severance provisions now common in Oil and Gas Leases. Such provisions promote exploration by making available undeveloped oil and gas prospects back into the open market.
5. Create confusion as to the resulting legal relationship between the operator and the forced pooled mineral owner for whom there is no lease which specifies the multitude of agreements contained in properly negotiated Oil and Gas Leases.

TLMA disagrees with the contention by some operators that forced pooling in Texas will result in greater development of reserves. Indeed, as discussed above it could limit reserve development.

As stated earlier, TLMA asserts that, at best, the *Finley Resources, Inc.* decision is one of those examples where there were “no other options.” We urge the Railroad Commission not to let this decision be pounced on by the oil industry as a “slippery slope” that will lead to more attempts at a broader application of forced pooling in Texas. In states where forced pooling has been allowed, the private property rights of land owners and mineral owners have been irreversibly harmed. Oil companies have a long history of abusing forced pooling rules in order to increase their own profits at the direct expense of landowners and mineral owners. We can’t let that happen in Texas! We look forward to working with you to address these very important issues and to protect private property rights for Texans.

Thank you for your time, and for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association Board of Directors

Kitty-Sue Quinn, Ph.D., Executive Director
Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association

Cc: Governor Rick Perry
Lt. Governor David Dewhurst
Speaker Tom Craddick
Senator Kip Averitt
Chairman Rick Hardcastle

2009 81ST LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

PRIORITIES:

Defend against any efforts to pass legislation mandating forced pooling/forced unitization.

Improve Texas statutes to require operators to remove old junk equipment associated with wells that have been inactive for many years.

Modify laws that allow inactive wells to remain unplugged in a manner that encourages timely plugging of non-producing wells.

Fully fund the Railroad Commission to increase the number of field inspectors.

Support changes to eminent domain laws to ensure landowners are treated fairly.

DETAILS:

Bill filing deadline is March 13, 2009. Many bills have already been filed affecting oil and gas operations, mineral interests, and property rights. Committee activity has not yet begun, however, TLMA will be testifying on many of these bills.

NEW HOUSE ENERGY RESOURCE COMMITTEE CHOSEN

The new *House Energy Resource Committee* will be chaired by Eastland Republican **Jim Keffer**. The committee was also given jurisdiction over renewable energy and energy conservation bills when the House rules were adopted early in the session. Traditionally, the panel was occupied mostly by legislation affecting the oil and gas industry.

Energy Resources gained two members since 2007 and now has nine members. Freshman Coastal Bend Democrat **Tara Rios Ybarra** and three-term Democrat **Mark Strama** of Austin join the panel.

Other members of Energy Resources include Vice Chair **Myra Crownover** (R-Denton), **Joe Crabb** (R-Atascocita), **Rick Hardcastle** (R-Vernon), former Speaker **Tom Craddick** (R-Midland), **David Farabee** (D-Wichita Falls) and **Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles** (D-Alice)

COLLEAGUES AGAIN CHOOSE CARRILLO TO CHAIR THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas – Members of the Railroad Commission of Texas today elected Commissioner Victor Carrillo to serve as chairman of the state's oldest regulatory agency. Carrillo last chaired the Commission from September 2003 through September 2005.

Much of the Commission's work is overseeing the Texas oil and gas, surface mining, and pipeline industries, including exploration, production, and product transportation. The Commission helps keep Texans safe, especially those who live and work around oil and gas facilities and pipelines, and also protects Texas land and water by plugging abandoned wells and cleaning up old oilfield sites.

"I commend Commissioner Williams on his good work as our chairman over the last two years, and I am honored to follow him in this important role," said Carrillo. "Working as a team with Commissioners Michael Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones, we will continue to make certain that Texans have affordable, clean, reliable, and safe Texas energy. Texas remains the premier energy producing state in the nation and a critical element of our nation's domestic energy security." Carrillo pledges to continue to promote a strong, yet balanced state energy policy that encourages responsible development of the state's natural resources in a safe and environmentally protective manner for the benefit of all Texans.

Carrillo serves as chairman of the Outer Continental Shelf advisory board to the Secretary of the Interior – advising on all aspects of oil and gas leasing of the nation's offshore areas. He is also a member of America's Energy Coast Honorary Leadership Council – a group educating the public on the national importance of the energy producing states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He formerly served as vice chairman of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), and he was recently named to the Committee on Gas of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Chairman Carrillo is also on the Board of Advisors of the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law* at the University of Texas School of Law.

"I am honored to again serve as chairman as we strive to solve complex policy and regulatory issues and as we constantly adapt to the ever changing landscape of the Texas energy sector."

The following letter was mailed in response to the letter drafted by members of the Inactive Well Study Group. All participants in the process were asked to sign.

Friday, January 30, 2009

Inactive Well Study Group
c/o Donna Warndorf
TIPRO
919 Congress Avenue, Suite 1000
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Donna et al:

As you are already aware, the Texas Land and Mineral Owners will not be signing on to the letters being sent to Chairman Hardcastle and Chairman Averitt. The purpose of this letter is to formalize TLMA's reasoning.

First, TLMA applauds the efforts of the Inactive Well Study Group and recognize it is a good faith effort on the part of industry to tackle these issues. All parties have been working hard. Our main two objections are the 'transfer' issue and the exceptions to requirements for removing the surface equipment.

As TLMA has stated in many of the meetings, we feel the biggest problem allowing inactive wells to remain inactive and eventually become abandoned is the unlimited ability to transfer them down the economic food chain. Generally, they are originally drilled by companies in sound financial shape. They bundle the inactive ones with a few producing wells and sell them to someone on shakier economic footing. That buyer does the same and so on and so forth until the wells eventually end up in the hands of someone who will never have the financial wherewithal to plug the inactive wells. TLMA believes the obligation to pay the cost of plugging and the cost of clean-up needs to remain with the seller.

As for the exceptions to the surface equipment removal, TLMA fears the language will be setting the legal authority for the equipment to remain on the land indefinitely. For example, 1) the exception for safety and required maintenance is exceptionally broad, and 2), claiming wells as an enhanced oil recovery project is simply a matter of filling out the correct paperwork. As the group has discussed, the Railroad Commission is under funded and understaffed. It is not uncommon for operators to file bogus paperwork with a Commission that simply does not have the resources to verify the information is correct. We have no reason to believe this situation would not be expanded to the exceptions noted above.

Obviously there are many other problems in the oil patch that TLMA and the landowner community would like to have remedied, however, we are keeping our comments focused on the issue at hand. One glaring fact that cannot be ignored, however, is the fact that oil was at \$145 a barrel last year and most inactive wells were *still* not being put back into production. It is hard for us to be optimistic that minor tweaks to the law will produce any sort of turnaround in the reduction of orphaned and abandoned wells.

Please let it be known that TLMA is not shutting the door on further discussions, but, at this time we would not be accurately representing our membership if we signed on to the letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kitty-Sue Quinn, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association

Cc: Members, House Energy Resources Committee
Members, Senate Natural Resources Committee
Members, Oilfield Clean-Up Fund Advisory Committee
The Honorable Michael Williams
The Honorable Elizabeth Ames Jones
The Honorable Victor Carillo

BILLS FILED OF INTEREST TO TLMA MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 1, 2009

ENERGY

- HB 108 (Phillips) – Relating to persons eligible to be appointed as a receiver for certain mineral interest.
- HB 177 (Creighton) / SB 273 (Nichols) – Relating to testing requirements for certain commercial injection wells.
- HB 178 (Creighton) / SB 274 (Nichols) – Relating to limitations on the location of injection wells.
- HB 179 (Creighton) / SB 275 (Nichols) - Relating to the application of new requirements for commercial underground injection control wells to be adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- HB 225 (Aycock) - Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property attributable to the implementation on the property of water conservation initiatives, desalination and brush control
- HB 352 (Orr) – Relating to coverage of mineral interests in title insurance policies, commitments, binders and endorsements.
- HB 472 (Hilderbran) – Relating to the requirements regarding reporting by a common carrier or pipeline owner or operator of contamination.
- HB 499 (Orr) / SB 341 (Wentworth) – Relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.
- HB 569 (Miller, Sid)– Relating to notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a commercial disposal well.
- HB 737 (Quintanilla) – Relating to the duty to notify local governmental entities about the existence of proposed hazardous liquid pipeline projects.
- HB 834 (Miller) - relating to reporting ownership of mineral interests severed from the surface estate and the vesting of title by judicial proceeding to certain abandoned mineral interests.
- HB 872 (King, P) – Relating to the repeal of goals for natural gas use in energy production.
- HB 876 (Orr) / SM 686 (Davis, W) – Relating to the installation of natural gas pipelines in controlled access highway rights-of-way.
- HB 1125 (Corte) – Relating to the eminent domain authority of common carriers.
- HB 1210 (Strama) – Relating to the oil production tax rate reduction for oil recovered through certain enhanced oil recovery projects.
- HB 1231 (Farabee) – Relating to providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas is governed by a single railroad commissioner.
- HB 1405 (Geren) – Relating to the licensing and regulation of landmen by the Texas Real Estate Commission.
- HB 1420 (Orr) – Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of the transportation of drilling mud.
- HB 1526 (Crownover) – Relating to the authority of a common purchaser that transports natural gas by pipeline to use a public right-of-way for a pipeline.
- HB 1533 (Burnam) – Relating to notice of and action on applications for permits to drill certain gas wells.
- HB 1535 (Burnam) – Relating to the requirement that gas corporations obtain a permit from the Railroad Commission of Texas before condemning property to construct certain gas pipelines.
- HB 1536 (Burnam) – Relating to the elimination of the power of eminent domain for the certain gas corporations when constructing a pipeline for the gathering or transmission of natural gas.
- HB 1537 (Burnam) – Relating to safety requirements applicable to gas pipelines in certain counties.
- HB 1538 (Burnam) – Relating to the authority of certain municipalities or counties to adopt and enforce safety standards applicable to certain gas pipelines.
- HB 1566 (England) – Relating to the authority of municipalities to regulate natural gas compressor station structures.
- HJR 62 (Farabee) – Providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas is governed by a single elected railroad commissioner.
- SB 273 (Nichols) – Relating to testing requirements for certain commercial injection wells.
- SB 274 (Nichols) – Relating to limitations on the location of injection wells.
- SB 275 (Nichols) – Relating to the application of new requirements for commercial underground injection control wells to be adopted by the Commission on Environmental Quality.
- SB 341 (Wentworth) – Relating to changing the name of Railroad Commission to the Energy Commission.
- SB 483 (Seliger) – Relating to the establishment of incentives by this state for the implementation of certain projects to capture and sequester in geological formations carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere.
- SB 483 (Seliger) - Relating to the establishment of incentives by this state for the implementation of certain projects to capture and sequester in geological formations carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere.
- SB 540 (Estes) – Relating to notice of an application for permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a disposal well.
- SB 752 (Davis, W) – Relating to the authority of a local government to prohibit the Railroad Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from issuing a permit for a disposal well.
- SB 846 (Averitt) – Relating to the exemption of oil and gas royalty interests owned by private institutions of higher education from oil and gas severance taxes.
- SB 894 (Nelson) – Relating to municipal investment of public funds received from the management and development of mineral rights.
- SB 902 (Davis, W) – Relating to restrictions on the release into the air of natural gas associated vapors from a gas well.
- SB 940 (Wentworth) – Relating to the regulation of the public practice of geoscience.
- SB 941 (Wentworth) – Relating to contracts by governmental entities for professional services relating to geoscience.
- SB 949 (Estes) – Relating to the ad valorem tax situs of certain portable drilling rigs and associated equipment.

EMINENT DOMAIN / PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

- HB 2 (Otto) – Relating to the appraisal of property, including residence homesteads, for ad valorem tax purposes.
- HB 4 (Orr) / SB 533- Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.

Continued on page 7

Bills of Interest Continued from Page 6

- HB 11 (Leibowitz) / HB 1253 (Bohac) - Relating to repeal of authority for the establishment and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
- HB 12 (Leibowitz) – Relating to the membership of the Transportation Commission.
- HB 13 (Leibowitz) – Relating to the operation of a state highway or segment of a state highway as a toll project.
- HB 369 (Brown, Betty) – Relating to assessment of damages in a condemnation proceeding
- HB 402 (Woolley) – Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.
- HB 1385 (Davis, Y) – Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.
- HB 1483 (Pitts) – Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.
- HB 1534 (Burnam) – Relating to the property valuation information required to be provided re. property to be acquired by eminent domain.
- HJR 14 (Corte) – Relating to the limiting the taking of private property.
- HJR 25 (Aycock) - Relating to exemption from ad valorem taxes the portion of the assessed value of property attributable to the implementation on the property of a water conservation initiative, desalination project or brush control initiative.
- HJR 31 (Anderson) - Relating to prohibiting the state of a political subdivision of the state from taking private property for the primary purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular private party
- HJR 36 (Otto) - Ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead; authorizing a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities.
- HJR 65 (Davis, Y) – Requiring compensation for certain property taken where the use is public and necessary.
- SB 18 (Estes) – Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.
- SB 219 (Nichols) – Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.
- SB 505 (Ogden) - Authorizing the designation of an area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and requiring the revenue from the taxes imposed in the zone be used to pay obligations in connection with the project.
- SB 533 (Duncan) – Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.
- SB 622 (Hegar) – Relating to access to the state highway system and damages for diminished access to the state highway system.
- SB 678 (Shapleigh) – Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as open-space land if a change of use of the land occurs.
- SB 728 (Carona) – Relating to the exercise of eminent domain authority by private entities.
- SB 967 (Hegar) – Relating to the disclosure by the developer of the subdivision of planned highway projects that will go through or be adjacent to a subdivision.
- SB 1023 (Ogden) – Relating to the exercise of eminent domain authority.
- SJR 18 (Ogden) - Permitting the Texas Transportation Commission to designate the area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and dedicating the proceeds of taxes in the zone to the Texas Mobility Fund.

Bills file and news related to the 2009 – 81st Session of the Texas Legislature will be posted to the TLMA website and updated throughout the session. Please visit the website at:

www.tlma.org/affairs.htm
for more information.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERSHIP

This letter is posted here with permission as a challenge to Mr. Herring and to all TLMA membership to aide in the recruitment of new members. Remember, TLMA is personally beneficial to all land owners and mineral owners regardless of their relationship with their operator or even if they have no production on their land.

DAVID M HERRING, P E

Rockport, Texas 78082

Phone 361 725 0772

Fax 361 725 0301

January 12, 2009

TLMA – Kitty Sue Quinn
1005 Congress Ave Suite 360
Austin, TX 78701

Membership and Dues

Dear Ms Kitty Sue

I contribute to TLMA because I think it is a good organization trying to do the right thing for Texas. You have asked me to increase my dues. We do not have producing wells on any surface rights, just some modest royalties from mineral rights. We did have a well drilled on our property Dry hole, P&A. The operator Anadarko, was responsible and cooperative. So we do not benefit personally from TLMA. Just in the general sense that it is good for the future. If we ever get a producer, I will expand our contribution.

Having said that, I hasten to say that your financial problem is not from the amount of the dues. It is from the membership size. Your letter mentioned 1200 members. I was astounded! You should have at least 12 THOUSAND, and probably 120 THOUSAND. Ten or a hundred times as many as you have.

TLMA HAS A RECRUITING PROBLEM.

I have personally suggested membership to several people; perhaps you can get your other members to do the same. I will send you some names.

Good Luck

D M Herring



**Increased membership is very important to the mission of TLMA
Please help us recruit new members!**

TLMA Membership Request Form

I would like to join TLMA, please
send me membership information

I'm a member, please update
my contact information

Name _____

Organization/Ranch Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Have you moved recently?

If so, be sure to update your contact information with TLMA. Otherwise you may experience delays in receiving your newsletters, renewal notices, and other membership correspondence.

To change your address, contact Robbie Querner at (512) 479-5000, mail the attached form, or send an email to

membership@tlma.org.

Please return to: TLMA, 1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360, Austin, TX 78701



Texas Land & Mineral Owners Association
1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360
Austin, TX 78701