



## Western States Land Commissioners Association 2018 Winter Committee Conference Schedule

Monday, January 8, 2018

Time	Activity	Location
All day	Arrival/traveling	
12 - 6 pm	Conference check-in & help desk	ART Hotel lobby, registration table
3 - 4 pm	<b>Executive Committee</b>	COSLB Conference Room #3
4 - 6 pm	Kick-off happy hour reception*	Fire Bar and Restraurant, ART Hotel
6 - 7 pm	Art tour of hotel	Departs from Fire Bar and Restraurant, ART Hotel

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Time	Activity	Location
All day	Sponsor booth exhibits	Martin Room, History Colorado
All day	Conference check-in & help desk	Martin Room Foyer, History Colorado
<8:30 am	Breakfast on your own -	Fire Restaurant, ART Hotel
8:30 - 9:15 am	Full conference opening session	Martin Room, History Colorado
9:15 - 9:45 am	Transition break/booth viewing/networking	
9:45 - 11:45 am (2 hr)	<b>Surface/Land Tenure Committee</b>	Classroom #1
9:45 - 11:45 am (2 hr)	<b>Asset Management Committee</b>	Classroom #2
11:45 - 12 pm	Transition break/booth viewing/networking	
12 - 1:30 pm	Keynote luncheon with CO State Historian Patty Limerick	Martin Room, History Colorado
1:45-2:15 pm	Docent-guided tour of History Colorado <u>OR</u> booth viewing <u>OR</u> networking	History Colorado
2:15 - 4:15 pm (2 hr)	<b>Sub-Surface Committee</b>	Classroom #1
2:15 - 4:15 pm (2 hr)	Case Study: Marijuana Policy in Colorado	Classroom #2
4:15- 4:45 pm	Free time/prep time for evening outing	
4:15 - 4:45 pm	Shuttle pick up to Stock Show; <u>departs promptly at 4:45 pm</u>	ART Hotel parking circle
5:30 - 7 pm	Private reception (dinner and drinks*)	Stock Show, Centennial Room
7 - ~9 pm	Bull Riding Event`	Stock Show Coliseum
~9:15 pm	Shuttle from Stock Show to hotel	Coliseum curbside pick-up, bus lane

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Time	Activity	Location
All day	Luggage storage for hotel check out	ART hotel lobby/conciege
All day	Sponsor booth exhibits	Martin Room, History Colorado
All day	Conference check-in & help desk	Martin Room Foyer, History Colorado
<8:30 am	Breakfast on your own -	Fire Restaurant, ART Hotel
8:30 - 10 am (90 min)	<b>Submerged Lands &amp; Water Management Committee</b>	Classroom #1
8:30 - 10 am (90 min)	<b>Executive Committee &amp; State Leaders Committee</b>	Classroom #2
10:00 - 10:15 am	Transition break/booth viewing/networking	
10:00 - 10:15 am	<b>Resolutions Committee (only if needed)</b>	Classroom #2
10:15 - 11:45 (90 min)	<b>Legislative Affairs Committee</b>	Classroom #1
10:15 - 11:45 (90 min)	<b>Communications Committee</b>	Classroom #2
11:45 - 12 pm	Transition Break/Booth Viewing/Networking	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Luncheon and final meeting	Martin Room, History Colorado
1:30 - 2 pm	Booth viewing/networking	Martin Room, History Colorado
> 1:30 pm	Departure/travel	

\* Two drink tickets for each reception provided at registration.

- Two hotel breakfast vouchers provided at registration.

` One stock show ticket provided at registration.

Questions? Contact: Kristin Kemp, 720-666-0437
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## WSLCA

### Surface & Land Tenure Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:45 – 11:45 AM Mountain Time

[8:45 AM Pacific Time; 10:45 AM Central]

**Webinar Available:**

#### Surface Management Committee Leadership:

Kim Christy (UT)

Shawn Thomas (MT)

9:45 AM            **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)

9:50 AM            **An Update on Greater Sage Grouse Plans and Strategy**  
Colorado's Greater Sage Grouse Stewardship Action Plan  
Mindy Gottsegen, Conservation Service Manager in Colorado

Secretarial Order 3353 "Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States"  
Allen Freemyer, Washington – D.C.

Brian St. George, Deputy State BLM Director for Resources and Fire at the Colorado State Office, and national lead for Greater sage-grouse planning.

11:05 AM            **ACE legislation update**  
Allen Freemyer, Washington – D.C.

11:20 AM            ***Studying the Value and Economic Importance of State Trust Lands***  
Jason Steiert, Western Trust Lands Initiative [www.westerntrust.org](http://www.westerntrust.org)

The Western Trust Lands Initiative is a non-profit organization established by a consortium of public policy and land use professionals seeking to promote an equitable valuation of State Trust Lands and Indian Trust Lands in the Western United States.

11:45 AM            **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



## **WSLCA Asset Management Committee Agenda**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:45 – 11:45 AM Mountain Time

[8:45 AM Pacific time; 10:45 AM Central time]

**Webinar Available:**

### Asset Management Committee Leadership:

Keith Kuhlman (OK)

Donna Caldwell (ID)

9:45 AM **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)

10:00 AM **Investment Consultant Portfolio Strategies & State Case Studies**

Objective is to provide insight as to how investment consultants/advisers formulate their investment strategies for states. A state case study section will compare and contrast the experience of two member states, and invite committee discussion regarding what information should be provided by the States to their consultants/advisers, as well as, the actions of agency leadership necessary to establish asset management goals.

### Panel Members:

- Sally Haskins - Callan  
Senior Vice President and Co-Manager of Callan's Real Assets Consulting group
- Mark Higgins – RVK  
Consultant
- Harry Birdwell – Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office  
Secretary to the Oklahoma CLO and WSLCA president
- Tom Schultz – Idaho Department of Lands  
Director
- Bill Ryan – Colorado State Land Board  
Director

11:15 AM **State survey of asset/investment plans, governance and related policies.**

11:35 AM **Next steps - "What Could We Do Together?"**

Discuss converting information presented into *Principals of State Trust Portfolio Management 2.0*; a supplement to the 2016 best practices white paper.

11:40 AM **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



## WSLCA

### Subsurface Lands Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Mountain time

[1:15 pm Pacific; 3:15 pm Central]

**Webinar Available:**

Subsurface Committee Leadership:

Drew Combs (ND) and Dale Sump (TX)

Royalty Working Group Leadership:

Billie Hunter (WY) and Brandon Jones (OK)

2:15 - 2:20 PM     **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)

2:20 – 3:30 PM     **Presentation and Panel Discussion:**

**Managing minerals under submerged waterways**

Ms. Hope Hogan, attorney - ND Department of Trust Lands

Ms. Allie Bement, land professional – ND Department of Trust Lands

Mr. Aaron Vande-Linde, MN Office of State Trust Lands

Active non-ferrous, metallic mineral leasing on submerged lands in the mineralization zone known as the Duluth Complex

*Add other state presenters*

3:30 – 4:05 PM     **Royalty Working Group Oil & Gas Discussion Topics** (see page 2)

Moderated by Mr. Dale Sump, Texas GLO

4:05 – 4:15 PM     **Spring Professional Development Conference**

**April 2018 ~ Oklahoma City, OK**

Mr. Brandon Jones, Commissioners of the Land Office Oklahoma

Ms. Billie Hunter, WY Office of State Lands & Investments

*Call for desired professional development training topics*

4:15 pm             **Adjourn**

**WSLCA Subsurface Committee**  
**Royalty Working Group Oil & Gas Discussion Topics**

1. Current regulatory issues affecting the development of mineral resources on state lands
2. Recent legal and court proceedings affecting oil and gas royalty valuations in your state
3. Recent legislative initiatives influencing state land management activities
4. Creation of the Annual (or multi-year) Audit Plan in these uncertain times
5. Major royalty payment compliance issues facing your state, such as failure to report and/or pay royalty on lease use, vented, flared, and flash gas volumes
6. Unallowable deductions taken when computing oil and gas royalty, e.g. transportation
7. Misallocation of oil, gas and NGLs to each lease when run through commingled facilities
8. Failure to request authority to commingle the state's oil and gas production
9. Gas Sales / Processing Agreements with Percent of Proceeds, Fees for Service, or a hybrid approach
10. Distressed Energy Companies due to extended period of low oil prices, significant debt service, and running low on liquidity. Management of orphaned companies.
11. Lease provisions that can be a barrier or cause difficulty in the audit program
12. Audit procedures and Program – Static or evolving, paper or electronic, team talent diversity (auditors, engineers, landmen, scouts, attorneys)
13. Staffing ideas/issues where both State and Federal Audit Programs exist in the same agency
14. Valuation / price issues for sales to affiliates
15. Impact of Federal Regulations
16. Trends in technology regarding production reporting, lease administration and assignments
17. Current leasing trends for hard rock minerals
18. Recent experiences leasing split-estates (surface estate & mineral estate)
19. Agreements in the oil patch: Units, Communitizations, Pooling and Production Sharing Agreements
20. Bonding options for oil, gas and mineral lease operations



## WSLCA

### Submerged Land & Water Management Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

8:30 – 10:00 AM Mountain Time

[7:30 AM Pacific time; 9:30 AM Central time]

**Webinar Available:**

#### Submerged & Water Management Committee Leadership:

Andrew Smyth (ID)

Elyse Quick (NV)

- 8:30 AM           **Welcome and Introductions** (sign-in)
- 8:35 AM           **Developing Best Practices in Public Trust Management**  
Facilitated discussion about how states manage and value public trust ownership. Committee time will be used to gather state information about:
- Types of asset – lakes, rivers, coastal areas
  - Users of the asset – commercial recreation, commercial other, general public, other
  - Ways revenue is generated from these assets – lease, permit, easement
  - Valuation methodologies – value per sq ft, based on uplands, etc.
  - Governance documents – statute, rule, policy (gather specific citations by state)
  - How regulatory activities are funded
  - Where revenues are deposited
- 9:35 AM           **Building our professional network**  
State contacts, business contacts, who isn't present that should be?
- 9:40 AM           **Topics, Initiatives & Training You Desire**  
See attached list developed at the Anchorage meeting. Add, delete, prioritize our future discussions.
- 9:55 AM           **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

## **Submerged Lands & Water Management Discussion Topics Potential Committee Initiatives**

**Ownership Determinations:** contracting with historian to conduct a high-level research regarding the navigability of waterways (Idaho). What states utilize the ordinary high water mark to determine ownership.

**Revenue:** Assessing leasing rates and fees to ensure sufficient resources to fulfill its statutory responsibility. Discussing protocol to review this process.

**Protecting the resource:** Identifying ways to ensure proper regulation of encroachments. Consequences/enforcement actions when these are discovered.

**Flood Events:** Dealing with damaged structures. Structure owners often look to the state, the owner of the river beds, for assistance to restore the buildings and lands. FEMA and the governor's office have been involved.

**Recreational permit fees.**

**Managing the regulatory work with limited staff**

**Water Rights Adjudication**

**People buying wetlands, some of which are owned by the state**

**Geomorphology studies – value and funding**

**Revenue from power companies** are going into a trust until ownership is settled

**Clearing title**, especially when the federal government claims title. Establishing criteria for the susceptibility of use. Looking at a strategy to claim title and put the burden on others to rebut the claim.

**Managing leases and improvements by two different agencies**

**Ways to improve public trust and waterway leasing**

**Invasive species**

**Rights of ways under reservoirs**



## WSLCA

### Executive Committee & State Leaders Session

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

8:30 – 10:00 AM Mountain Time

[7:30 AM Pacific Time; 9:30 AM Central]

**Webinar Available:**

#### Executive Committee:

Harry Birdwell (OK) - president

Ryan Brunner (SD) – vice-president

Linda Fisher (ND) – secretary

Lisa Schneider (UT) – treasurer

Allen Freemyer

Kathy Opp

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| 8:30 AM         | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b> (sign-in)  |
| 8:35 – 8:45 AM  | <b>Overview of Strategic Priority: Fundraising &amp; Affiliate Membership</b><br>Status of contract work, campaign development<br>Related WSLCA Goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Grow quality network of support about the mission</li><li>2. Stabilize operating funds</li><li>3. Secure funding for specific projects/campaigns</li></ol>                          |
| 8:45 – 9:45 AM  | <b>Exploring a More Sustainable Model</b><br>“Rebuilding the AZ Mining Association”<br>Francis McAllister, Vice-president, Land & Water for Freeport-McMoRan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning from their success</li><li>• How was it structured?</li><li>• The role and membership of different entities?</li><li>• What could WSLCA and FM do together?</li></ul> |
| 9:45 – 10:00 AM | <b>Next steps</b><br>Define specific actions, responsibilities and timelines  |
| 10:00 AM        | <b>Adjourn</b>  |





## **WSLCA**

### **Legislative Committee**

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

10:15 – 11:45 AM Mountain Time

[9:15 AM Pacific Time; 11:15 AM Central]

**Webinar Available:**

#### Executive Committee:

Ryan Brunner (SD)

Kaleb Bennett (TX)

- 10:15 AM            **Welcome and Introductions (sign-in)**
- 10:20 – 11:00 AM   **Overview and Feedback about Wash, D.C. Fly-in Event**
- Value & Format
  - Frequency Desired & Future Timing
  - Follow-up
    - ✓ Materials
    - ✓ Invitations to Summer Conference – who?
  - What went well ~ What could we have done better
- 11:00 – 11:45 AM   **Issues to Watch / Comments / Possible Resolutions**
- Agency rulemakings and Orders
  - State cases
  - Other Items
- 11:45 AM            **Adjourn**



## WSLCA

### Communications Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

10:15 – 11:45 AM Mountain Time

[9:15 AM Pacific Time; 11:15 AM Central]

**Webinar Available:**

#### Communications Committee Leadership:

Jessica Grogis (OK)

Nikki Heck (AR)

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| 10:15 AM | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b> (sign-in)   |
| 10:20 AM | <b>New Infographics</b> (Available for use/copy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WSLCA</li><li>• Colorado money flow infographic</li></ul>   |
| 10:30 AM | <b>WSLCA 101</b> (Powerpoint slides and discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic Version</li><li>• Samples from other states (NM, etc.)</li></ul>   |
| 11:15 AM | <b>Trust Land Videos</b> (examples, discussion for WSLCA development) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colorado hunter access video</li><li>• Utah trust lands video</li></ul>  |
| 11:30 AM | <b>Committee Focus/Goals – Spring 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collateral materials at the association level<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Versions of PPT, video?</li></ul></li><li>• Data Sharing Website materials calendar</li><li>• Design new WSLCA website</li></ul> |
| 11:45 AM | <b>Closing Remarks and Adjourn</b>   |