

## **Michigan Landmen to host National and State Authorities on Hydraulic Fracturing**

The Michigan Association of Professional Landmen will host both National and State leaders on the topic of Hydraulic Fracturing at their Fall Meeting to be held **Thursday, November 3 beginning at 6:00 PM.**

Professional landmen are the foot soldiers in the drive for energy independence. Landmen have the first and often most influential opportunity to communicate with and to educate landowners. Hydraulic fracturing has become a frequent topic of discussion at kitchen tables and in living rooms across the country. Fear based reactions to sensational news stories are creeping in to negotiations even in areas where fracturing would be an impractical or unnecessary technique.

*Professional landmen must be knowledgeable and able to share facts and counter fears as they perform their invaluable work in the oil patch. Toward that end the Michigan Association of Professional Landmen is pleased to host a critical mini-seminar providing national and state updates plus resources available to landmen to help them understand and explain hydraulic fracturing.*

**Chris Tucker, Energy In Depth** will present us with a national perspective and an update on Energy in Depth growth and activities. Chris Tucker is a senior vice president in FTI Consulting's oil and gas practice in Washington, D.C. and team lead for the national shale gas education initiative Energy In Depth. In this capacity, Chris serves as chief spokesman for a membership that includes more than 30 individual oil and gas operators and trade associations.

Chris is an advisor to the Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the Pennsylvania-based Marcellus Shale Coalition, which represents more than 100 companies active in the region. Prior to joining FD, Chris spent almost a decade on Capitol Hill, most recently as a senior advisor and speechwriter to the House Minority Whip.

Chris has participated in more than two dozen conferences and issue forums across North America focused on unconventional natural gas over the past year, **appearing on CNN, BBC, FOX News** and several other stations in that span to share his insights on onshore development. A native of northeastern Pennsylvania, Chris holds a degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Chris resides with his wife Betsy and dog Liam in Washington, D.C.

**Jeff Cook, Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation** will update landmen on Michigan fracturing issues and resources available to landmen in the field. Jeff Cook is President of Southwestern Oil Company in Greenville, MI. Jeff is a Past President of MAPL. Jeff currently serves on the MOGA Board of Directors and the Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation (MOGPEF). Jeff serves as President of Energy Education for Michigan. EEM sponsors NEED workshops to train teachers in energy education and awards annual scholarships to college students engaged in fields of study directly tied to the oil exploration business. Jeff Cook has worked in the oil patch since 1985.

**JOIN US** for a very rare opportunity to see, hear and interact with both national and state leaders in our industry. *Invest* this one evening and make all future landowner interactions a bit easier. Attendees will take away facts and resources that will help you to educate and communicate through the fears and the sensational press coverage.

BOONES LONG LAKE INN in Traverse City will host on Thursday, November 3 beginning with a beverage reception at 6:00 PM, dinner follows at 6:30, our speakers begin at 7:15 with the meeting adjourning at 8:30 PM. Registration is \$40.00 for MAPL, MOGA, and AAPL members. Guests are welcome for \$45.00. Dinner will feature Boone's renowned prime rib along side other delicious surprises.

**REGISTER before October 27** - email to David Millsop, MAPL Membership Chairman, at [dmillsop@gmail.com](mailto:dmillsop@gmail.com) or by phone at 517-719-7849.