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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A CONSTANT IS CHANGE

Change isn't always as predictable as the change of the seasons, but it is something that we experience continually in our personal lives and within industry, and CAPLA is affected by change as well. This message sets out a few of the changes in which we are currently involved.

2017 MEMBER SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the Member Survey, which was sent out via email on July 4, 2017. Your ideas, suggestions and feedback are extremely important to the future direction of our association.

Based on the survey results, we heard the top challenges you are facing right now are job loss and anxiety, increased workloads for those still employed, and less time/budget for networking and education. We received comments from you as to what you believe are CAPLA's greatest strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We also heard that CAPLA's service priorities in the next three years should include education, networking and mentoring.

Your Board of Directors is working through the valuable comments you provided and will be sending out a separate document summarizing the results of the survey in more detail. The communication from the Board will also highlight what CAPLA has done during the downturn, what we now have underway, and what is being considered for the future.

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

You may be aware that Matt Worthy has resigned with CAPLA as of December 31, 2017. The Board of Directors appreciates Matt's dedication and service to CAPLA over the last five years, first as Manager of Programs and Events, and more recently as General Manager. He has chosen to pursue other opportunities to continue his career growth, and we wish him all the best in these endeavors. During the next few months, the Board, with the support of Matt and impact8 Inc., is engaging in the recruitment and onboarding of CAPLA's next leader. We look forward to your support through this process. We are confident that our transition plan will ensure stability in our operations, as well as the opportunity to build on CAPLA's successes as we all work together to enhance our sector.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Another change to inform you about is the date for the Lunch, Learn, LEAD! session entitled "Know How You and Your Team Bring Value." It was originally scheduled for October 3 and will now be held on October 12. Instead of running a conference this year, CAPLA will be offering a Surface Summit on October 24, 2017, and a Mineral Summit on November 1, 2017. Details for these are now available on the CAPLA website. Also, the Alberta Minister of Energy, Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, has been invited to speak at a CAPLA Lunch 'n Learn, and a tentative date for that has been set for December 6.

Although CAPLA is affected by change, we can also effect change to ensure that our organization continues to provide the services our members need, that land professionals have opportunities to support each other, and that our association places emphasis on having a positive impact on our industry. 🌟

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DOCTRINE OF MERGER OR THE DOCTRINE AGAINST FAKES

By Tracey Stock PEng

I do a fair bit of A&D work. Heaps, actually. Over 3,750 transactions so far. Some were teeny weeny wellbore transfers. Many were in the \$1 million range. A bunch were over \$250 million. Over 20 exceeded \$1 billion. Still, I haven't seen it all by a long shot. There's so much to see in the vast A&D wonderland. Today, I want to share one special little nugget I picked up on the path to a weird little corner of the A&D wonderland called the Fakeland.

Acting for a purchaser, I go through a vendor's land schedule and find several lease files that have been assigned many times over the years with an original lessor named "Dummy." Cool name, but I don't think Mr. or Ms. Dummy was ever a sufficiently real person at law; one with the capacity to enter into a contract. I make a note in my title defects and deficiencies

that ought to know better. A quick search says they're harmless name choices as no real corporations use either of these names. Go figure.

The vendor is not pleased with my title defects and deficiencies letter. They explain that it's common practice for some oil and gas corporations to make contracts with themselves. They even register the alleged interests that these fakes create as caveats or utility rights-of-way at land titles. OMG, OMG, OMG.

Let me say again, a fundamental of contract law is that one cannot make a contract with oneself. It's an absurdity. It's an utterly meaningless gesture. Such documents are, in the lingo, "void *ab initio*," or "void from the beginning."

Let's pause for a moment and do a very quick review of the common law on contracts.

A contract is an agreement, but not all agreements are contracts. A contract is a special kind of agreement; one that can be enforced in a court of law. It requires six elements: (i) offer, (ii) acceptance, (iii) consideration, (iv) intention, (v) capacity, and (vi) legality.

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letter challenging the vendor's interest. I call the lease out as a fake that cannot be assigned.

I check a few other files and find several where the original lease was between a lessor named "Confused Energy Inc." and a lessee named "Confused Energy Inc." I'm puzzled. A fundamental of contract law is that one cannot make a contract with oneself. Rhetorically, I ask, What's going on here? and make a note in my title defects and deficiencies letter challenging the vendor's interest. I call the lease out as a fake that cannot be assigned.

I check a few more files and find several easement agreements between a grantor named "Ridiculous Resources Ltd." and a grantee named "Ridiculous Resources Ltd." I'm puzzled yet again. It's still a fundamental of contract law that one cannot make a contract with oneself. Good grief. What's with this vendor? I make another note in my title defects and deficiencies letter challenging the vendor's interest. I call the easement out as a fake that cannot be assigned.

Confused Energy Inc. and Ridiculous Resources Ltd. are names I've invented to protect the really, really guilty parties – parties

OFFER

An offer is a tentative promise by one party to be bound by certain terms and conditions. When unconditionally accepted, it forms a contract. The offer enables the offeree to transform the offeror's promise into a contractual obligation. The offer must contain all of the essential terms of the proposed contract. Essential terms must either be

certain or be capable of being ascertained. If an essential term is missing or if a proposed essential term is vague, imprecise, or ambiguous, there is in law no contract at all and the purported contract is said to be void for uncertainty.

ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance is some positive action by the offeree demonstrating an intention to unconditionally accept the offer and establish a legal relationship between the parties. Acceptance is an "all-or-nothing" proposition. It signals the meeting of minds on the terms of the offer.

CONSIDERATION

Consideration is a promise in return for a promise. It may be some right, interest, profit, or benefit accruing to the one party, or some forbearance, detriment, loss, or responsibility given, suffered, or undertaken by the other. The courts will not enquire into the adequacy of consideration, but it must have a minimum value of \$1. As long as the consideration has that \$1 value, it does not matter that it's a grossly inadequate value. The courts

enquire only whether there is a bargain, not whether it is a good bargain. People are free to make bad deals. As they say, "The court will not protect an idiot." It's also important to remember that past consideration is no consideration at all. This avoids extortion. "Hey, remember that thing I did for you last week? Now you owe me more."

INTENTION

Intention is important. You can't accidentally stumble into contractual relations. You need to sign, click, shake hands, or say or do something overt to signal your conscious intention to be bound by the terms of an agreement.

CAPACITY

Capacity is about the parties having the mental wherewithal to create contractual obligations. Sane and sober folks over the age of majority (18 in Alberta) have capacity. Corporations and societies in good standing with corporate registry have capacity. There are also some special rules about minors being able to enter into certain kinds of contracts concerning their health and wellbeing, but these aren't relevant in the oil and gas business.

LEGALITY

There's also some fuss about contracts needing to concern legal stuff. The law won't enforce an agreement by compelling people to do illegal things. Such agreements are not contracts.

It's impossible for these six elements to exist in a document with oneself. There is no meeting of minds (plural) as there's only one mind in the first place. There's also no consideration – a promise

in return for a promise – as nothing is being exchanged. Imagine the absurdity in court. "Your honour, I promised to pay myself \$1 for mowing the lawn. I didn't pay. I plead that you now issue judgment against me for \$1 so that I can get the sheriff to seize some of my own property, sell it, and pay myself \$1 from the proceeds of the sale of my own stuff plus the surplus balance from the sale of my own stuff." OMG, again. The circularity is absurd. More importantly, it would waste the court's time. No common law court tolerates such nonsense.

Agreements with oneself are not contracts. They're just memorandums. An easement agreement between "Ridiculous Resources Ltd." as grantor, and "Ridiculous Resources Ltd." as grantee, is nothing more than a memo to the Ridiculous Resources land file that it has a pipe in the ground on certain lands. This may be administratively useful to track pipe, but it is not a registrable interest and it is not an assignable interest. Of course, the registrar of land titles does not examine caveat registrations. A caveat purporting to be an easement agreement can be registered, but it can just as easily be struck because the interest is based on a memo to file – an agreement with oneself. A *bona fide* purchaser for value would hold a beneficial right in the land, but it would not have a registrable legal interest. Therefore, assigning the easement and transferring the caveat are all empty gestures based on worthless paper.

Instead, Ridiculous Resources Ltd., as owner of fee title, should simply enter into a new and legally meaningful easement contract with its purchaser. It's a simple thing to do and actually involves one less step for the vendor as it doesn't need to transfer a meaningless caveat. The purchaser then has something it can register on title that it can defend if challenged. It has something real, not fake. Wow. Radical concept.

In summary, be on the lookout for dummy files and memos to file that are masquerading as real contracts. They're fakes. Any effort to assign them is a waste of time and money. Look behind the fakes and you should find a fee title. Use that fee to create a lease, grant, or other contract that creates a registrable interest. It's the professional thing to do. 🌟

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ABANDONED WELLBORE LIABILITIES WHERE ARE WE NOW?

By the Abandoned Well Obligations Committee

Any of us dealing with historical land, predecessor companies, mergers, amalgamation or asset purchases has been there. The phone rings and someone looking after remediation and reclamation obligations is looking for help.

Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) enforcement has stated that Well #1234 is licensed to us and must be reclaimed, or a well listed as reclaimed has developed problems years later and must be remediated. Unfortunately, we have no record of Well #1234, there is no mineral lease in our current land system and we don't have an active contract or well file. Is this really our well? Are we responsible for 100% of costs? Where did it come from?

We could sit back and say, "If the AER says it's ours, I guess it's ours and we need to add the costs to the budget because this has to be done." Or we could start doing some historical research to determine who benefited from the production of the well, which can be a lengthy and daunting path. What would the benefit be? Why don't we just do the work and pick up the entire tab?

WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE NOW?

Unfortunately, this is not a new problem. Eighteen years ago, an article was written for NEXUS outlining Well Abandonment Liabilities relating to the A&D process (August 1999). The article was written because many people within industry questioned the relationship of the Operating Procedure to abandonment liabilities. As a matter of everyday practice, industry terminated contracts which were no longer related to an active mineral lease thus halting the updating of ownership and the chain of title required to track the ownership of the assets relating to the contract. Although the process was flagged and potential issues pointed out, it took industry 16 years to begin to recognize the issue and the significant impact it was creating for those companies listed as operator for these abandonment liabilities.

In 2014, Jim MacLean wrote a two-part article for NEXUS (March and June 2014) and The Negotiator (April and May 2014) again outlining the issues and the impact of the issues within industry. These articles kicked off a roundtable that was well attended. At the conclusion of the roundtable, it was determined that further review was necessary in order to identify "best practices" for industry going forward. A committee of senior land administration participants, including initial representation by the AER and CAPL, was struck to further identify the issues and the best way to resolve them.

The committee divided into three subcommittees, each tasked with handling specific areas of concern: 1) Go Forward/Day-to-Day; 2) Acquisitions and Divestitures; and 3) Historical/Curative.

The subcommittees met on a regular basis to discuss the issues for each group and then brought their findings back for the committee as a whole to discuss and develop recommendations. Once the committee was in agreement, documentation was created by each subcommittee which was then presented to select senior industry personnel for feedback. After that feedback was reviewed, the final product was sent via Survey Monkey to the CAPLA membership and the results from the survey were reviewed and incorporated as appropriate.

Upon completion of the tasks outlined for the committee to address, the information was provided to both the CAPLA and CAPL Board of Directors for endorsement.

Both Boards have endorsed the work of the committee and a roll-out of the documentation and principles to industry will take place in Fall 2017.

The committee put together a package outlining the history leading to the creation of the committee as well as recommended best practices for industry to follow. Each of the three areas has addressed the best way to handle abandonment and reclamation liabilities.

The "Best Practices Go Forward Process" lists information and flow charts on the best way to handle the related Contracts/Leases on a go-forward basis. This is further broken down into Operated and Non-Operated Wells with sample letters provided for convenience.

The Acquisitions and Divestitures portion of the documentation provides a list of the issues, associated risks and recommended solutions for obtaining the desired results. This section also lists a Q&A with the AER (AER regulations in effect as of April, 2016). The AER updated its transfer policy in 2017 and we will work towards providing further information and the potential impact on A&D transactions as a result of AER Bulletin 2017-13.

We have also included information on Historical Well Review Processes for Operators/Licensees including flowcharts on best practices for handling, sample letters and a template Wellbore Liability Agreement.

All documents are available for review on the CAPLA website. 🌟

LEADERSHIP: CONQUERING EGO



By Chad Hughes, President & CEO, LandSolutions

When most of us think of ego, we think of egotistical, arrogant or cocky behavior. It wasn't until I studied my own that I realized ego can be silent a lot of the time,

only revealing itself outwardly in times of stress or insecurity.

I began to discover that my own ego was a very large and active one. I began noticing my ego everywhere: in business, at home and in my thoughts. Oftentimes it was an 'inside voice.'

I believe ego can have its place in moderation. It can produce the confidence necessary to lead at times. It can also form part of authenticity, which is an important leadership quality. Confidence is an element of the grit required to move through

what seems impossible. The most exceptional senior leaders I have encountered are far from egomaniacs, yet are able to tap into their ego strategically, almost like an extra gear.

However, I could see leaving ego unchecked was limiting my growth. I became interested in learning how to use the good parts of ego, and not become restricted by its negative effects on my behavior.

I recall a situation with one of my neighbors. My dog often disturbed him with her barking, and he confronted me about it. I didn't like his approach, and in my own response, my ego was definitely in control.

When I reflected on how I dealt with the situation, I realized I viewed myself as a responsible dog owner. (I own a dog business, after all.) I felt I was being unjustly judged. Who is this person to speak to me that way? That was all my ego talking.

If I removed my ego from the situation, my response would have been more apologetic, and I would have been motivated to find a collaborative solution, based on kindness. When I took my ego out of the equation, I could see my dog was an issue.

The ego is always present, but for me situations that trigger an overabundance of ego include times of competition, being questioned in a way that I feel is unjustified, being preached

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a reality that doesn't align with my own vision, or when I am tenaciously fixated on that same vision.

I can think of countless occasions when my ego has either prevented me from hearing or seeing the truth, when it has influenced the way I have handled situations, when it has prevented me from learning something valuable and, worst of all, when it has prevented me from being truthful with myself.

Taking the time to reflect on all this has given me the opportunity to develop some recommendations for leaders to harness what the ego has to offer, without allowing it to be in control.

KNOW YOURSELF

Reflect and study your feelings, moods and reactions to daily occurrences. Reflect on how you deal with situations. Ask yourself questions like why you respond the way you do, why you think the thoughts you do, did you get the outcomes you want, would you do it all the same if you could repeat the day. The better you know yourself as a leader, the more likely you are to make each decision and reaction consciously and deliberately.

KNOW YOUR EGO

Learn to recognize your ego and predict when it might flare up. For example, if you are going to be meeting with a superior and you question their ability to manage you, how might your ego come into play? Do you seek ways to learn from them, ignore them or not hear them? Are you likely to argue or cut them off mid-sentence? Do you make excuses or discount their input? By looking back over situations where your ego has prevented success, you can help avoid similar situations in the future.

MANAGE YOUR THOUGHTS

Your state of mind controls how you respond to stressors. Create awareness at the outset of the day and get ahead of your feelings before they become your actions. Make a note or visualize how you want a given situation to unfold. Map out your "success story" for that situation.

TRY TO BE HUMBLE

In our society, we tend to associate humility with lifestyle choices, like being frugal or keeping your possessions simple. However, true humility is about how we treat other people; it's reflected in our intrapersonal behavior. Reminding ourselves that we still have plenty to learn and responding to others from a place of equality can go a long way in managing ego. Some of my closest mentors in life don't hide that they have tremendous abundance in their lives, but they make a conscious choice to interact with great humility.

Ego can prevent you from seeing the truth, it can affect your relationships, it can cloud your judgment and rob you of wisdom. By taking the time to understand where your own ego is, or may become a problem, you can mitigate interpersonal losses and move

yourself closer to achieving your objectives more easily. You may find yourself letting things go or losing the odd battle, while at the same time moving closer to winning the war. 🌟

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SAVE TIME WITH THE ETS ASSIGNMENT REQUEST "USE INPUT FILE" FUNCTION

By the A&D Education Development Committee

You can list up to 1,000 dispositions in one Electronic Transfer System (ETS) Assignment Request, but it takes significant time and effort to enter 1,000 dispositions one-by-one manually. Did you know "Use Input File" function in ETS Assignments allows users to upload many dispositions in a new Assignment Requests with just a few clicks?

Preparing a list of surface dispositions in a pre-defined format might take some time, but when you are dealing with hundreds of dispositions, "Use Input File" function can save you valuable time.

Before you start, review ETS's Assignments rules and be aware of a few other basic rules.

- ETS Assignments Rule: <https://ets.energy.gov.ab.ca/ETS/Manuals/AssignmentsBusinessRules.pdf>
- DML and SML CANNOT be assigned though ETS Assignment Request
- MLP, SMP, SME, and OSE are NOT assignable
- AER dispositions (e.g. LOC) and AEP dispositions (e.g. DLO) cannot be listed together on one ETS Assignment Request

A list of dispositions (ETS calls them "Activities") must be a text file (.txt) and must follow a pre-defined format.

- The first row (header) must be "TYPE,NUMBER"
- Dispositions must be listed in a format, three-letter activity type, a comma, and activity number (no space)

Example

TYPE, NUMBER

LOC,990982

MSL,023533

PIL,090507

PLA,040905

You can create a list of dispositions in a text file (.txt) from an Excel file; many land systems can export a surface file list with disposition numbers in Excel. The dispositions must be reformatted in the pre-defined format described above. For example, if your Excel list has a column for disposition types

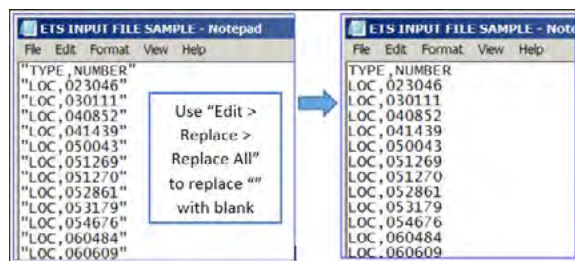
and another for disposition numbers, you need to combine the disposition types and numbers in one column with a comma between by using Excel formula (see below).

	A	B	C	D
1	TYPE	NUMBER	=A1&" "&B1	
2	LOC	023046		
3	LOC	030111		
4	LOC	040852		
5	LOC	041439		

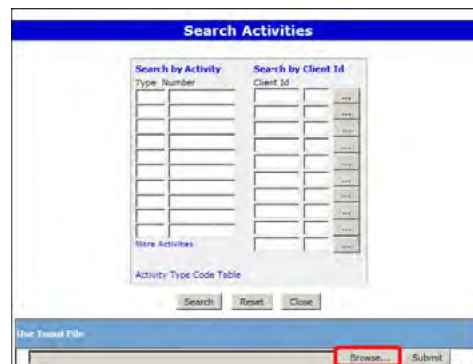
	A	B	C	D
1	TYPE	NUMBER	TYPE,NUMBER	
2	LOC	023046	LOC,023046	
3	LOC	030111	LOC,030111	
4	LOC	040852	LOC,040852	
5	LOC	041439	LOC,041439	

Copy a column with reformatted disposition types and numbers into a new Excel file. Use a right-click and select "Paste Options: Values," because you don't want to copy the formula. Save the new Excel file as a Unicode Text, and close it.

Open the text file and ensure dispositions are formatted correctly. In the sample below "" in each row must be removed. Save and close the text file.



Open ETS. Click "Assignment" and select "Full." In a blank Assignment Request screen, click "Search." In Search Activities popup, click "Browse" in Use Input File section.



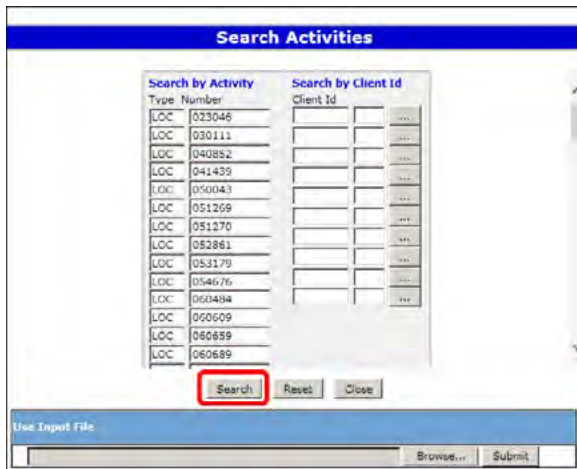
Select the text file you created and click "Open."



Ensure the path to the text file is in "User Input File" data field. Click "Submit."



Dispositions listed in the text file are uploaded into ETS. Click "Search."



Valid dispositions listed on the text file appear in Activities Found popup. Check off the checkbox beside "Activity" to select all dispositions listed. Click "OK" to proceed. If the text file included invalid dispositions ETS will return an error message with a list of invalid dispositions.

Activities Found				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Activity	Service Address	Pending	Land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOC 023046	809-5146 001 TOURMALINE OIL CORP.	NO	5-23-060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOC 030111	809-5146 001 TOURMALINE OIL CORP.	NO	5-22-060
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOC 040852	809-5146 001 TOURMALINE OIL CORP.	NO	5-22-061



All selected dispositions are uploaded into the Activity Tab of a new Assignment Request. Click "Save" to proceed with creating a new Assignment Request. 🌟

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By Sarah Mehus, J. Webb Market Wines

Shopping for wine can be daunting, intimidating and confusing. Wine merchant employees can help inspire you to discover something new, so a tasting bar is a great tool for both you and a wine store employee.

By tasting wines with you, we gain a better understanding of what you are describing, and what you like and don't like based on the wine in your mouth. No palate is made equal and neither are the terms used to describe them.

Below are the top ten wine terms to know and use:

ACIDITY

All wines have it, some more than others. Acidity can be rated from low to high. Low acid wines do not make your mouth water (like eating a banana). High acid wines are like sucking on a fresh lemon! High acid wines are great food wines as they cleanse the palate; low acid or medium acid wines are pleasant sipping wines – like when you get home from work and crack open that bottle.

BODY

The weight of the wine or how the wine feels in your mouth. The best analogy is as follows: light body = skim milk, medium body = 2% milk, full body = heavy cream.

TANNIC

Tannins are textural. Over-steeped black tea is tannic – it leaves a drying, mouth puckering texture on your gums, teeth and tongue. Tannins are also rated low to high: low = soft and smooth, high = chewy!

DRY

Opposite of sweet. Tannins can influence level of dryness as they have a drying sensation on our palates.

SWEET

Opposite of dry. Sweetness is perceived on a very personal level and is generally used to describe the actual sugar left in a wine after fermentation. Remember: sweetness isn't bad, especially with that spicy Thai green curry.

FRUIT FORWARD

Juicy and fruity wines; often described as delicious, easy-drinking, fun wines. What you will taste will be fruit-focused with different fruits such as plum, raspberry, grapefruit, peach, etc.

SOFT

Plushy, velvety, silky. Not highly tannic or highly acidic. Another term for an easy-drinking wine.

OAK

Oak got a bad rap with bulk wines using oak staves, oak chips or oak flavouring in their wines. Oak is actually a great aging vessel. When done properly it doesn't actually impart all that much flavour. It softens the tannins, rounding out the wine and adding just enough oxygen to age the wine so it's ready to be cellared or drunk. Don't be afraid of oak!

EARTHY

The opposite of fruity. Think flavours of mushroom, vegetation, forest floor, dirt, barnyard, leather, smoke, gravel, game meat.

SERVICE TEMPERATURE

Have you ever tried chilling your reds and warming up your whites? We often drink red wine too warm and white wine too cold. The chill factor will mute flavours while the heat will bring out the least desirable qualities in a wine. Try serving your reds at 16-18 degrees (20 minutes in the fridge) and whites around 10-12 degrees (40 minutes in the fridge).

I hope that you will try talking about wine the next time you have a glass, even if it's to yourself or written down on paper. As you identify things you're smelling and tasting, you feel more confident deciding what you like and dislike the next time you go wine shopping.

I always encourage wine drinkers to pick out three things they taste in a glass of wine. This may seem like a daunting task but, trust me, it's easy (and fun!). Your senses will be taken to a whole new level the next time you visit the market, cook dinner or go out to eat. Is that strawberry or cherry? Lemon or lime? Mushroom or dried leaf? Ultimately, it's your nose and your palate and no one can tell you otherwise.

IF YOU LIKE X YOU SHOULD TRY Y

Did you know there are thousands of grape varieties on earth? Half the fun of learning about wine is discovering something new and delicious. The other half is actually drinking the bottle. You may be familiar with sauvignon blanc, merlot or chardonnay, but here are a few unique grape varieties you should try that you may have never heard of.

If you like sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio you should try:

2015 Verderrubi Verdejo \$18.95 (Spain, pronounced ver-day-ho) The perfect wine to try if you LOVE pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc. Verdejo is indigenous to Spain, it is light and floral with medium acidity.

2015 Dominio Dostares Godello \$20.95 (Spain, pronounced go-dae-yo) Godello is also native to Spain and almost went extinct

until Dominio Dostares decided to dedicate their vineyards to reviving indigenous grape varietals. Slightly herbaceous, medium bodied, crisp and dry, this will be your new dinner party go-to.

If you like chardonnay you should try:

2015 Michel Gassier Viognier \$23.95 (France) Viognier is typically floral, tropical, full bodied and this one checks off all of those boxes.

2015 Caves de Saumur Chenin Blanc \$19.95 (France) Chenin blanc can be sweet or dry; this one is dry. Medium body with loads of lemon, green apple and peach. Try it with sushi!

If you like malbec you should try:

***2013 Camino Old Vine Carignan \$24.95** (Chile, pronounced care-in-yan) Carignan originated in Southern France, eventually migrating to Chile where it has grown exceptionally well. Harvested from 80+ year old vines, it has very concentrated fruit, dark cherry, leather and spice. **This wine is exclusive to J. Webb.*

2015 Jeff Carrel Les Darons \$19.95 (France) A blend of grenache, syrah and carignan, it is a best seller. It is full bodied and peppery. It has substantial tannins that beg for roasted red meat or braised lamb shanks.

If you like pinot noir you should try:

2015 Jean Marc Burgaud Beaujolais Villages \$21.95 (France) 100% gamay noir, it is soft, juicy, and a pure delight to drink! Food flexible but is really great on its own.

2015 Domaine Lafond Cotes du Rhone \$19.95 (France) A blend of two grape varietals, grenache and syrah, it is a refreshing, fruit-forward, light bodied red. The ultimate wine for roast chicken. 🌿

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Kellie Sidloski

By Mandi Zatyko, NEXUS Editorial Committee Member



CAPLA brings a sense of community which Kellie Sidloski finds very rewarding. This is why she volunteers for the association.

"CAPLA is such a significant organization in the land asset management industry. It relies on volunteers to succeed and without that, we wouldn't have the opportunities that we do with the organization," she says.

"It is a great way to stay connected and up to date with an ever-changing industry."

Kellie had been in the industry for two years before joining CAPLA in 2011. In 2016, she became a member of the Education Facilitation Committee (EFC) after attending a CAPLA event and realizing that she did not know many people.

"I decided I would get involved to expand my network and focus on my personal development," she says.

Kellie became co-chair of the EFC in 2016.

"Kellie is a talented leader who follows through with her commitments. She is friendly and inclusive with all members of the committee," says Suzanne Akins, co-chair of the EFC.

Suzanne used to work with Kellie and says that she approached her when the committee needed a new co-chair. Kellie stepped right in to help and has proven to be a very valuable member.

CAPLA General Manager Matt Worthy says Kellie has worked hard to make sure there is a volunteer facilitator at every CAPLA course.

"Kellie is always open to volunteering," he says. "She is a great source of energy and enthusiasm, bringing a strong sense of dedication and determination to CAPLA volunteerism."

Katerina Gilbert agrees with Matt. She met Kellie at an Education Development Committee monthly meeting of co-chairs and found her to have a personal and professional positive attitude.

"I have seen Kellie bring in great ideas, ask questions and follow up when she has an action item. She is that person who not only works hard but gives back to the industry through volunteering, cares about people, takes chances and puts herself out there to experience all that she can."

"Not only is Kellie committed and enthusiastic, she is keen to be involved and take on new challenges. She is also proactive in her approach to issues," adds Suzanne.

Volunteering for CAPLA is worth it to Kellie.

"I'm sure one of the largest challenges (to volunteering) is getting people to commit to making the time to volunteer. Everyone leads busy lives and the thought of adding something else to the mix can sometimes be overwhelming.

"What you find though, when you get involved, is that the rewards definitely outweigh the challenges," she says.

"It has always given me a feeling of satisfaction when I have made a contribution to an organization that has been such a great benefit to me. I have gained relationships and contact with so many wonderful people.

"I have also gained confidence in myself and it has helped me grow and focus my personal and career development." 🌸

A special thank you to Mandi Zatyko, who has stepped down from the NEXUS Editorial Committee after six years of service. Mandi took on the Volunteer Spotlight and made it into a consistent feature of the magazine. She wrote many articles, took many photographs and was always willing to step up when needed. Thank you, Mandi, for all you have done for NEXUS and CAPLA.

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