



AAPG Candidates for Office – 2010-11

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 Web site through the election period. Online balloting will be available in the spring of 2010. Ballots will be counted on May 16, 2010.

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

ERNEST A. "Ernie" MANCINI

Director of the Berg-Hughes Center for Petroleum and Sedimentary Systems and Research Professor of Geology and Geophysics, Texas A&M University

Born 1947, Reading, Pa.

Academic Degrees
1974

Ph.D., Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

1972

M.S., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.

1969

B.S., Albright College, Reading, Pa.

Experience

2010-present

Director of the Berg-Hughes Center for Petroleum and Sedimentary Systems and Research Professor of Geology and Geophysics, Texas A&M University

2005-2009

University of Alabama, Distinguished Research Professor

1998-2009

University of Alabama, director of the Center for Sedimentary Basin Studies

1984-2009

University of Alabama, professor in geology

2008-2009

University of Alabama, Department of Geological Sciences, interim department chair

1995-2007

Petroleum Technology Transfer Council, regional director of the Eastern Gulf Region

1982-96

Geological Survey of Alabama, state geologist and director; State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama, oil and gas supervisor and director

1988-89

University of Alabama, School of Mines and Energy Development, interim director

1979-84

University of Alabama, associate professor in geology

1976-79

University of Alabama, assistant professor in geology

1976-78

University of Alabama, Mineral Resources Institute, petroleum research geologist



1974-76

Cities Service Company, Denver, petroleum exploration geologist

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1979, member DPA, EMD

2007-present

Research Committee, member

2004-present

Publications Committee, member

2009

AAPG annual convention, technical session co-chair

2008

AAPG annual convention, technical session co-chair

2004-07

AAPG Elected Editor

2004-06

Publications Pipeline Committee

2005

Research Conference on Origin of Petroleum, co-chair

2004-05

Bulletin Reformat ad hoc Committee, chair; Ethics Subcommittee

2004

AAPG annual convention, technical session co-chair

2003-04

Bulletin, associate editor; Bulletin ad hoc Committee, member

2002-04

Reservoir Development Committee, member

2001-04

Research Committee, chair

1996-04

Research Committee, member

1999-2003

Preservation of Samples and Cores Committee, member

2001

Hedberg Research Conference on Sequence Stratigraphy, co-chair

1998-2001

Research Committee, vice chair

2000

Hedberg Research Conference on Carbonate Reservoirs, co-chair; AAPG annual convention, technical session co-chair

1993-99

DEG Environmental Issues Committee, member

1994-97

DEG Advisory Board, member

1993

DEG charter member; AAPG field trip, co-leader

1986

EMD field trip, co-leader

1980-83

Membership Committee, member

AAPG Honors and Awards

2008

AAPG Honorary Member

2007

Award of Excellence/ elected editor

2005

Certificate of Merit/Bulletin; Reformat Committee chair

2004

Certificate of Merit/Research Committee chair

2000

Distinguished Educator Award

1987-88

Haas-Pratt Distinguished Lecturer

1980

A.I. Levorsen Petroleum Geology Award

Publications

Three edited Hedberg/ Research Conference abstract/program books, 12 field trip guidebooks, 142 journal articles/book chapters/proceedings volume papers, 39 technical reports, 243 abstracts, 88 invited technical presentations, 21 technology workshops, 141 technical meeting presentations (publications and presentations on petroleum geology and related geoscience subjects).

PAUL WEIMER

Professor, Bruce D. Benson Endowed Chair, University of Colorado

Director of Energy and Minerals Applied Research Center

Consulting geologist

Born 1956, Denver



Academic Degrees
1989

Ph.D., geology, University of Texas at Austin

1980

M.S., geology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

1978

B.A. (Hons), geology, Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.

Experience

1990-present

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; Consulting geologist

1988-90

Mobil Oil, international exploration and research

1985-87

USGS, volunteer, Menlo Park, Calif., Alaska Division

1980-84

Sohio Petroleum, exploration geologist, Northern Alaska

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1978, member DPA, DEG, EMD, Foundation Trustee Associate

2007-present

AAPG 100th Anniversary Committee

1998-present

Short course instructor

2009-11

Distinguished Lecture Committee

2009

Annual Convention, Denver, technical program vice-chairman

2008-10

Education Committee; Publications Committee

2008-09

Imperial Barrel Adviser

2002-05

Distinguished Lecture Committee

AAPG Honors and Awards

2005

AAPG Grover T. Murray Distinguished Educator Award

2003

AAPG Distinguished Service Award

1998-99

AAPG Distinguished Lecturer

1992

AAPG J.C. "Cam" Sproule Memorial Award

Publications

Co-authored two books on petroleum geology of deepwater margins (AAPG Studies in Geology 57).

Co-edited nine books on North Alaskan geology, petroleum geology of deep-water settings, sequence stratigraphy (Memoir 58), 3D seismic interpretation (AAPG Studies in Geology 42).

Co-authored 120 papers on sequence stratigraphy, structural geology, tectonics, petroleum systems, biostratigraphy, including 22 in the AAPG Bulletin (10 in press), six in AAPG Special Publications, 30 in GCAGS Proceedings.

2002-04

AAPG treasurer; Investment, Insurance, Membership, Geophysical Integration, Research, Reservoir Geology Committees

2000-02

Distinguished Lecture Committee, chairman

1999

International Convention, Birmingham, England, oral session chairman

1998-99

AAPG/SEG Committee on Joint Projects

1997-2000

AAPG Bulletin, associate editor

1998

AAPG/EAGE Third Research Symposium, Almeria, Spain, co-convener

1998-99

Distinguished Lecture Committee, vice chairman

1992-98

Student Chapter sponsor

1996-97

AAPG Technical Program Liaison Committee

1994-97

Field Course leader

1994

AAPG Annual Convention, Denver, poster session chairman

1991-96

Distinguished Lecture Committee; Geophysics Committee

1991-94

Membership Committee; Research Committee

1991

AAPG Annual Convention, Dallas, technical program chairman

1985

AAPG Pacific Section meeting, Anchorage, Alaska, Technical Program Committee

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

By ERNEST A. MANCINI

I am a teacher, mentor and researcher of petroleum geology and related geoscientific fields. My experience includes: earth science teacher in Illinois; petroleum exploration geologist with Cities Service Company in Denver; Oil and Gas Supervisor for the Alabama State Oil and Gas Board (regulatory agency); State Geologist for Alabama; Director of the Geological Survey of Alabama; Director of the Eastern Gulf Region of the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council; Director of the Center for Sedimentary Basin Studies, University of Alabama; Distinguished Research Professor, University of Alabama; and scientific adviser to governors, state legislators, and members of Congress. In these capacities, I have emphasized the educational aspects of these positions, particularly teaching concepts and applications of petroleum geology to university students and professionals and advising policy-makers and regulators on the importance of including science in the decision making process.

Early in my career, I realized that AAPG best captured my scientific and professional interests. Thus, I elected to actively participate in the activities of the Association. I particularly enjoy presenting papers at AAPG annual and international meetings, organizing Hedberg Research Conferences, serving as a technical session co-chair at meetings, leading field trips and conducting information and technology workshops. These commitments led to serving on committees, including Research Committee Chair, serving as a Bulletin Associate Editor, and being elected AAPG Editor. This leadership and service have prepared me to serve the membership at a higher level.

In my opinion, AAPG's service to its membership is chiefly measured by success in three principal areas: the business, profession and science

of petroleum and other energy-related geosciences. Clearly, with regard to success in the business of petroleum, AAPG has no equal among geoscientific societies. Also, the Association's contributions to the members in the area of the profession of petroleum are outstanding. Although AAPG has a long history in advancing the science of petroleum, recent successes of other organizations in this area challenge AAPG's leadership. AAPG should increase its efforts to maintain leadership in the science of petroleum through enhanced knowledge, information and data dissemination initiatives and education programs, including those for small oil and gas producers. These endeavors will require the Association to balance its resources among its valued programs. My experiences in industry, academia and government and service in leadership positions in geoscientific societies and educational organizations provide me with unique insight as to how to achieve a more balanced program of member services. Such a comprehensive and balanced approach is consistent with the core purpose stated in the Association's strategic plan: "to advance the science and profession of energy-related geosciences worldwide."

Therefore, I accepted the invitation to stand for the office of President-elect.

I will add that by standing for office, I have the opportunity to enter into a dialog with AAPG members and leadership about my vision on how to maintain pre-eminence in the science of petroleum and other energy-related geosciences, as well as continue to meet the needs of the membership in the areas of the business and the profession of petroleum. □

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

By PAUL WEIMER

AAPG is a force for good in our profession. But like all professional societies, AAPG faces many challenges in these rapidly changing times. I see the main challenges as recurring issues.

* Ensuring that AAPG remains valuable to members, offering the services members need at the lowest possible price.

* Ensuring that AAPG's programs mirror the interdisciplinary approaches that are the future of the petroleum industry.

* Addressing AAPG's continuing potential decline in membership, which decreases AAPG's revenue and endangers our future as a vital professional society.

* Helping build the next generation of AAPG leadership with active recruitment and mentoring of young geoscientists.

These challenges recur year after year, so there are no simple solutions. Collectively, every Executive Committee must continue to address these challenges in creative and innovative ways.

I have been fortunate to have served AAPG in several ways that are relevant to these challenges.

As AAPG Treasurer, I worked with the Budget, Investment, Insurance and Membership Committees – all essential to the future financial health of the association.

I served on the technical program committees for several conventions and conferences during the past 25 years.

I co-authored one book for AAPG, co-edited two AAPG books, served as an Associate Editor for the Bulletin.

I chaired the Distinguished Lecture Committee, helping initiate two new interdisciplinary distinguished lecture programs with SEG (1999) and with SPE and SEG (2002). I also served on Geophysical Integration, Research, Education, 100th Anniversary, Publications and Reservoir Geology Committees.

I served on several strategy-related committees, including an ad hoc committee in early 1999 to investigate areas of overlap between different professional societies.

Through these AAPG activities, my goal as an applied academic and consulting geoscientist is to keep pace with technical advances. As a professor, I also need to prepare students for careers in industry.

If elected President, I will use these experiences to address the ongoing challenges that we face. Specifically, I'll work with members and officers to investigate:

* Using technology to disseminate technical information rapidly.

* Continuing to educate AAPG members about interdisciplinary approaches to our profession. We should consider partnering with related professional groups for continuing education, publications, scientific conferences and conventions.

* Systematically re-building our membership through recruitment of young geoscientists. This requires coordinated efforts through many committees. We should focus our membership efforts not only on AAPG student chapters, but also on young geoscientists who already are working in companies.

* The changes in the member rate structure have been essential to increasing the International membership, critical to AAPG's future success. We can engage more potential international members by providing technical and business services they need, as identified in the recent strategic policy document.

In conclusion, I am honored to be asked to stand for AAPG President, and will work hard to represent members' interests and keep our profession vibrant. Thank you for the privilege. □

VICE PRESIDENT-SECTIONS

MARVIN D. BRITTENHAM

Team Lead New Ventures USA, EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)

Born 1945, Miles City, Mont.

Academic Degrees

1969

B.S., geology, University of Montana

1973

M.S., geology, University of Montana

Experience

2002-present

EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), team lead new ventures USA, Denver

1996-2002

Flying J Oil & Gas, vice president-exploration, Salt Lake City, Utah

1989-2006

Columbia Gas Development, exploration manager-North division and team lead upper Gulf Coast, Houston

1985-89

Brittenham & Associates, owner, Denver



1978-85

Snyder Oil & Gas, senior vice president-exploration, Denver

1975-78

Impel Energy, chief geologist, vice president-geology, Denver

1970-75

Texaco, exploration geologist, district geologist, Denver

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1975, member DPA

2009

AAPG Annual Convention, Denver, general vice chair

2003-06

DPA Advisory Council member

2002-03

Convention Coordination Committee

2000-03

DPA Advisory Council member

2003

AAPG Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, general vice chair

1989

HoD, delegate

1984-87

HoD, delegate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2009

AAPG Certificate of Merit

2004

AAPG Certificate of Merit

Publications

Various publications and presentations on Rocky Mountain geology, teamwork in E&P and recent forums on exploration experiences and discovery thinking.

CHARLES A. STERNBACH

President, Star Creek Energy Co., Houston
Born 1957, New York, N.Y.

Academic Degrees

1984

Ph.D., geology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

1981

M.S., geology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

1980

B.A., geology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Experience

2007-present

Star Creek Energy Co., president

2004-present

First Place Energy GP LLC, managing partner of First Place Energy Ltd., president

1997-2004

JOG Corp. (Tom Jordan Oil and Gas), geologist and Houston exploration manager

1984-97

Shell Western Exploration and Production, staff geologist

1981-84

U.S. Department of Energy (Research Grant)

1981 and 1982

Sun Production, Tulsa and Houston, summer geologist



1980-81

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hanover N.H.

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1980, member DPA

2004-present

Foundation Trustee Associate

2007-09

Astrogeology Committee, vice chairman

2006-09

100th Anniversary Committee, chairman

2004-07

History of Petroleum Geology Committee, member

2003-06

Annual Conference and Exhibits Committee, member

2006

AAPG annual convention, Houston, general chairman

2004-05

100th Anniversary (ad hoc) Committee, chairman

2000-05

Committee Member mentor

2002

AAPG annual convention, Houston, general co-vice chairman

1991-01

HoD, delegate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2009

DPA Certificate of Merit

2006

AAPG Certificate of Merit

2005

AAPG Distinguished Service; DPA Certificate of Merit

2004

AAPG Certificate of Merit

Publications

In prep, Great American Carbonate Bank, AAPG Memoir, co-editor.

2005 "Discoverers of the 20th Century: Perfecting the Search", AAPG Special Publication, lead editor.

2003 "Heritage of the Petroleum Geologist", DPA Special Publication, co-editor.

2000 Article "The Millennial Geoscientist," Offshore Magazine.

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

By MARVIN D. BRITTENHAM

Nomination as a candidate for Vice President-Sections is a high honor. I appreciate the expression of confidence by my peers that I can successfully meet the challenges of AAPG leadership during these difficult economic times.

My acceptance is rooted in my desire to reciprocate for the benefits realized from a long rewarding career in geology, my belief in the value of AAPG and my confidence in the professional, leadership and business skills I bring to the organization.

Early in my career I advanced through a management career track; as you can see from my bio. However, I always have maintained professional proficiency so that my contributions are meaningful both as a technical member and leader of the team. The services and benefits of AAPG, DPA, the Sections and local Societies throughout North America have been instrumental in my professional growth.

As a manager and leader I became a consensus builder and team proponent long before interdisciplinary teams were in vogue. I have successfully employed these skills in my professional leadership roles as well. For instance at the local society level, Tom Chidsey and I, during successive terms as President of the Utah Geological Association, improved the financial position from barely sustainable

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

By CHARLES STERNBACH

AAPG has inspired me from the moment my college adviser said, "You should join AAPG. Do it now." That was 30 years ago. Though I reside in Texas, I have been fortunate to explore for oil and gas in all AAPG Sections. So, I know AAPG sections from the geology up. I agreed to stand as a nominee for Vice President-Sections to repay AAPG for bestowing upon me a lifetime of benefits, fascinating geology and cherished friendships.

AAPG sections mean a lot to me; all of them. I started in the Eastern Section as a student in New York and have subsequently drilled successful wildcats in Michigan. I've explored the Southwest and Mid-continent sections, where I presented professional papers

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JAMES S. McGHAY

Vice president,
Mid-Con Energy
Born 1950,
Enid, Okla.

Academic Degrees

1973
B.S., geology, Oklahoma
State University

Experience

2004-present

Mid-Con Energy,
vice president

1997-2004

Geo-Logic Concepts,
independent geologist

1987-97

Diamond Energy,
senior geologist

1983-86

Petromark Resources,
vice president

1974-83

Henry Gungoll
Associates, geologist

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1972,
member DEG, EMD

2008-present

Pension Committee;
Petroleum Technology



Transfer Council;
Preservation of
Geoscience Data Committee

2007-present

Public Outreach
Committee

2005-present

Sections Committee

1999-present

Investment Committee

1998-present

HoD, delegate

2007-09

HoD Honors and Awards
Committee, chairman;
HoD Nominations
Committee

Sections Committee,
chairman

2005-08

Advisory Council

2006-07

Sections Committee,
vice chair

2004-05

Pension Plan ad hoc
Committee, vice chairman;
Domestic Sections
ad hoc Committee

2002-04

Career Services ad hoc
Committee

2001-04

Ballot Committee

2002-03

Tulsa Geological Society,
president

2001-03

Mid-Continent Section,
president

1999-2005

Section officer -
Mid-Continent

1999-02

Advisory Council

1992-98

HoD, alternate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2008

HoD Certificate of Service

2004

AAPG Certificate of Merit

JAMES W. TUCKER

Geological specialist,
Saudi Aramco
Born 1952,
Lake Charles, La.

Academic Degrees

1980
M.S., geology,
Texas A&M University

1974

B.A., geology,
Rice University

Experience

2002-present

Saudi Aramco,
geological specialist

2000-02

Computational Geology,
chief geologist

1997-99

CGG Americas, manager
integrated studies,
general manager
reservoir services

1996

Consultant

1978-1995

Atlantic Richfield Com-
pany (NAPD, ARCO Oil
and Gas, ARCO Explora-
tion, ARCO Interna-
tional Oil and Gas),



geologist, exploration
planning director

1975

Texas A&M University,
field assistant

1974

Mobil Oil, summer geologist

1972

Milchem Drilling Controls,
field service (shale
shakers, desilters, mud
centrifuges); California
Registered Professional
Geologist #4386; Texas
Professional Geoscientist
#2182

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1974,
member DPA

2008-present

AAPG/SEG ad hoc
Committee on
Geoscience Integration

2002-present

History of Petroleum
Geology Committee

2007-09

AAPG Middle East
Region, secretary

2001-04

Education Committee

2001-02

HoD, delegate or
alternate

1990-95

Bulletin, associate editor

1987-88

OTC Committee

1985-88

HoD, delegate or
alternate

1987

HoD Credentials
Committee

Publications

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

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

By JIM McGHAY

Several reasons attract me to run for this position in the Association and honestly are quite selfish. I have greatly enjoyed working with leadership boards and executive committees in geoscience organizations. These people teach and encourage me and become great friends. Personally with AAPG, the professional staff are easy to communicate with, are dedicated, professional and flexible in dealing with the transitions of the organization, and are a joy to work with.

I anticipate learning more about, and sharing with members, the inner workings of the Association; its processes, products and services, how it serves the members and the various industries and communities in which we live and work. This can be accomplished through active participation, becoming more immersed in the financial underpinnings and transactions of the Association.

AAPG, as an organization and a collective of leaders, mentors and friends has truly been my personal career partner, in great measure due to the dedication of many people who have served in the past. I have a great debt to these people and the organization and I would hope that by maintaining this tradition it will continue to be an important part of our members' careers for the next generations of geoscientists.

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

By J.W. TUCKER

I am honored to be nominated for Treasurer and to have the opportunity to contribute to the future of our Association. 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 the AAPG and other professional groups. I look for ways to effectively share my experience with our professional community. We join AAPG for the science and then learn to benefit from our colleagues.

Some of the AAPG opportunities and activities where the Treasurer can contribute include, but are not limited to, the following:

– There is a great deal of strength in our global geoscience organization. However, many of our members' regular professional activities grow out of the meetings and other events sponsored by Affiliated Societies, Sections and Regions. The AAPG needs to support these professional groups wherever possible in science, education and professional practice. It is particularly important to involve our early-career colleagues in local, regional and global geoscience activities during their student and initial employment careers. This provides

ASHTON F. EMBRY

Geologist, Geological Survey of Canada

Born 1946, Washington D.C.

Academic Degrees

1976
Ph.D., geology, University of Calgary

1970
M.S., geology, University of Calgary

1968
B.S. (Hons), geology, University of Manitoba

Experience

1977-present
Regional Stratigrapher, Geological Survey of Canada

1976-77
Geologist, BP Canada

1970-72
Geologist, Mobil Canada

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1971

2008-11
Bulletin, associate editor

2005-11
Publications Committee

2005
Annual Convention, Calgary, technical program, coordinator

1993-01
Bulletin, associate editor



1992
Annual Convention, Calgary technical program, coordinator

1987-90
HoD, delegate

AAPG Honors and Awards

2008
Public Service Award

2005
Certificate of Merit

1996
Distinguished Service Award

1974
J.C. Sproule Memorial Award

Publications

Numerous peer-reviewed articles on stratigraphy and petroleum potential of the Sverdrup Basin, Arctic Canada; Arctic tectonics; Circum-Arctic correlations; Concepts and applications of sequence stratigraphy.

Most recent contributions include:

Embry, A. & Beauchamp, B., 2008, Sverdrup Basin. In: Miall, A. (ed) Sedimentary Basins of the World, v. 5; The sedimentary basins of the United States and Canada. Elsevier, Amsterdam. 451-472.

Embry, A., in press, Correlating Siliciclastic Successions with Sequence Stratigraphy. In: Ratcliffe, K. and Zaitlin, B.(eds.), Application of Modern Stratigraphic Techniques: Theory and Case Histories, SEPM Spec. Pub 94.

Embry, A., in press, Petroleum Prospectivity of the Triassic-Jurassic Succession of Sverdrup Basin, Canadian Arctic Archipelago. In: Spencer, A., Sorensen, K., Gautier, D., Stoupakova, A. and Embry, A. (eds.), Arctic Geology and Petroleum Potential, Geological Society of London Memoir.

Embry, A., in press, Crockerland - the source area for the Triassic to Middle Jurassic strata of northern Axel Heiberg Island, Canadian Arctic Islands. Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology.

STEPHEN E. LAUBACH

Senior research scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology

Born 1955

Academic Degrees

1986
Ph.D., geology, University of Illinois-Urbana

1983
M.S., geology, University of Illinois-Urbana

1978
B.S., geology, Tufts University

Experience

1986-present
Bureau of Economic Geology, geologist

1985-86
Lehigh University, visiting lecturer

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG 1978, member EMD

2004-07
Academic Liaison Committee, chair



Student Focus ad hoc Committee

1997-2007
Research Committee

2004
Hedberg Research Conference, co-convener

2001-04
Research Committee, vice chair

Distinguished Lecture Committee

2000-04
Academic Liaison Committee, member

1999-2004
Visiting Geoscientist Program, lecturer

Fractured Reservoir School, instructor

1999-2002
Bulletin, associate editor

1997
AAPG Reservoir Deformation Research Group

AAPG Honors and Awards

2007
Certificate of Merit

AAPG Award of Excellence, "Top 10" Oral Presentation

1999
Jules Braunstein Award
Citation of Excellence of Review (Bulletin)

Publications

Numerous peer-reviewed publications and presentations on unconventional reservoirs, structural geology, and natural fractures and their effects on hydrocarbon reservoirs.

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office
By **STEPHEN E. LAUBACH**

I first encountered the Bulletin more than three decades ago in Houston as a summer intern for General Crude Oil. The Bulletin has been important to me ever since. At the time, my supervisor must have been astonished at my amazement that an entire magazine could be dedicated to geology. Although I had to turn to the Houston Public Library for the answer to my immediate question that day – "What the heck is an isopach map?" – I soon became a Bulletin reader and, eventually, a contributor and associate editor. My favorite Bulletin papers are those that tackle fundamental scientific issues and present clear, practical applications. That's what our profession is about, science in support of the societal good of making energy readily available.

I thank AAPG for my selection as a candidate for the office of AAPG Elected Editor and look forward to serving the Association if elected. I accepted the invitation because of the opportunity it affords me to assist in the AAPG mission of promoting scientific excellence and professional development.

I believe that my experience over the last two decades leading petroleum research programs has prepared me for the challenges and responsibilities of Editor. Although I have broad interests in petroleum geoscience, my own work has focused on unconventional reservoirs. Working on this class of reservoirs has underlined for me

Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office
By **ASHTON EMBRY**

I was somewhat surprised to be asked to stand for AAPG Editor but, when I realized I was standing beside a Texan, the clouds parted. That said, I would note that Steve comes with impressive, gold-plated credentials and I may well vote for him myself. My credentials on the other hand might be characterized as being plastic-coated which at least keeps them dry. I am old (have read the Bulletin for 42 years), opinionated (don't get me started on Exxon-style sequence stratigraphy) and a skeptical empiricist (I don't believe in mythical beings).

So why did I accept the invitation to be a candidate? Simple, I am a volunteer junkie and have never turned down a volunteer opportunity in the past 41 years. This has resulted in many evenings knocking on doors and asking for money for a good cause and in running

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with minor yearly activities to a robust, financially stable organization with a very healthy reserve.

In addition to my 35 years of business experience in oil and gas management, I have completed the Mid-management Program and Program for Senior Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry through Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business. While AAPG is a premier professional organization it also is a big business. Continuation of good business practices is very important in sustaining our organization.

Early in my career in the mid-1980s while I was vice president of RMAG, our industry suffered a major recession. This resulted in unprecedented job losses – a significant loss of geologic talent and membership in our professional societies including AAPG. Hal Kellogg and I, through the RMAG Career Transition Center, helped to ease the hardship to individual geoscientists. It was a rewarding and at the

same time frustrating task because we knew we were losing a part of a generation of talented geologists, a ripple that still affects the demographics of our profession. As we enter this recession we need to endeavor to not let that happen again.

Standing for office as Vice President-Sections is the best fit for me given my diversity of assignments within the United States and the consequential exposure to the issues facing the Sections and local organizations. My work experience has given me exposure to virtually every play and basin in North America and an understanding of the technical and economic drivers unique to those areas.

Above all I am driven by my passion for the profession of petroleum geology. Serving AAPG in any capacity is a great means of directing that passion towards improving the professional benefits of succeeding generations of geoscientists. □

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on the Anadarko, Arkoma, and Permian Basins. I'm a longstanding RMAG member who's prospected the Williston Basin and Rockies. I mapped Sierra Nevada surface geology and later worked for a California-based independent in the Pacific Section. GCAGS is important to me because of my home in Houston (for 26 years), richly rewarding geology, and my Gulf Coast volunteer service. HGS elected me President (1999-2000) and Vice President (1997-98). I chaired several HGS committees: Membership Growth, Advisory, Emerging Technology and North American Explorationists.

I believe good decisions, made in the moment, look to well-chosen goals or principles. As coxswain in college crew, I navigated an eight-man rowing scull through waves and storms sighting "guideposts" on distant shores. As General Chairman for the 2006 AAPG Annual Convention in Houston, our theme "Perfecting the Search- Delivering on Promises" was the vision to showcase better science and business practices. It was a BIG convention. Meaningful programs fulfilled the theme. AAPG's daily decisions should keep our strategic goals in mind.

It has been a privilege to attend a dozen AAPG Leadership conferences. These annual meetings convene AAPG leaders, committees, dedicated volunteers and headquarters staff. I have been honored to

chair, vice chair, or preside on 10 committees (national and local). I have observed that what gets done is not about what others "should do," but rather what we ourselves are willing to do.

What I would advocate:

Advance fundamental purposes of AAPG: focus on quality and meaningful science, disseminate geological information, inspire and maintain high standards of professional conduct.

Promote good communication among Sections and Regions. Share best practices using online technology.

Celebrate our heritage. As chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee, we initiated the "100 who made a difference" program and "Discovery Thinking" forums. These should be expanded to honor remarkable men and women in all Sections and Regions. Inspiring future leaders is important business.

Increase membership and raise the tide for all AAPG programs. Vigorously support global growth that expands creativity, geography, shared experiences and professional well being for all members.

Improve organizational efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

Halbouty (1967) compels geoscientists to leave our Heritage "better than we found it." I'm ready to do my part and to work for an AAPG indispensable to energy-related geoscientists worldwide. □

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What skills do I bring to the position of Treasurer? While I have no formal education in accounting or business management, through a career as an independent and consultant, also within several private production companies, has afforded me exposure and experience in corporate budgeting, financial reporting and money management.

As a participant in professional organizations, I have been fortunate to gain familiarity with organization's revenues and disbursements through opportunities as Treasurer and President of the Tulsa Geological Society, Treasurer and President of the AAPG Mid-continent Section, Treasurer and Director of the Oklahoma Well Log Library and Director and Chairman of Energy Libraries Online. On the Investment and the Pension committees of AAPG I have had the opportunity to learn about portions of this Association's finances and business practices. I seek to know more.

These experiences have taught me to look carefully at revenues and expenses and consider all activities in light of the specific mission of the organizations, regarding both near-term conditions and long-term expectations. The exposure and experience of these opportunities also have taught me that as an individual I do not have the answers, and to seek out the assistance and counsel of knowledgeable professionals as well as past and future organization leaders when both routine and difficult decisions must be made.

As a member who "takes" from the Association, I owe a debt to keep this organization strong and viable for future members and believe that by our faithful service and careful stewardship this will be so. For all of these reasons, it is an honor to stand for election as AAPG Treasurer, and I would love the opportunity to serve you and the Association. □

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them the benefits of peer experience and mentoring, and the Association benefits from their fresh outlook and enthusiasm.

– We have recognized for over twenty years 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' membership. Our offices outside North America can help with this, but we need to work on this problem. Also, the corporate group memberships will help here, and hopefully can be increasingly tailored to many more members' needs.

– 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 need to act quickly when we recognize opportunities to use that volunteer time more effectively, whether in communications, improved membership information for our Sections and Regions, or other areas of member service.

All officers of our Association and the Executive Committee continually evaluate the effectiveness of our organization during their terms and review and update the Strategic Plan when necessary. All members hopefully strive for the AAPG goal “to be indispensable in the energy-related geosciences worldwide.” When we keep this in mind we will have the strongest and most effective geoscience society possible. Over the past several years we have worked diligently to ensure representation of all members, and to remove unnecessary obstacles to membership, so that every interested, qualified geoscientist on the planet can join AAPG. We now need to 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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Canada's second largest multiple sclerosis charity. Professionally, I have probably spent more hours “working” for the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists and AAPG than for my putative employer, the Geological Survey of Canada. Given all the great experiences I have enjoyed, and the many remarkable people I have met through volunteerism, I regret not having done more.

My involvement with editing began 30 years ago when I helped to put together a lexicon of Arctic lithostratigraphy for CSPG. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and subsequently co-edited three CSPG memoirs and a special volume for Marine Geology. I am currently working on a Geological Society of London Memoir on Arctic Petroleum Geology. I was also the editor of the Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology for eight years and, following this, served as Senior Managing Editor for CSPG for seven years. My editorial involvement with AAPG has been as an associate editor, on and off, for 10 years.

As far as the Bulletin goes, I think it is in very good shape. I am in favor of the combined hard copy/digital production and would like to see the digital version have as many added features as possible (e.g.

supplementary data, color diagrams). I think E&P Notes were very useful and such contributions are worth resurrecting. I also would like to see more conceptual articles, which offer new insights and provide alternatives to ruling theories. I am also a strong advocate of bringing papers into print from authors whose first language is not English.

My experience with medical journals (Ironically, my second most cited article is “Vitamin D and seasonal variation in gadolinium-enhanced lesions in multiple sclerosis.”) has opened my eyes to the value of four-five page articles. I certainly have no problem with lengthy, data-rich articles but Bulletin readers also may enjoy shorter, punchy contributions. Other new initiatives that are worth considering are a monthly summary of highly relevant articles published in other journals, and five-minute videos of Bulletin authors summarizing their data and conclusions. I also would note that medical journals turn around papers in two months or less and perhaps the Bulletin can strive to match this. □

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the importance of cross disciplinary thinking, particularly the links between geology and engineering and geophysics. As an author and reviewer of papers, and as supervisor of graduate students I appreciate clear, concise manuscripts that have something original to say. Furthermore, I understand the Association's inner workings and Executive Committee responsibilities from serving on the Research and Academic Liaison committees, by leading AAPG schools, organizing a Hedberg conference, and participating in the Visiting Geoscientist Program.

The AAPG Bulletin and AAPG Special Publications have been central to the advance of the science and profession of energy-related geosciences. Although there are many changes taking place in publishing today, particularly in the sciences, the great professional journals and books remain essential. For AAPG publications to continue to be indispensable to all professionals in the energy-related

geosciences worldwide, the Elected Editor must help attract the best science and assist the associate editors and publications committee to provide the most rigorous and supportive peer-reviews so that we publish the most timely, relevant and readable science. A challenge over the next few years will be to make it easier for authors from industry to advance a body of work from informal presentation to formal publication, so that a greater proportion of the studies undertaken by our active industry professionals are rigorously described in the Bulletin and our book series. On the principle that “writing is thinking” I'm convinced that the exercise of preparing papers for the Bulletin and for our book series can benefit authors (and employers) as much as they benefit readers as we grapple with the challenges posed by increasingly complex exploration and development targets. □