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INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO



**WE ARE THE VOICE OF INDEPENDENT
PRODUCERS IN NEW MEXICO.**

MEMBER BENEFITS



A Message from Our President

Dear Current and Prospective Members of IPANM,

With the constant unwarranted attacks against our industry and the financial support it provides to the State of New Mexico and our local communities, IPANM is needed now more than ever. That sums up my feelings as I look ahead in 2026. It is my commitment to work hard to represent all of the independent operators that are the foundation of this organization.

This past year was big for our members. We had substantial wins through killing off bad legislation in Santa Fe, directly intervening in Atencio vs. New Mexico which led to its dismissal, and stopping the state from increasing oil & gas fees 5-fold to finance overregulation. But, our biggest engagement was IPANM's direct intervention in the Western Environmental Law Center's petition to raise financial assurance bonds disproportionately on independent operators. IPANM's work made a significant impact in that hearing, and we continue to fight against regulatory overreach. IPANM punches above our weight and delivers more value for our members than ever before.

Our membership dues are NOT increasing this year, but we will continue to deliver all of the news, information, and advocacy you've come to expect. Our July 2026 Annual Meeting at Sandia Resort will continue to be the high point of our year. We look forward to seeing you there!

I'd ask you to seriously consider joining or renewing your membership for 2026 and beyond, and if your budget allows, please donate generously to our Legal Fund. Please take a few minutes to look through our benefits in this booklet. Then, help us through 2026 by joining our fight! We are at <http://www.ipanm.org> and click on "Join Us!"

Highest regards,

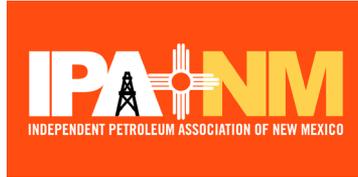


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IPANM Board President 2025-26
Jalapeno Corporation

Protect, Defend, Promote

At IPANM, we advance and preserve the interests of independent oil and gas producers while educating the public to the importance of oil and gas to the state and all our lives.



The Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico was formed in 1978 by a concerned group of New Mexico independent oil and natural gas producers. In the spirit of this tradition, IPANM continues to grow and provide the services that protect, defend, and promote the industry that is the very foundation of our way of life.

Primary Goals of IPANM

- Educate the public about the benefits provided by our industry
- Monitor industry issues on the state and national levels and get involved when necessary
- Provide industry updates, technical education, and networking opportunities
- Challenge anti-industry groups who seek to intentionally deceive the public



Member Services

IPANM Annual Meeting - The IPANM Annual Meeting is a perfect opportunity to network with other top decision-makers in the industry in New Mexico. Timely and informative sessions!

Media Outreach - IPANM promotes the many positive aspects of industry, including state revenues, job creation and environmental stewardship. Likewise, when the anti-industry folks make false allegations, IPANM steps up and sets the record straight.

Digital Engagement – Social media (Facebook & LinkedIn) and a strong web presence is a centerpiece of IPANM’s communication strategy. Our website (www.ipanm.org) is the up-to-date New Mexico resource for independents, with information for outside readers and members-only content.

Email Alerts - When information is important, IPANM issues email alerts exclusively to our members. More information on the subject is linked to the “Members Only” section of our website.

Legislative Monitoring - IPANM monitors all proposed legislation in the State of New Mexico and actively lobbies on behalf of the interest of independent producers on all bills impacting industry.

Regulatory Engagement - IPANM works with government agencies and maintains productive relationships with leaders to achieve policies that are both business-friendly and environmentally responsible.

Legal Representation – IPANM is unafraid to pursue legal action when industry is under fire. IPANM is currently involved in THREE major legal actions on the state level, including the only dedicated Oil & Gas trade association to intervene in *Atencio vs. New Mexico*. IPANM is also partners in SIX legal actions working with the Trump administration to reverse bad policy that came out of the Biden Administration.

Rulemaking Hearings - IPANM insists on specific representation for independents during rulemaking. We push hard to ensure new rules will not impact the bottom-line of our members. If we know rulemaking decisions will not go our way, we still testify to get our technical positions on record to set up future legal action if necessary.

Independent

We stand committed to the independent oil and gas producers of New Mexico

The Voice of the Independents: IPANM recognizes that from time to time, the needs of the independent producers differ from the majors. That is why we were formed in the first place. We approach everything we do in consideration of the independent oil and natural gas producers.

Strategically Independent: IPANM is not afraid to stand up for smaller operators, even when other industry-friendly associations take different strategic positions on issues.

IPANM = Regulator Accountability; Bad Rules Must Be Challenged

IPANM strongly believes that Independent Producers need to have their own seat at the table when regulations are drafted and presented for commission approval. For this reason, IPANM participates independently in New Mexico's state rulemaking hearings. IPANM's involvement in the past has led to improvements for financial assurance bonding, horizontal drilling rules, injection well disposal rules, and spill rules. IPANM was first to challenge the state's Methane rule in court. Since then, additional organizations have joined the suit. We believe in environmental regulation, but we will take the lead when enacted rules overreach to punish producers without justifiable data.



Cooperative

We will always be independent, but we recognize our friends are not our enemies.

A Cooperative Approach: While our association prides itself on its much-needed independent voice, it shouldn't come at a cost of alienating our friends. Several recent developments with IPANM's leadership illustrate a new, cooperative approach for the future:

- **Strategic Alliances** – IPANM has both led and joined strategic alliances when it comes to fighting threats against our industry in New Mexico. These joint efforts have helped move the needle when it comes to public perception of oil & gas interests in New Mexico.



IPANM is proud to work collaboratively with the following state and national industry associations.



New Cooperative Results: Taping into the knowledge, resources, and experiences of trade associations across the country.

- **Methane** – IPANM partner trade associations are sharing important research and findings that demonstrate significant methane emission reductions due to industry technology. IPANM has also contributed to national trade associations' legal fights against on BLM & EPA Methane Rules.
- **Federal Permitting & Lease Bans** – IPANM worked with multiple trade associations to fight BLM Permit, Public Lands & Lease Rules that have now been rescinded thanks to our efforts and the Trump Administration. We work directly with contacts in D.C. to elevate the voice of independents in New Mexico onto the federal level.

Four Key Priorities for IPANM in 2026 & Beyond



- **Our Members Are Our Strongest Asset:** With hundreds of years-worth of oil and gas experience, IPANM continues to engage our members to fight the challenges facing independents. IPANM continues a targeted recruiting campaign to bring more members into our association.



- **The 2026 Legislative Session:** The 2026 New Mexico Legislative Session is a 30-day session from Jan. 20 to Feb. 19, 2026. Look for IPANM to push hard to fix the state's reclamation fund in 2026! Members have direct access to our Executive Director throughout the session, and we teach you how to participate in hearings & help support our industry!



- **Strategic Alliances:** The entire Oil and Gas Industry is under attack in New Mexico from activists who want to put operators out of business. IPANM continues to broker strategic alliances with trade groups and associations to project our voices into a much louder, industry-wide chorus.



- **The Annual Meeting:** IPANM returns to Sandia Resort & Casino in 2026! We have special plans for another fantastic meeting from July 8-10, 2026. Look for industry specific topics, networking, our member-favorite golf tournament, and other activities! Plus, a new PRESENTING SPONSOR for 2026!

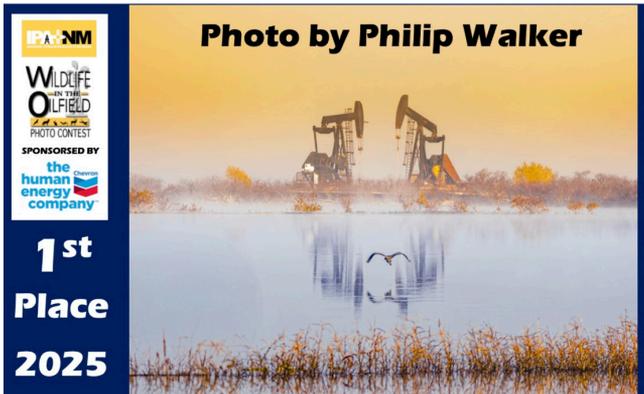
Wildlife in The Oilfield Photo Contest

IPANM was the first Oil & Gas association in the country to hold this unique photo contest in 2004, and has since been duplicated within the industry at trade events worldwide! It's reach is far and wide because it connects our industry workers with the surrounding environment where they live and work every day.

The IPANM Wildlife in the Oilfield Photo Contest disproves a false premise that man and nature cannot co-exist. It is simply untrue. The Alaskan pipeline is a perfect example. When the massive project was underway in the 1970s, environmentalists bemoaned the fate of the caribou saying the animals would suffer immensely. The exact opposite happened and the number of caribou has quintupled!

Much like caribou use the Alaskan pipeline and nearby oilfield equipment for a windbreak and warmth, mule deer and countless other wildlife in New Mexico use equipment for shelter and shade. Several different species of birds use elevated surfaces as foundations for nests and habitats.

Because of this abundance of oilfield wildlife, field workers often experience animal sightings and capture those moments with photos! Join us in 2026, and have your oilfield workers send their photos and videos demonstrating our wildlife adapting to man-made changes in the environment. Information available at <https://ipanm.org/wildlife-in-the-oilfield>! Open to the public!



IPANM's Website: A Leading Industry Resource

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INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO

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[Join Us](#)

2024 IPANM Wildlife in the Oilfield Photo Contest Winners!

1st Place
"Birds In Flight"
By Philip Walker

2nd Place
"Antelope In The Patch"
By Tyler Deans

3rd Place
"Fish On A Wire"
By Peter Zimmerman

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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

The State of New Mexico's 2025 60-Day Legislative Session ran from January 21, 2025 and to March 22, 2025 in Santa Fe. IPANM will advocate throughout the session for New Mexico's Independent Oil & Gas producers with the Legislature.

Members Get Access To Exclusive Member News

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS-ONLY NEWSROOM



IPANM: Industry Plugs Its Wells; Enviros Just Want To Kill Independents
Industry Plugs Its Wells, Enviros Simply Want To Kill Off Independent Producers Beginning October 20th, the New Mexico Oil Conservation



New Mexico Targets Potential Natural Gas Exports
ABCjournal (Oct. 21, 2025) — Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's trade mission to Japan this year is showing signs of paying



Sen. Larry Scott Opens Public Comments in WELC Hearing
IPANM (October 23, 2025) — IPANM would like to thank Sen. Larry Scott and all of the many state legislators



Special Session: \$162 Million Dished Out; No Direct O&G Impacts
IPANM (Dec. 3, 2025) — Depending on who you talk to, the Governor-called Special Session last week was either stop-gop



WELC Bonding Increases & Acquisitions Limitations Rulemaking Hearing
IPANM (Sept. 15, 2025) IPANM and MDCGA have filed a motion to dismiss the entire WELC Rulemaking hearing regarding new



IPANM, Industry File Motion To Dismiss Rulemaking
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Sharpe: Proposed Bonding Rule Will Cost Jobs and Revenue
By George Sharpe Oct 26, 2025 In 2000, Merriam Oil & Gas acquired 20 low-producing wells from ConocoPhillips. Today,



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IPANM (Sept. 15, 2025) Today, IPANM filed all of its witness rebuttal testimony to the Oil Conservation Commission regarding

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Members Get Access To Exclusive Web Resources

INFORMATION & ISSUES

Welcome to IPANM's Information & Issues webpage!

IPANM is not afraid to take strong stances on many current issues threatening our industry. We have not seemingly minor changes to regulations or rules can have a major impact on the financial solvency of our small oil & gas producers. While we will never compromise on our duties to protect human health, fresh water and the environment in our daily activities, we will fight unnecessary government overreach when new regulatory proposals are not based on sound science and do little to protect the environment.

Below, we've identified serious issues facing our producers. Please click on the corresponding button to learn more about each issue and IPANM's stance on the issue. (Note: Some of this content may be restricted for members only. To access this exclusive content, please [join our association!](#))

Members Get Access to IPANM Policy Positions

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Welcome to IPANM's Legislative Webpage!

The 2025 New Mexico Legislative Session runs from Jan. 21 to Mar. 22, 2025 in Santa Fe. The Session is scheduled to be held in-person with video conference participation options available. IPANM will actively lobby legislators and make strategic public comments on behalf of our members. Members will also have numerous options to get involved. To get involved, please do not hesitate to reach out to IPANM Executive Director Jim Winchester at jimwinchester@ipanm.org.



Login to BillTrack 50
For Board Members & Guidance Committee Members



Session Live Streams



2025 Legislative Session Social Calendar

2025 2025 Primary List of Oil & Gas Bills Tracked by IPANM Legislative Session (60-Day)

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Bill # ↑	Name	Position	Comments	The Plan	Sponsor List
HB14	Earned Income Tax Credit	Oppose	Oil Tax Bill	*SENATE TAX	Derrick Lente (D)*, Javi...
HB33	Prohibit New Emissions In High Ozone Co...	Oppose	Industry Killer	*STALLED	Debbie Sarrifana (D)*
HB34	Oil Conservation Protect Health & Environ...	Oppose	Charter ReWrite	* - DEAD -	Tara Luján (D)*, Debbie ...
HB35	Children's Health Protection Zones	Oppose	1-Mile Buffer	*STALLED	Joanne Ferrary (D)*, Pa...
HB71	Early Childhood Ed & Care Fund Transfers				Doreen Gallegos (D)*, ...
HB137	Strategic Water Supply Act	Neutral	Now Benign	Monitoring	Craig Brandt (R)*, Susa...
HB140	"hazardous Waste Constituent" Definition	Oppose	Now Benign	Monitoring	Chris Chandler (D)*, Jef...
HB199	Tax Return Info For Lic Evaluation				Derrick Lente (D)*
HB212	Per- & Poly-flouroalkyl Protection Act	Oppose	Now Benign	Monitoring	Kathleen Gates (D)*, Jo...
HB222	Fracturing Fluid Disclosure & Use	Oppose	Frack Disclose	*HOUSE FLOOR	Andrea Romero (D)*, A...

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[CLICK HERE FOR ASSOCIATED BILLS TRACKED](#)

[PREVIOUS SESSION BILL TRACKERS](#)

Executive Board



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IPANM Board President
Vice-President
Jalapeno Corporation



Krista McWilliams
IPANM Northwest Vice-President
Vice President of Operations Engineering
Logos Energy



Justin McClelland
IPANM Southeast Vice-President
Landman
Abo Empire



Nick Piatek
Past President
Communications & Regulatory
Director
Hilcorp



Mitch Krakauskas
Treasurer
Vice President
Strata Production Company

2025-2026 Elected Board Members

Northwest Region

Dave Brown
Sean Dugan
Vern Andrews

Southeast Region

Ron Hillman
Rory McMinn
Hanson Yates
Jonny Heins

Out of State/At-Large

Ed Lauer
Randall Hudson
Sam Shiverick
Reid Edwards

Past President Board of Directors*

Nick Piatek	Kevin McCord	Larry Scott
Jared Hembree	T. Greg Merrion	John Thompson
Alex Campbell	Tom Mullins	Paul Thompson
Nick McClelland	Mark Murphy	Frank Yates
Ryan Davis	Greg Nibert	George Yates
Kyle Armstrong	Glen Papp	Richard Gilliland
John Thomas	Robert G. Armstrong	Dan Girand
Claire Chase	Tucker Bayless	Frank Gorham III
Mitch Krakauskas	Tommy Roberts	

* Past-Presidents Who Remain Active IPANM Members Can Vote At Board Meetings

Historical Presidents

1979: Peyton Yates	2003: Jeff Harvard
1980: Dave Thomas, Jr.	2004: T. Greg Merrion
1981: William LeMay	2005: Chuck Moran
1982: Robert L. Bayless	2006: Paul Thompson
1983: Alan Antweil	2007: Johnny Knorr
1984: Albert R. Greer	2008: John Byrom
1985: George M. Yates	2009: Larry Scott
1986: Tom Dugan	2010: Robert G. Armstrong
1987: Donald Stevens	2011: John Thompson
1988: Fred Schlicher	2012: Greg Nibert
1989: Tommy Roberts	2013: Gary Brink
1990: Joseph Kelly	2014: Richard Gilliland
1991: Sylvia Little	2015: Glen Papp
1992: Sylvia Little	2016: Mitch Krakauskas
1993: Dan Girand	2017: Tom Mullins
1994: Dan Girand	2018: Claire Chase
1995: Kevin McCord	2019: John Thomas
1996: Mark Murphy	2020: Kyle Armstrong
1997: Mark Murphy	2021: Ryan Davis
1998: Frank Gorham III	2022: Nick McClelland
1999: Frank Gorham III	2023: Alex Campbell
2000: Frank Yates, Jr.	2024: Jared Hembree
2001: Frank Yates, Jr.	2025: Nick Piatek
2002: Tucker Bayless	

- Up to 1/3rd of IPANM's Elected Board Members turnover each year.
- Existing Board Members can seek reelection and/or interested members can seek a nomination.
- Potential board members are considered on the basis of willingness to actively participate in IPANM activities, events and issues.
- There are no financial requirements for board members other than active membership dues and IPANM does not discriminate board members selections based on membership type (Individual vs. Corporate).

Reasonable Membership Prices

IPANM offers reasonable membership fees well below those charged by other associations. Please help spread the word of the affordable rates and tremendous value an IPANM membership brings!

The image displays three membership price cards side-by-side. The first card is blue and black, for Corporate Producers, priced at \$8000/Year for up to 20 registered member accounts. The second card is orange and black, for Corporate Associate Non-Producers, priced at \$4000/Year for up to 20 registered member accounts, with a list of eligible professions. The third card is yellow and black, for Individual members, priced at \$800/Year for a single registered member account.

Membership Type	Annual Fee	Accounts
Corporate Producer	\$8000/Year	Up To 20 Registered Member Accounts
Corporate Associate Non-Producer <small>Service Company Law Firm Accounting Firm Bank or Investment Firm Land or Title Company Geological or Engineering Firm Lobbyist Group</small>	\$4000/Year	Up To 20 Registered Member Accounts
Individual	\$800/Year	For A Single Registered Member Account

Join Us Now for Access to all of IPANM's Resources!

IPANM was founded in 1978 by a concerned group of New Mexico independent oil and natural gas producers, and the majority of our membership is still comprised of independents, both large and small.

However, we are not just an association for producers and operators. Drilling contractors, service companies, supply companies, and royalty owners also comprise a significant portion of our membership. Other members include attorneys, accountants, consultants, educational instructors, public relations firms, and other professionals with livelihoods directly tied to the success of the oil & gas industry!

To join our association, go to ipanm.org and click on "Join Us"!

Dear IPANM Members and Prospective Members,

IPANM stays true to its mission to defend, protect, & promote the work of independent producers in New Mexico! I'm proud to point to many successes in recent years, including the only oil & gas trade to intervene in Atencio vs. New Mexico (which was dismissed!) and our work at the only oil & gas trade to prevent a 500% NM Environment Department fee increase against oil & gas operators. We can also point to key wins in recent legislative sessions that have kept the state from massive overregulation and unfair tax increases against our industry alone.

Please join us and help us continue this work! In exchange for your commitment to IPANM, your company will have direct access to our leadership team and representation on any number of committees. IPANM also provides excellent value through frequent membership communications on updates important to operators, legal teams, regulatory compliance officers, and your in-house lobbyists. Members get special access to IPANM.org and an extensive library of industry hot topics, and are in the front line for our Annual Meeting in July of 2026.

Please renew your IPANM membership today, or if you are not a member, join us so that our collective voices continue to be heard! With your support, I'm confident we can meet the challenges of the year ahead!

Highest regards,
Jim

Jim Winchester
Executive Director, IPANM



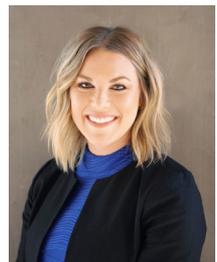
Dear IPANM Members and Prospective Members,

IPANM looks out for you as our valued members! Your membership information is confidential, and you can be as active as you wish at our events, seminars, and our Annual Meeting. We are a fun and loyal group.

As a Roswell native, I continue to be proud to represent the industry that drives our state economy. I enjoy interacting with the members and I'm always happy to answer your questions. Email me anytime at KacyBrown@ipanm.org, and I hope to see you at our next event!

Warm Regards,
Kacy

Kacy Brown
Director of Operations



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