



# TEXAS LAND & MINERAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION —WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE 140 DAYS

On January 8, 2019 the Texas Legislature will convene for the 86th Legislative Session and for the first time in ten years, the Texas House of Representatives will have a new Speaker. The field was crowded for quite a while until the presumed Speaker surfaced—there were seven Republican candidates and one Democratic candidate. When current House Ways and Means Chairman Dennis Bonnen (R-Angleton) announced his candidacy for Speaker, he had the support of over 40 members. In just a few days, Chairman Bonnen announced he had the support of over 100 members and many of the other Speaker candidates had dropped out of the race. The Speaker is important, not only because he is the leader of the House, but he also determines who the Chairmen and members of the committees are. We will not know committee leadership or make up until a few weeks into the session. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick will lead the Senate throughout the session and determine the committee leadership in the Senate.

We do not know the full list of either of their priorities, nor Governor Abbott's. Chairman Bonnen has announced that school finance reform will be one of his. This is also a priority of the Governor and Lt. Governor. One additional issue we know will be at the forefront of the session is property tax reform.

To date, there are 801 pieces of legislation filed in the House and Senate. As expected, they cover a myriad of topics. As we begin to sort through all of the proposed legislation, we have identified bills of interest to members of TLMA that we will be following closely. Some of the topics include inactive wells, road maintenance, and property tax changes. TLMA will also monitor the budget process and specifically Railroad Commission funding for programs of interest to our members—well clean up and inspections to name a couple.

One issue I know many people are curious about is eminent domain and what will be done in regards to the reform that was started last session. There are bills being drafted, but we have not seen a draft of those bills. Once we see a copy of the bill, we will analyze and determine the appropriate actions to take. TLMA will be watching this issue very closely and know it is part of the core of private property rights.

As with every session, it should be full of issues for TLMA to advocate for or against. I will do my best to keep the website updated on the 2019 Legislative Session page. If you have any questions about specific pieces of legislation or the legislative process, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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## **TLMA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS NOMINATIONS**

At the beginning of every year, TLMA recognizes two of our dedicated members for their efforts from the previous year—one for their service to TLMA and one for membership recruitment. We always look to input from our members to determine who these nominees are. Please use the form provided on the following page or email us your nominees by **January 18, 2019!**

### **TLMA Outstanding Service Award**

The Outstanding Service Award was established to promote and underscore the association's continuing dedication to oilfield cleanup, protection of surface and groundwater, accurate royalty payments, and to encourage new drilling of the state's oil and gas resources. The Board of Directors will award the TLMA Outstanding Service Award to one member who provides outstanding service to TLMA.

The ideal candidate for the 2018 TLMA Outstanding Service Award is dedicated to reinstating a sense of fairness in the relationship between those that use the land and those who live on it, and has made an outstanding contribution to TLMA through active service.

### **TLMA Outstanding Membership Recruitment Award**

The Membership Recruitment Award honors those who have taken an active role in introducing other land and mineral owners to TLMA and helping to bring new members to the association.

Previous award winners are:

<b><u>Outstanding Service</u></b>	<b><u>Membership Recruitment</u></b>
2004 Doug Beveridge	2005 Rod Litke
2005 J. Evetts Haley	2006 Dr. John S. Baen & Morgan Dunn O'Connor
2006 George E. Tanner	2007 Carolyn Frost Keenan
2007 Renato Ramirez	2008 Billy K. Lemons
2008 Carolyn Frost Keenan	2009 Carol Holmes
2009 Roger Welder	2010 Rick Walker
2010 Mike Gillean	2011 Randy Smith
2012 Kim McTee	2013 Jim McAllen
2013 Russell Hayter	2014 Jimmy Broussard
2014 John McFarland	2015 Tucker Bridwell
2015 James L. Donnell, Sr.	2016 Lica Pinkston
2016 Trey Scott	

Thank you to each of our members!

Our successes would not be possible without you.

## ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please use the form below to make your nominations for the TLMA Annual Awards.

### **TLMA Award Nomination Form**

*Please provide the full name and city where member resides.*

**2018 TLMA Outstanding Service Award Nominee(s):**

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**2018 TLMA Membership Recruitment Award Nominee(s):**

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**Nomination submitted by (please print):**

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Mail this completed form to TLMA, 1005 Congress Ave., Suite 360, Austin, TX 78701, or  
email your nominations to [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) by January 18, 2019!

## UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

### **January 8, 2019—Texas Legislative Session Begins**

**\*\*All RRC meetings can be viewed online at [rrc.texas.gov](http://rrc.texas.gov).**

Once legislative session begins, there will be many hearings happening. You will need to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, email, and look at the TLMA or House and Senate websites for those dates as they happen. All hearings and daily floor events can be streamed live via the House or Senate websites.

The RRC hearings for 2019 have not been posted yet. I will update the website as soon as they are.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES CHARGES TO YOUR CREDIT CARD

We have recently received questions about how charges for membership dues will appear on your bank or credit card statement if you pay online. It will appear as "CLB\*TX Land & Mineral".

Please know, if you stop payment for whatever reason, we are charged a fee that redirects money from our efforts to administrative costs.

You can still mail checks to TLMA at P.O. Box 1841, Austin, TX 78767.



LEFT: RRC Chairman Christi Craddick visits with TLMA members.

RIGHT: EPA Region 6 Regional Administrator, Anne Idsal, speaks to TLMA members.



FAR RIGHT: Keith Franklin and Adolfo Martinez speak to our members about lease negotiations.



RIGHT: Mark Houser of University Lands speaks to TLMA members.

## UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season!

As I reflect back on last year, it was nothing short of wonderful. The past year was busy with the membership meetings around the state and our Statewide Member's Meeting. I finally had the opportunity to meet so many of you! Thank you all for your participation and support of our efforts. I hope that you all will continue to reach out to me with any issues you are aware of.

This year will not be any less busy. Legislative session begins and then we will start our membership meetings around the state shortly after that. Please do not forget to make sure your email is up to date and subscribed to our email ALERTS. TLMA will again be using that system when we need your help contacting legislators. That will also be our primary channel of information distribution as session happens.

Many of our members will receive dues renewal notices stating they owe \$75 instead of \$50. This is not an error. The TLMA Board voted to increase the minimum dues from \$50 to \$75, but allowed those at the \$50 level to renew at that level for a short time. Because we are currently 100% membership funded, we always welcome increased dues and donations! More money allows us to participate in more things—whether that be amicus briefs, events, or hosting meetings.

I wish you all a very prosperous new year!

*Jennifer*

## **2018 TLMA STATEWIDE MEMBERS MEETING WRAP UP**

The 2019 TLMA Meeting was our most successful yet! We appreciate all of you who attended the cocktail reception and meeting. I hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. The meeting would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and exhibitors.

Thank you to all of our speakers who provided extremely valuable information. All presentations are available on the TLMA website.

### **2018 Meeting Sponsors**

<b>Bissett Ranch Partnership/Morgan D. O'Connor</b>	<b>Gary Jones</b>
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<b>Friend of TLMA</b>	<b>Trinity Mineral Management</b>
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### **2018 Meeting Exhibitors**

<b>Argent Mineral Management</b>
<b>MineralSoft</b>
<b>MineralWare</b>
<b>RL Royalty Consulting</b>
<b>Simon Energy Associates, LLC</b>



## MINUTES FROM THE TLMA STATEWIDE MEMBERS MEETING

The TLMA held a business meeting on October 11, 2018 at the Pearl Stable in San Antonio, Texas.

Chairman Keenan opened the meeting at 11 a.m. and thanked the list of sponsors.

Ms. Keenan asked if everyone in attendance had a chance to review the proposed by-law changes. Chairman Keenan then reviewed the changes that would be voted on. Chairman Keenan asked if there were any concerns about the proposed changes that would require the membership to vote on each proposed change individually. There were no concerns brought forward. The motion was made to approve the proposed by-law changes. It was seconded. The vote passed with no “nays”.

Ms. Keenan then recognized the retiring Directors and officers of the Board and thanked them for their service.

Chairman Keenan presented the slate of directors. After a question regarding why so many directors are from San Antonio, the motion to approve the slate was made and seconded. The slate was approved with one “nay” vote.

Executive Director, Jennifer Bremer, presented the Executive Director’s report. She presented TLMA’s mission, financial report from 2016 and 2017, the services provided to members, and the activities TLMA participated in over the past two years. Ms. Bremer also informed members that she will be inquiring with each member about the number of surface and mineral acres owned to provide a white paper to legislators showing the impact of TLMA.

There being no other business, the business meeting was adjourned.



Katharine Armstrong, RRC Chairman Christi Craddick and Anne Idsal, EPA Region 6 Regional Administrator at the 2018 TLMA Statewide Member’s Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Special thank you to MineralWare for sponsoring the afternoon break at the Statewide Member’s Meeting!

MineralWare is the #1 rated mineral management software on the market and are a supporter of the TLMA. If you are in need of a software package to help you manage your mineral and royalty interests to ensure that you maximize their value it is time to see how they can help you out.



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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM OUR MEMBERS

Rarely do we ask for information from our members, especially information that some may consider personal and confidential. However, I am in the process of creating a new informational sheet for legislators. The purpose of collecting this information is to be able to have statistics showing the impact of our members to legislators and other policymakers. While we have nearly 900 members, we believe that the surface and mineral acres impacted by our members is far larger than we could estimate. I will be compiling the data and drafting an informative handout for TLMA's use in the future.

### Important things to know about your information:

- It will be completely confidential and only used in a total number presented to legislators.
- It does not have to be the exact number. Rounding and estimates are appreciated.
- It will be deleted after being entered into the main spreadsheet.
- Giving us the counties will allow us to know what legislative districts we have members in. Many of our members are absentee owners and do not live on the property, so the mailing addresses we have do not give an accurate representation. We will not keep count of number of members in each county. We would just like to know if we have someone with assets there.

You can fill out the piece below, but if you prefer to email or call to give the information, please email [execdir@tlma.org](mailto:execdir@tlma.org) or 512-479-5000.

Mineral Acres Owned/Managed \_\_\_\_\_

Surface Acres Owned/Managed \_\_\_\_\_

Counties represented:  
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Pictured above are retiring Directors and Officers of TLMA. Scott Petty, Jr., Lica Pinkston, Barry Roberts, and John Alexander. Barry and John will remain on the Board, but are no longer serving as officers. We appreciate their service to our organization and look forward to their continued involvement!



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**TLMA Membership Information Form**

☐ I would like to join TLMA    ☐ I am a member, please update my contact info

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Ranch Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't forget!**

If your contact information changes, be sure to update TLMA and avoid delays in receiving your newsletters, renewal notices, and other correspondence.

To change your address or any other membership information, contact Robbie Querner at (512) 479-5000, mail in this form, or log in to your membership account online at [www.tlma.org](http://www.tlma.org).

**Find more information, join TLMA, or renew your membership online at [www.tlma.org](http://www.tlma.org)**