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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE 2014

Candidates for AAPG office have been given the opportunity to respond briefly to the subject: "Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office."

Their responses and biographical information were provided by each candidate and edited only for grammar, spelling and format.

This information is on the AAPG website through the election period. Online balloting will be available in the spring of 2014. Ballots will be counted on May 16, 2014.

Candidates were asked to limit their biographies to 350 words and responses to 500 words.

To watch videos of each candidate
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ALFREDO GUZMÁN

Consulting Geologist, Veracruz, Mexico
Born 1947, Mexico City, Mexico

Academic Degrees

2001
B.B.A., Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City, Mexico
1971-73
M.S., geology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
1967-71
B.S., geology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Experience

2012-13
Retired, international consultant, CEO and president, Compañía Petrolera de Altamira
2011-12
Advisor, Tarco Latin America
2010-11
Consultant for Apache Corporation
2009-10
Commissioner, National Hydrocarbon Commission
2008-09
Advisor/consultant to several enterprises
2007-08
Associate, Custer Resources
2007-08
Board of Directors, Andrews Technologies Inc.
1974-2007
Pemex Exploration and Production
2002-07
Vice president, North Region SBU, Northern Mexico

1999-01
Vice president-exploration, all of Mexico
1997-98
Planning manager, North Region SBU, Northern Mexico
1995-97
Exploration manager, North Region SBU, Northern Mexico
1994-95
Burgos basin integral project team leader, NE Mexico
1990-93
Sedimentology studies superintendent, NE Mexico
1986-89
Exploration district manager, North Central Mexico
1983-86
Field supervisor, Geological Operations NW Mexico
1980-82
Sedimentologist, NE Mexico
1978-79
Wellsite geologist, NW Mexico
1974-77
Field geologist, Northern Mexico
1972-1973
Mexican Petroleum Institute, carbonate sedimentologist
1970
Minerals Exploration Company (subsidiary of Unocal) field assistant, NW Mexico

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1969
Member DPA, EMD

2013

Technical co-chair, AAPG ICE - Cartagena, Colombia
2009-11

Vice president-Regions (International)

2004
Several committees including general chair, AAPG ICE, Cancún, Mexico

2003-04
President, Latin America Region

AAPG Honors and Awards

2011
Award of Excellence
2007
Distinguished Service Award
2004
Certificate of Merit

Publications

Over 50 publications and over 200 presentations



JOHN HOGG

Vice president-exploration and operations, MGM Energy Corp., Calgary, Canada
Born 1958, Hamilton, Canada

Academic Degrees

1981
B.S., geology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

Experience

2007-Present
MGM Energy Corp., Calgary, vice president and corporate officer
2006-07
ConocoPhillips Canada, Calgary, manager Western Canada New Ventures and Canadian Frontier Exploration
2005-06
Burlington Resources Canada, Calgary, manager-new ventures
1997-2005
PanCanadian/EnCana, Calgary, vice president Atlantic Canada Exploration and Drilling, Offshore Business Unit
1998-97
Petro-Canada Inc., Calgary, team lead/geological specialist Atlantic Canada Business Unit
1984-88
Associate, Custer Resources
2007-08
Husky Oil Operations, Calgary, senior geologist, Offshore Nova Scotia Exploration Dept.
1981-84
Gulf Canada Resources, Calgary, exploration geologist, Arctic exploration team

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1981
Member DPA
2012-14
Foundation Fundraising Advisory Committee
2012-13
Ad-Hoc IP Future Direction Committee, chair
2012-14
HoD Constitution and Bylaws Committee
2010-14
AAPG Rep., OTC-ATC Conferences, vice chair, '11; chair, '13; past chair, '14
2010-13
Investment Committee
2010-11
Advisory Council - Canada Region
2009-10
General chair, 2010 AAPG ICE, Calgary
2009-12
DPA Governmental Affairs Committee
2009-11
Canada Region vice president
2009-11
HoD Constitution and Bylaws Committee chair, '09

2008-09

AAPG 3P Conference chair, Moscow

2008-09
Global Events Oversight Committee

2007-09
AAPG vice president-Regions
2007-09
Distinguished Lecture International Subcommittee

2007-08
Audit Committee

2005-07
AAPG ICE Committee chair

2005-08
Research Committee

2005-09
HoD Nominations and Elections Committee

2004-05
General chair AAPG ACE, Calgary
2004-06

Past president, Canada Region
2004-05
HoD Ad-Hoc Committee on Executive Session, chair

2003-05
Convention Coordination Committee, chair, '05

2002-09
Committee on Committees

2003-04
Affiliated society president, CSPG

2002-03
President, Canada Region
2002-11

Visiting Geoscientists Committee

2001-03
Vice president/treasurer, Canada Region

2001-02
HoD Honors and Awards, chair
2000-01

AAPG Advisory Council
1999-2004
DPA Council - international member

1999-2000
AAPG House of Delegates chair

1998-99
AAPG Budget Committee
1998-99

HoD Ad-Hoc Elected Editor Committee

1998-99
HoD Ad-Hoc IRC Amendment Resolution Committee, chair

1998-99
AAPG House of Delegates, chair-elect
1997-98

HoD Constitution and Bylaws, vice chair
1997-98
HoD Future of Earth Scientists Committee, chair

1996-97

HoD Ad-Hoc International Representation Committee, chair

1994-95
HoD Recording secretary
1993-95

HoD Ad-Hoc Unaffiliated Delegates Committee, chair
1991-1992

Field trip chair, AAPG ACE, Calgary
1991-92

HoD Credentials Committee, chair
1990-91

HoD Nominations and Elections Committee

1989-92
Foreman, Canadian delegates
1987-90

Membership Committee
1986-15
HoD delegate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2013
Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Honorary Membership

2011
HoD Honorary Member of the House

2010
AAPG Honorary Membership
2010

Certificate of Merit
2010

HoD 15 year Certificate of Service
2007

Certificate of Merit
2006
Affiliated Society, CSPG, Presidents Award

2005
Certificate of Merit
2004

HoD Distinguished Member of the House
2004

Certificate of Merit
2002
Distinguished Service Award
2000

A.I. Levorsen Award, Best Paper Eastern Section
1999

Certificate of Merit
Publications

Over 50 oral and poster presentations on Atlantic Canada Geology, petroleum accumulations Jurassic Rift Margins and Canadian Arctic basins at technical conferences

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By Alfredo Guzmán

I accepted the invitation to contend for the position of president-elect of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists because I've been a member of AAPG since 1969, when I joined the organization as an undergrad student at Texas Tech University and where I was mentored by three AAPG past presidents – Grover Murray, who was the school president, Frank Conselman and Orlo Childs – and by my father, Eduardo J. Guzmán, who in 1967 had been AAPG vice president, which made me aware of how important it was to serve the organization from its highest position.

I owe to AAPG a very large part of my professional development acquired through its schools, field courses, conferences, publications, committees, personal contacts, etc., and I want to give back to the organization a little of what it has given me, now that I have the time to commit for the several years that the position requires.

After having spent more than 40 years in industry doing research, exploring, managing, holding executive positions, as an industry regulator and as a consultant, I have the experience and skills needed for the organization's top executive position.



STEVE BRACHMAN

Exploration manager-Houston district, Petro-Hunt, LLC, Houston, Texas

Born 1955 Chicago, Ill.

Academic Degrees

M.S., geology, Penn State University, University Park, PA
B.S., geology, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Experience

2007 Present exploration manager, Petro-Hunt, Houston, TX
1997-2007 Division geologist, Pogo Producing Co, Houston, TX
1995-97 Senior geologist, Southwestern Energy, Houston, TX
1992-95 Geologist, Araxas Exploration, Houston, TX

1990-91

Senior geologist, Wintershall Energy, Houston, TX

1984-90

Senior geologist, SOHIO Petroleum/BP Exploration, Oklahoma City, and Houston, TX

1981-84

Development geologist, Gulf Oil Co, Oklahoma City, OK and Kilgore, TX
Board of Directors, Andrews Technologies Inc.

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1981
Member DPA, EMD
2014 General chair, AAPG ACE, Houston, TX

1999-Present

HoD delegate
2006-07 Affiliated society president, HGS
2006 Short course instructor, AAPG ACE, Houston, TX
2001-04 DPA Advisory Council
2000-05 AAPG mentor
1995 Committe chair, AAPG ACE, Houston, TX

AAPG Honors and Awards

2007 George C. Matson Award

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By Steve Brachman

AAPG is the foremost professional and scientific organization for geoscientists in the world. I am highly honored to be nominated as a candidate for vice president-Sections.

The strength of AAPG in the United States lies in our Sections. Each Section is unique, but at their core, have a strong group of motivated individual members and volunteers. I learned in leadership roles as committee chair, secretary, treasurer and president of the Houston Geological Society what individuals willing to donate their time and talents can accomplish. As general chair for the upcoming 2014 AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition in Houston, I again observe the remarkable achievements that a hard working group of volunteers can produce.

I believe in a strong partnership between AAPG and Sections. Two important keys to a successful partnership are communication and access to resources. I believe that one of my two paramount responsibilities as VP-Sections will be to facilitate clear communication between each Section and AAPG leaders – and to ensure that communication goes in both directions. The other is to help Sections locate the resources they need within and outside of AAPG to accomplish their goals and facilitate their interests.

AAPG has important immediate challenges but also many exciting opportunities. These include:

- Significant infusion of younger geoscientists.
- Rapidly evolving science in the form of new ideas, concepts and practical applications.
- Compelling new contributions to our knowledge base from industry, government and academia and a new willingness to share ideas.
- Geographic expansion due to interest in areas long ignored by industry.
- Large capital commitments to domestic exploration and production.

Each of these opportunities offers geoscientists and AAPG prospects for an optimistic future. I will work closely with the Sections and other AAPG leaders to enhance the role of our organization and our members – the results and benefits must be realized at the local level.



HANNES LEETARU

Senior petroleum geologist, Illinois State Geologic Survey, Champaign, IL

Born 1953, New York City, N.Y.

Academic Degrees

1997 Ph.D., geology, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
1978 M.S., geology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
1975 B.S., geology, State University of New York College, Fredonia, NY

Experience

2005-present Senior geologist, Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, IL
1996-2005 Petroleum geologist, Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, IL
2000-present Adjunct faculty, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
1989-96 Associate petroleum geologist, Illinois State Geological Survey, Champaign, IL
1988-89 Independent exploration consultant, Houston, TX
1984-88 senior geologist, Union Pacific Resources, Houston, TX
1978-84 Advanced exploration geologist, Getty Oil Company, Houston, TX

AAPG Activities

2012-15 Alternate council member, DPA
2011-14 Eastern Section liaison, Education Committee

2011

Co-convener, Geological Society of London/AAPG conference

2009

Co-convener, AAPG/SPE/SEG Hedberg Research Conference

2007-09

DEG Honors & Awards

Nominations, chair (07-08)

2007-08

Vice president, DEG

2006-09

GIS Publications, co-chair

2007-09

2006-07 Co-chair, DEG Carbon Sequestration Committee

2006-07

AAPG Tactical Operations Ad-Hoc Committee

2005-06

Computer Application & Internet, chair 2005-06

2005-08

DEG Advisory Board representing Eastern Section

2004-05

Computer Application & Internet, vice-chair 2003-05

2003-06

Reservoir Development Committee

2003-04

President, Eastern Section

2002

Co-general chair, AAPG Eastern Section Meeting in Champaign, Ill.

2001-02

Vice president, Eastern Section

2000-01

Secretary, Eastern Section

1999-2000

Treasurer, Eastern Section

1998-2001

Publications Committee

1987-90

HoD alternate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2012

Eastern Section of the AAPG

A.I. Levorsen Memorial Award

2008

Outstanding Educator Award from the Eastern Section of AAPG

2007

AAPG Certificate of Merit

2006

Eastern Section of the AAPG,

DEG Best Paper Award

2004

Eastern Section of the AAPG,

Distinguished Service Award

2003

Eastern Section of the AAPG,

Vincent E. Nelson Memorial Best Poster Award

2003

AAPG Certificate of Merit

2002

Eastern Section of the AAPG,

Certificate of Merit

2003

Eastern Section of the AAPG,

Over 60 publications on carbon capture and storage, reservoir geology, sequence stratigraphy, and exploration.

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Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By Hannes Leetaru

AAPG's outreach and professional development programs and the dissemination of geologic knowledge are what make AAPG a key resource for its members. I would never have become a petroleum geologist if it were not for AAPG. In 1977, Edd R. Turner, former president of AAPG, visited Syracuse University and brought to life what a career in petroleum geology is like by discussing his experience in the field illustrated by a real life project that he had worked on. Today the Visiting Geoscientist Program provides this same outreach to students across the entire globe. Edd inspired me to find a position in the industry and recommended, since Syracuse was not a petroleum geology feeder school, that I drive to Houston and knock on any door that has the word "petroleum" in its company name. I did exactly that and found a job at Getty Oil.



VLASTA DVORAKOVA

Senior researcher - geophysicist, Czech Geological Survey, Brno, Czech Republic
Born 1960, Kyjov, Moravia, Czech Republic

Academic Degrees

1984
M.S., applied geophysics, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Experience

2003-Present
Senior researcher-geophysicist Czech Geological Survey

1995-2003
Senior geophysicist and reservoir geologist, division manager, Duke Engineering & Services (formerly GEOGAS a.s.), later FRAMATOME ANP DE&S, a.s.

1992-95
Independent research geophysicist, Kappa Ltd, Brno, Czech Republic

1984-92
Senior geophysicist, Geofyzika State Company, Brno, Czech Republic

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1996

2014
AAPG ICE Istanbul, general vice co-chair

2006-15
HoD delegate, Europe Region

2008-Present
PROWESS, Nominations & Awards Sub-Committee, co-team leader

2008-Present
Imperial Barrel Award Program, (IBA), Europe Region Organizing Committee, member and host, Prague, Czech Republic

2005-present
AAPG Distinguished Lecture, Europe Region Sub-Committee, Czech Republic representative

2011-13

Europe Region of AAPG, president

2011-13
International Regions Committee

2012-13
HoD Nomination & Election Committee

2012
AAPG presidential tour - Europe Region coordinator and host

2011
Sponsorship Committee co-chair, AAPG ICE Milan

2007
Energy Conference & Exhibition technical program committee chair; short course committee chair, Athens, Greece

2006-09
Secretary/treasurer Europe Region

2004
ER AAPG & GSA Europe Region Conference general vice chair, Prague, Czech Republic

AAPG Honors and Awards

2013
AAPG Certificate of Merit, Europe Region president

2012
AAPG Distinguished Member of the House Award

2011
AAPG Certificate of Merit, sponsorship co-chair, ICE, Milan

2009
AAPG Certificate of Appreciation, treasurer & secretary AAPG Europe Region

2008

AAPG Certificate of Merit, technical program co-chair, ICE, Athens

2004
AAPG Certificate of Appreciation, general vice-chair AAPG Europe Region Conference

Publications

Over 65 company reports on geophysics (physical properties of rocks, seismic interpretation and reservoir geology including some reports on underground gas storages evaluation and modeling).

Over 20 State geological survey reports and testimonies related to local government services, licencing process and petroleum resource potential assessment.

Five confidential reports to the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic and the Czech Government related to unconventional shale gas potential and environmental risks.

1984- present Presentations at professional, geophysical, AAPG conferences and workshops, presentations to the Czech government, parliament and senate, Czech Academy of Sciences and universities, talks and interviews to the public media - TV, radio, newspapers and Internet related to petroleum geoscience topics (2008-present) and unconventional (2010-present).



JIM TUCKER

Consultant, Houston, Texas
Born 1952, Lake Charles, La.

Academic Degrees

M.S., geology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
B.A., geology, Rice University, Houston, TX

Experience

2012-Present
Consulting geologist

2002-12
Geologist, Saudi Aramco

2000-02
Chief geologist, Computational Geology

1997-99
Manager Integrated Studies, general manager-Reservoir Services, CGG Americas

1996
Consulting geologist

1978-95
Geologist, exploration planning director, Atlantic Richfield Company (NAPD, ARCO Oil and Gas, ARCO Exploration, ARCO International Oil and Gas)

1975

Field assistant, Texas A&M University

1974
Summer geologist, Mobil Oil

1972
Field service, Milchem Drilling Controls (centrifuges, shale shalers, desilters)

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1974

Member DPA, EMD
Foundation Trustee Associate

Present 2014
ACE-Houston, judging chair

2008-Present
AAPG/SEG Cooperation Committee (and preceding ad hoc committee), member

2007-09
AAPG Middle East Region, secretary

2002-Present
History of Petroleum Geology Committee, member

2001-04
Education Committee, member

2005-12, 2001-02, 1985-88

HoD, delegate or alternate

1990-95
Bulletin, associate editor

1988-89
LA Basin Geological Society, president

1987-88
Offshore Technology Conference Committee, member and chair

1987
Credentials Committee, House of Delegates

Publications

Articles or abstracts on the Ouachitas, Southeast Turkey, offshore Ghana, prospect portfolio analysis, seismic inversion, subsurface temperatures and dip analysis.

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By Jim Tucker

I am honored to be nominated for treasurer and have the opportunity to contribute to AAPG's future. My initial geological development was through formal education while a Student member, followed by the advice and mentoring from experienced geoscientists during early professional work, and eventually from peers in AAPG and other professional groups. We join AAPG for the science and then discover how much we benefit from our colleagues.

AAPG activities where the treasurer can contribute include, but are not limited to, the following:

- There is significant strength in our global geoscience organization. Many of our members' professional activities grow out of meetings and events sponsored by affiliated Societies, Sections and Regions. The AAPG needs to support these professional groups wherever possible in science, education and professional practice. We must involve our early-career colleagues in local, regional and global geoscience activities during their student and early employment careers. This provides them mentoring and career guidance and the Association benefits from their fresh outlook and enthusiasm.
- We recognize that dues and other payments from some areas around the world are difficult and costly, with funds transfer fees adding considerably to the expense of members' memberships. Our offices outside North America can help with this, but we need to work on this problem. The corporate group memberships will help here and hopefully can be increasingly tailored to many more members' needs.

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By Vlasta Dvorakova

Based on my previous experience through service as an AAPG officer and meetings organizer, I feel that the time is right for me to work with the Executive Committee, Advisory Council, headquarters staff and members to accelerate AAPG's journey to our next era.

My vision for the future of AAPG involves working toward a framework of transparency that can effectively embrace smaller units of AAPG such as the Regions and Sections.

Coming from Central Europe and speaking two of their dominant languages – German and Russian (in addition to my native language and English) – I feel closer to the people of the Regions in terms of understanding their mentality and cultures. This asset brings a sensitivity that I might use to help create a bridge to the central organization from the Regions and Sections. That bridge will make AAPG a more successful international organization.

GUZMÁN *continued*

AAPG is in the process of becoming a truly worldwide organization, and as an international member I have the background and understanding of the issues that can help move the organization in its globalization process. I also understand the challenges regarding the organization's demographics and can help improve the status-particularly regarding age distribution, participation of women and students, for example.

With my 44 years experience in AAPG I have a keen understanding of the organization, I know the membership and have very good working and personal relations with the leaders of the Regions, the Divisions and Sections. During my tenures as president of the Latin America Region, vice president-Regions and chair of the Cancún AAPG International Conference and Exhibition, I met and worked close with many of AAPG's headquarters staff. I know the organization's programs, I have a good understanding of its financial issues, and of the multiple challenges it will be facing and I have ideas on how to improve our bottom line.

In conclusion I have the necessary attributes and leadership skills required to preside successfully over the world class organization that is the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

HOGG *continued*

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office ...

By John Hogg

AAPG! What an invaluable organization, with outstanding programs and services, and a very dedicated staff.

With humility, I'm honored to have been nominated by the Advisory Council and selected by the Executive Committee to run for the position of president-elect.

I began volunteering for AAPG in 1982, at the annual convention in Calgary, my hometown, and at that time I never would have thought years later I would have the opportunity to be the general chair of the 2005 Annual Convention and Exhibition (ACE) in Calgary, and then general chair of the 2010 AAPG International Conference and Exhibition (ICE), let alone now running for president-elect. During all my years in Calgary, I've also been a long-time volunteer in my local affiliated Society, the CSPG and served my fellow Canadians as their president.

My career as a petroleum geologist has been focused on exploration. I am currently vice president of exploration and operations at MGM Energy, an independent company boldly exploring in the Canadian Arctic. Exploration, and new discoveries that result, are energizing and drive me everyday. Geology led me into this vocation and into AAPG as a young professional, and from there I have never stopped working to build a better AAPG for the members.

For me, first and foremost, AAPG is about science – applied science, which originates from our practicing industry members, as well as pure science from our academic members. AAPG's audacious goal, "to be indispensable to all professionals in the energy-related geosciences worldwide," is a great future state, but to become "indispensable worldwide" is about more than science. Collegiality, mentorship, volunteering, professionalism and services – including publications, conferences, GTWs and educational opportunities overall – are very important to each of us, and we need to continuously develop ways to produce even better programs and services.

If I am elected your new president-elect, I have a number of areas that I want to work with you in advancing:

- Disseminate more; we now have the Bulletin, Search and Discovery and the inaugural Interpretation magazine this fall. How do we focus on adding more value from these important resources for our members?

- Establishment of technical interest groups; not quite Divisions, but more than committees; can we grow the membership by bringing members together through shared enthusiasm of our scientific, technical or diversity interests?
- Build on our Regions and Sections; how can AAPG help these geographically focused groups become even more valuable by working as cohesive teams?
- Empower our Young Professionals; encourage them to build new programs and services for their current and future needs?

Lastly, certainly the highpoints of my volunteer career included being the chairman of the House of Delegates, serving as the first international vice president-Regions and receiving AAPG Honorary membership. These were invaluable experiences and honors, which have helped prepare me for this office. If I'm fortunate enough to become your future president, I want to share my enthusiasm and energy for AAPG with each and every member and inspire those that are not yet members to join us.

Simply said, I would greatly appreciate your views, and especially your vote, next spring. Win or lose, I hope you will all consider making the time to get involved with all of us to make AAPG great!

BRACHMAN *continued*

I have had the privilege over the past 30 years to know and work with some of the giants of our industry and believe that we have an obligation to honor their contributions by insuring that AAPG continues to be a forward-looking organization. I am pleased to accept the opportunity to run for AAPG office in the hope that I can help contribute to their legacy.

LEETARU *continued*

My interest in being active in AAPG was strongly influenced by John Amoroso and Robbie Gries, both former presidents, who taught me that volunteering in AAPG has to be part of my career as a petroleum geoscientist. These two individuals and many other AAPG volunteers have influenced me to aspire to become vice president-Sections of our Association. My career has spanned working in both exploration and development at Getty Oil Company and Union Pacific Resources and as a research scientist at the Illinois State Geological Survey. Throughout this entire time period I have relied on AAPG for training, mentoring and geologic information. In the beginning I was mentored by AAPG members and now I am one of the mentors for the next generation of petroleum geoscientists.

As vice president-Sections I will continue supporting AAPG efforts to improve member access to professional development and relevant geologic information. I also will make certain that the resources are in place for these programs. My AAPG activities include organizing a Hedberg conference, convening a summit on Teaching Petroleum Geology, helping convene a joint London Geological Society/AAPG conference, being co-general chair of an Eastern Section meeting and an officer for this same section, and being a member of numerous AAPG committees. These give me a good perspective on the diverse activities of AAPG and the challenges that we face fulfilling AAPG's missions including outreach, professional development, encouraging research and the dissemination of geologic knowledge. Our membership has diverse needs that vary greatly from young professionals to those members working as consultants or for independents, major oil companies and national oil companies.

As AAPG becomes a more international organization we must always remember our rich heritage and continue to provide members with a vibrant society that offers a compelling reason for AAPG membership.

DVORAKOVA *continued*

I would work to make AAPG more agile and responsive to member needs and thus enhance AAPG relative to other organizations. I will work to ensure that they, Regions, Sections and Societies, continue to experience the value that AAPG provides. AAPG has become a strong and respected organization through their participation and the financial support from industry and donors.

During the past decade, AAPG has been able to balance new services for members through the expansion of regional offices and a string of wise fiscal decisions. Moving forward, AAPG must continue to be vigilant with a combination long-term budgetary forecasts and fiscal constraint in the decision making process. Moving forward, the lengthy global recession makes it more important than ever that AAPG manage profit and loss closely and evaluate the budgets and agendas based on lessons learned.

My affiliation with the AAPG is one that has involved the combination of different skills under the auspices of a professional organization. As a scientist I can recognize value of scientific topics/events to attract members and/or participants while as a manager I know the ways and means to implement ambitious and challenging plans. I do have the ability to communicate, inspire confidence and lead. Over my career I have experienced both geoscience and technology from industrial, governmental and academic perspectives, working in all of those sectors.

I am a good fit for the candidacy of AAPG treasurer. Not only because of the combination of the professional, organizational and negotiation skills, but also because I grew up and lived in an environment of permanent shortages, financial and otherwise. This brush with austerity developed skills for managing and maintaining financial balance. This was the way I worked in the Europe Region and this is a skill I believe global AAPG needs, too.

Personally, I can imagine that my father, an economist, would have dreamed about his only daughter following her professional interests that have broadened beyond a career in geosciences that he saw only at the very beginning. In some way this is his heritage and my way to thank him for his support and training.

TUCKER *continued*

• Although the specific treasurer duties are primarily financial, our most valuable asset is the time that members volunteer for the activities of the Association and for the profession. We must act quickly when we recognize opportunities to use that volunteer time more effectively in communications, improved membership information for our Sections and Regions and other areas of member service.

I have been fortunate during my career, working a wide-range of geological regions with many fine colleagues, to live in numerous locations, and have seen many ways that local and global professional societies can serve members and enrich their professional development. My objective is to incorporate these successful practices from our members, to develop an even better association.

All officers of our Association as the Executive Committee continually evaluate the effectiveness of our organization during their terms. In all matters before the Executive Committee, I will base my decisions on the following tests:

- Does this benefit our members?
- Does this benefit the AAPG? If so, near-term, long-term or both?
- Does this benefit the profession?

All members hopefully strive for the AAPG goal “to be indispensable in the energy-related geosciences worldwide.” Keeping this in mind, we will have the strongest and most effective geoscience society possible. Every interested, qualified geoscientist on the planet should join AAPG. We must employ the combined efforts of all our members for the development of our science and profession.

I am grateful for the nomination as a candidate and excited at the prospect for further service. I look forward to applying my experience in local, regional and global geoscience activities to the challenges of the treasurer’s position.



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