

# The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

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## **COCBAP3—Executive, AC & House Leadership Recommend Defeat!**

**Summary by George Eynon, Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

**Lowell Lischer, Chairman  
Ed Dolly, Chairman-Elect  
Sandi Barber, Secretary-Editor**

Delegates to the House, who will be voting on this issue in Denver, now have the benefit of clear opinions from the Association's other two governing bodies, as well as that of the House leadership, to help make an informed decision.

With communication such a key issue in an organization such as ours, AAPG has already informally instituted part of COCBAP (Committee on Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Procedure). This procedure, previously adopted by the EC, suggests opinions be sought from the AC, EC and HOD on all resolutions for amendments (COCBAP2a, see final paragraph below). In the September 2000 *The Delegates' Voice* we outlined the history of COCBAP and in particular the final, third recommendation of that committee, which was as follows:

**3. Constitutional Amendment** – *The EC should pass a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment. The proposed amendment would prevent any one body (AC, EC, or HOD) from proposing amendments which would "alter the composition, manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to such bodies and officers" without the consent of the affected body. This resolution for amendment should be submitted to the HOD, and if passed by a majority vote, will be submitted to the entire membership for vote.*

The House leadership asked for and has already received opinions from the other two bodies. All three bodies recommend defeating COCBAP3 when it comes

before the House in Denver. Their decisions are summarized:

**The Executive Committee (EC)**  
The Executive Committee discussed the COCBAP3 issue at its meeting in Houston on October 26, 2000. As a result of that discussion, the Executive Committee voted to "recommend defeat" of COCBAP3 by a vote of five (5) in favor, one (1) opposed, and one (1) abstention.

**The Advisory Council (AC)**  
The AC discussed the COCBAP3 in teleconference meetings on October 10 and November 6, 2000. In the first of these a motion to "recommend defeat of COCBAP3 by the House of Delegates." was tabled until the second teleconference so that all AC members could give the matter further consideration, and on November 6, after some discussion and clarification, the AC passed the motion unanimously—thirteen (13) to zero (0).

**House of Delegates (HOD) Leadership**  
At a meeting in August, the "leadership" of the House of Delegates (Chairman, Chairman-Elect, Secretary-Editor) and the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Committee Chairman discussed the issue, unanimously agreeing to recommend defeat of COCBAP3.



The House leadership feels very strongly about a need for greater cooperative effort among the EC, AC, and HOD in effecting change in the Association. Informally adopting the procedures outlined in COCBAP2, the House has been publishing the resolutions for all constitution and bylaws amendments and seeking input from other AAPG bodies (items from COCBAP2). However, the amendment proposed by COCBAP3 could bring any legislative change in the Association to a standstill. Its provisions do not serve to promote and to improve communications between the three bodies of the AAPG. The HOD leadership believes that rather than fostering cooperation, the COCBAP3 recommendation could serve to create further antagonism.

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## **Chairman's Corner**

**by Lowell Lischer**

I have now had the opportunity to meet and speak with delegates at Delegate Breakfasts at the Rocky Mountain Section (28 attendees), Eastern Section (36 attendees) and GCAGS meetings (96 attendees). It was great to have this opportunity to not only address the delegates and other attendees, but to be able to put more faces with names. I thank all of you who have attended so far and certainly want to encourage delegates to attend the Southwest Section meeting in March and Pacific Section in April.

I am also working to establish meetings with larger delegations or large gatherings of delegates starting in January. This too will not only give me the added benefit of meeting more of you, but more important to discuss the issues we face this year and answer your questions. Most of this will have been handled through direct telephone contacts or on the Forum. But, there is still time if we need to set up a meeting with your delegation. Please contact me if we need to set up a meeting.

At the various breakfast meetings, just as in my last "Chairman's Corner" I have stressed the importance of being an informed delegate. There is a lot of new information to be digested just in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice* and more and more information is appearing on the Forum weekly all the time. I do not feel it can be over-emphasized that if we are going to keep the Denver meeting on task and as brief as humanly possible, it is going to take an effort by all of us to be prepared.

This issue contains the opinions of the House leadership, Executive Committee, and Advisory Council regarding the matter of COCBAP3. It was important to the deliberations by the House of Delegates that we had some comprehension of how each of these bodies of the AAPG felt regarding this issue. This information does not eliminate the issue of COCBAP3 from our consideration in

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As a follow-up to this issue, the AC included in its motion to defeat COCBAP3 a "request that the House of Delegates Constitution and Bylaws Committee formulate language to embrace the intent of COCBAP2a." The House C&BL committee is preparing an amendment that we hope to fast-track for the Denver meeting to formally "require opinions from the EC, AC and HOD on resolutions for amendment," since it is clear that all three bodies are in favor of this.

It is a pleasure to see the system working so well – congratulations and thanks to all involved to-date.

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## CHAIRMAN-ELECT'S CORNER

by Ed Dolly

### MEMBER VOTING HABITS

I broached the topic of Delegates' voting habits in my last column, emphasizing our duty to vote on behalf of the AAPG members we represent — on each issue brought before us as Delegates. I received close to two dozen e-mail responses from fellow Delegates in agreement with that premise. No one who responded disagreed. Whether or not a higher percentage of Delegates will vote next time around remains to be seen.

In this issue, I'd like to expand on the subject of voting by focusing on a different aspect of it. Neither the AAPG Constitution nor its Bylaws contain any provision regarding a minimum number of votes required to constitute valid election results on any issue brought before the general membership of the organization. Therefore, technically only ONE vote need be cast on any ballot! One vote is not very representative of our 20,000± voting-eligible members, is it? Yes, of course that is an exaggeration. However, should there be a minimum number of votes required to ensure outcome for the greater good of the membership? If so, what number should that be? Or should we simply allow the one person who went out of his or her way to vote make the decisions for those who failed to exercise their right and responsibility to vote?

This year there is the potential for a proposed Constitutional Amendment to go before the general membership for decision. In order to pass, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members respond-

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## BIRTH OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Taken from *House of Delegates History 1970-1995*, George R. Gibson and Herbert G. Davis, editors (minor editing by Pat Gratton)

Much of the early history of the House of Delegates was gleaned from Ed Turner's well-documented "History of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, 1965-1991." As early as the 1960s, there was a need for a legislative branch which would allow Affiliated Societies a stronger voice in AAPG affairs and this became one of the rallying points for reorganizing the constitution.

A committee formed in 1964, under George V. Cohee, prepared a revised constitution. Another committee, a year later, headed by W.P. Moran, advanced a few steps further toward that goal. This committee, in 1968, was replaced by a "Presidents' Committee," composed of Frank B. Conselman, Ben Carsey and Michel T. Halbouty. Under this committee, a new constitution was proposed, in which a powerful House of Delegates was instituted, which has final authority on most major items of legislation, except constitutional amendments. House Delegates are elected by AAPG members in local US Affiliated Societies and International Regions. The number of representatives for each Society or Region is fixed by a prorated scale based on the total number of AAPG members within the Society or Region's area.

Turner, in his History of AAPG, made the comment: "With a strong Executive Committee, Advisory Council and House of Delegates in place and working, it is difficult to realize that just a few years ago important business would wind its way through the Executive Committee and Business Committee to an Annual Business Meeting held on the last day of the Annual AAPG Convention. These votes cast by the remaining AAPG conventioners determined the final decisions. This ridiculously outdated system plumbed its nadir at the San Francisco Convention in 1962, when only twelve members

were on hand for the meeting. It was not long after, that studies were initiated which led to the corrective measures embodied in the new Constitution."

The Business Committee was convened on Sunday, 9:00 A.M., April 13, 1969, in Dallas, Texas. John A. Taylor, Chairman, presided. Present were 133 committee members, of which 89 were District Representatives and 44 were Alternates. This was 75.38% of the total membership of the Business Committee and was a clear indication of what a Sunday meeting could do to increase attendance.

Frank Conselman, Chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee, presented a report recommending the approval of the proposed revised Constitution and Bylaws as published in the January 1969 Bulletin. One item important to the House of Delegates was enlargement of the Executive Committee, by adding the Chairman of the House of Delegates. He also commented that the legislative authority is proposed to be concentrated in the House of Delegates (counterpart of the then current Business Committee), because of the expressed desire of District Representatives for legislative authority.

From the founding of AAPG in 1917 to 1969, business of the organization was run from Tulsa, elected by the AAPG members from a one slate ticket of nominees. While this was very efficient when the Association was in its infancy, it became obsolete when the number of members increased. This type of management was governing from-the-top-down. This led to amending the Constitution, so that the governing could be from-the-bottom-up; in other words, government by the members of AAPG.

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## Secretary-Editor's Corner

by Sandi Barber

### WHO IS VISITING THE FORUM?

The use of the HOD Forum has increased over the past few months. More of the House committees are using it to communicate directly to the delegates, without waiting for *The Delegates' Voice*. And more delegates are visiting the Forum, reading the postings. Several posted messages have been read 100 to 120 times, presumably by different people. If only delegates are visiting, that represents 40% to 50% of the House.

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the House nor does it make the decision for us. What it does do is to ensure all of the delegates have a clear comprehension of the opinion of the three bodies affected by the issue. It should not be necessary to question or debate their positions on the matter as a result.

More importantly than how it will serve to alleviate confusion or shorten our meeting in Denver, is what having this cooperative effort means. Certainly there have been points of friction among the three entities over the past several years. I need not dwell on that. What we have in the rendering of the three opinions is a coordinated and cooperative effort by all three bodies to ensure understanding of a legislative issue. This is good for the Association and is good for the membership.

The Chairman of the House of Delegates, as most of you know, serves not only as leader of the House, but on the AAPG Executive Committee as well. With the changes in recent history regarding the Advisory Council, not all of you may be aware that the House Chairman is also an "invited guest" (along with the AAPG President) at all Advisory Council meetings, too. Simply put, this means I had the opportunity to be involved with or observe the deliberations of all three bodies on the matter of COCBAP3. In doing so, I can report that the matter was seriously addressed with comments made and questions asked. None of the three bodies looked at the issue or the question of their offering an opinion in quite the same way. But, in their differences in addressing the issue, the issue received fair consideration.

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ing by mail ballot is required. What number of votes do you consider to be the minimum necessary to ensure the majority of the AAPG membership is represented fairly in that or any other election? Keep in mind that the organization is comprised of 20,000 ± voting members and approximately 9,000 non-voting members, associates and students, etc.

Do you feel that some minimum number of votes should be required, and if so what number would be appropriate? Or do you feel we should leave the situation as it is and let only those who care to respond speak for AAPG in general

Best of all was the willingness of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Council to work with the House leadership on this matter. I am genuinely appreciative of their cooperation and I want to extend my thanks to each and every one of the members of the EC and AC for their efforts on the issue of COCBAP3. I ask that each of you, the delegates, take a moment to thank your AC representative or a member of the EC for their assistance. This cooperation I suspect will have gone a long way towards keeping the Denver meeting from getting any longer and probably more peaceful as well. Thanks, members of the Executive Committee and Advisory Council!

We have a full slate for Denver. Some of the matters for consideration are still being reviewed, modified and deliberated upon within the Executive Committee and various House committees. Stay tuned to the Forum for updates on these and let other delegates and members know what is coming up. Also, we solicit your comments on the Forum. It is not our intent for the delegates to do the work for those on the committees, but your questions and comments can help the committees add clarity to their explanation of the issues as they prepare you to consider each issue.

If I can be of assistance, answer a question, field a complaint, or help find an answer, (and, I accept just plain comments, too...How are we doing?) please let me know. You can reach me at LKLischer@worldnet.att.net, phone (210) 479-6856, fax (210) 479-9156 or regular mail, 15611 Cloud Top, San Antonio, TX 78248-1350.

elections, even if that means that only a few make the decisions, whether electing officers or amending the Constitution or Bylaws?

I have placed a brief survey regarding this topic on the Delegates' Forum, as your HOD officers (Lowell, Sandi and I) would like to hear your views on the subject. Leave well enough alone or set a minimum number of votes required to be representative of the members on any ballot issue?

The Delegates' Forum web address is: <http://www.aapg/houseofdelegates/hodforum/>

## Are You Aware That

- there are over 75 different societies and regions worldwide that are represented in the House of Delegates.
- there are 26 international societies and regions represented in the House.
- thirty-five (35) of the societies and regions are represented by only one delegate (and therefore have less than 106 Active AAPG members).
- eleven (11) are represented by two delegates
- the largest single delegation (Houston) has more delegates than the total of the next three largest (Rocky Mountain, Calgary, and Dallas).
- approximately 40% of the delegates have mailing addresses in Texas. These delegates represent 14 societies, two of them international (Germany and Trinidad and Tobago).
- the 17 delegates with Louisiana addresses represent 5 societies, one of which is Netherlands.
- the 14 delegates in California represent 5 societies, one of which is Nigeria.

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There have been few threaded discussions to any of the postings. Evidently none of the information inspired any discussions.

Messages are automatically deleted after 60 days. We will re-post important messages after their expiration. If you believe you have missed a posting of interest to you (from content of other postings or comments from delegates), please post a request for information.

We, your officers, are only able to see how many people "hit" (i.e., read) each message posted. However, we do not know whom we are reaching through the Forum. Through individuals' comments to us, we know that several of our international delegates have found the Forum extremely beneficial. But there is no tracking on the Forum that allows us to see whom we are reaching.

Since the Forum is open to anyone, we do not know how effective the Forum is in increasing communication to and among the delegates. Therefore, we ask that you let us know if you are visiting the Forum. Please contact Lowell Lischer, Ed Dolly, or me, by e-mail, letter, or phone. This information will assist us in determining the future direction of the Forum.



## Candidate for Chairman-Elect

*Donald Dean Clarke*

I am honored to stand as a candidate for the Chairman of the AAPG House of Delegates. I have worked on AAPG-related projects for years and feel that my AAPG membership has been an integral part of my career. We are a society of geoscientists with a common goal to exploit the world's energy reserves while protecting the fragile planet. Under the AAPG banner I plan to work with geologists from each section to build a stronger organization and build close alliances with other professional societies.

Sterling Prior, my eighth-grade science teacher and a geologist, inspired me to take up geology. What has kept me working as a geologist is the challenge. As geologists, we continually evolve ideas and develop new tools to find petroleum.

For recreation I love to play volleyball in men's leagues and tournaments. I love to travel, backpack, mountain-bike, and collect fossils. I spend a fair amount of time with community outreach and helping the local educational system. Our youth are our future. We need to do what we can to interest them in the earth sciences. I often speak to community and retirement groups on how geology impacts their community because I strongly feel that our profession needs a better public profile.

Over the last decade the petroleum industry has gone through tremendous changes. And the changes will continue. Our job is to keep AAPG nimble enough to make the necessary changes to continue to provide for our needs. I will push for changes that strengthen AAPG's ability to serve us professionally.

### EDUCATION:

1972-1974 Joint MS program CSUN, CSULA, CSULB  
1972 B.S. Geology from CSUN

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

1992-2000 Compton Community College, Geology Instructor  
1981-2000 Department of Oil Properties, City of Long Beach, Division Engineer and Chief Geologist  
1974-1981 California State Lands Commission, petroleum geologist

### AAPG ACTIVITIES (1986 Active Member)

2000 Co-General Chairman, 1st Joint Meeting of PSAAPG and Western Region SPE Annual Meeting  
1997 General Chairman, Cordilleran Section Annual Meeting of GSA  
1996-2000 President, Los Angeles Basin Geologic Society  
1995-2001 AAPG House of Delegates  
2-year term on Constitution and Bylaws Committee  
1993 Field trip leader, AAPG Annual Meeting  
1993 General Chairman, PSAAPG Annual Meeting  
1987 Program Chairman, PSAAPG Annual Meeting  
1987-1993 AAPG House of Delegates  
1988 Field trip leader, AAPG Annual Meeting

### AAPG PUBLICATIONS

2000 Author, two papers in press on 3-D geological modeling and horizontal drilling, AAPG Memoir and GCSSEPM Deepwater Symposium  
1992 Chapter 11, "The Gridded Fault Surface," AAPG Computer Applications in Geology, No. 1 Computer Modeling of Geologic Surfaces and Volumes,  
1992 Co-editor and author, PSAAPG Guidebook 74, Old Oil Fields and New Life: A Visit to the Giants of the Los Angeles Basin  
1987 Co-editor and author, PSAAPG Guidebook 58, Geologic Field Guide to the Long Beach Area  
1987 Co-editor and author, PSAAPG Computer Mapping for Geologists Short Course Notes

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

2000-2001 Board of Directors, Dibblee Foundation  
1999-2000 President, Science and Math Associates, Long Beach City College.  
Co-Chairman, Organizing Committee for the Center for Studies of Los Angeles Basin Subsurface Geology at CSULB.  
Member, Orange County Engineering Council  
1998-2000 Advisory Council, Comet Program

# Candidate for Chairman-Elect

Terry Hollrah

My first exposure to the petroleum industry was in the fall of 1962 when I carried a five-gallon can of water about a quarter of a mile to a thirsty roughneck crew. I still remember, as a curious nine-year old, the gas venting from that well. I even received a quarter for my effort. Obviously, I was going to be in petroleum geology for the monetary rewards! Many years later, I was once again exposed to geology by several excellent teachers. Their guidance and tutelage had the single greatest effect on my career choice.

My outside recreational interests are primarily golf and coaching youth league baseball. It is exciting to watch and experience the emotions of eleven-year old kids as they compete against their peers.

As a mentor, I continue to expose students to the joy and thrill of geology and especially petroleum geology. Whether it's showing fossils and rocks to a grade school class or leading a tour of a drilling rig to college students, I truly enjoy relating my experiences to those who are the future leaders of our organization and industry.

The opportunity to be the Chairman-Elect and ultimately the Chairman of the House of Delegates, to me is second only to the AAPG President in regards of importance and responsibility to the AAPG membership. What a privilege and reward it would be to lead this select body of men and women who are the eyes, ears and voice of the members of AAPG. Having served as an AAPG Delegate continuously since 1988, this nomination is the "coup de grace" of my involvement with the House of Delegates.



## EMPLOYMENT

1981 - present Hollrah Exploration Co.  
1979-81 Samedan Oil Corp.  
1977-79 Union Oil Co. of California  
1974-76 Thomas E. Berry Co.

## AAPG ACTIVITIES (1975 Active Member)

2000-2001 Ad Hoc Audit Committee  
2000-2001 Ad Hoc House Visions Committee  
2000 DPA Distinguished Service Award  
2000 AAPG Certificate of Recognition  
1998-2000 AAPG Treasurer  
1998-1999 Ad-Hoc Pension Plan Committee  
1998-2000 Insurance Committee  
1998-2000 Finance Committee Chairman  
1998-2001 Budget Review Committee  
1998-2001 Investment Committee  
1998-1999 DPA Honors & Awards Committee Chairman  
1997-1998 Resolutions & Procedures Committee  
1997-1998 Ad Hoc Elected Editor Committee  
1997 AAPG Mid-Continent Section "Best Poster Award"  
1997 AAPG Foundation Trustee Associate  
1997 AAPG Distinguished Service Award  
1996-1999 DPA Nominating Committee  
1995-1996 AAPG Advisory Council  
1995-1996 DPA President

1994-1995 DPA President-Elect  
1993-1994 Nominating & Election Committee  
Future of Earth Scientists Committee  
1993-1994 DPA Vice President  
1993-1994 DPA Advisory Board Chairman  
1993 AAPG Certificate of Merit  
1992-1993 Advisory Council Recording Secretary  
1991-1993 Oklahoma City Group Chairman  
1989-1993 AAPG Mid-Continent Section Councilor  
1989-1993 AAPG Advisory Council  
1989-1993 AAPG Nominating Committee  
1989-1993 AAPG Honors & Awards Committee  
1988-2003 AAPG House of Delegates  
1987 AAPG House of Delegates Alternate Delegate 1987  
1978 AAPG National Convention speaker

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

DPA Certified Member since 1985  
Oklahoma City Geological Society  
Tulsa Geological Society  
Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists  
Oklahoma City Chapter Vice-Chairman & Chairman: SIPES  
National Director, Vice President of Natural Resources, Foundation Vice President, member of SIPES Scholarship Committee and Nominating Committee  
Oklahoma State University Geology Advisory Council



## ***Candidate for Secretary-Editor***

### **Martin D. ("Marty") Hewitt**

It is an honor for me to be considered as an officer candidate for the HOD on which I have served for four terms. To be able to make a small contribution to the progress of the AAPG would be a privilege. The AAPG has provided me with opportunities for career and personal development, education, and networking during my career. Shortly after becoming a member of AAPG in 1982 I attended my first Annual Meeting in Calgary. Since then the AAPG and our Annual Meeting have been and continue to be a source of motivation and pride to me as a professional geoscientist.

My interest in geology began in my Senior year in high school when I was introduced to geology in a Physical Geography course. My cousin was also studying geology at University at the time and this introduction led me to enroll in Introductory Geology in my Freshman year at McMaster University. A summer of working in the industry after my Junior year was all I needed to know that I wanted to pursue a career in petroleum geology.

Passions away from the office include travel and the endless pursuit of par (well, maybe bogey!) golf.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the House and AAPG!

#### **ACADEMIC**

1991	University of Calgary - Master of Business Administration
1990	University of Leeuwarden, The Netherlands - Third European Summer School for Advanced Management
1982	McMaster University - Hons. B.Sc. Geology

#### **EXPERIENCE**

2000–present	PanCanadian Gulf of Mexico, Inc., Sr. Staff Geologist
1982–2000	Petro-Canada

#### **AAPG ACTIVITIES**

2000–2001	Chair, Resolutions Committee
2000–2001	President, Canadian Section
1998-2000	Rules and Procedures Committee (Chair 1999-2000)
1997-1998	Resolutions Committee
1996-1997	Future of Earth Sciences Committee
1995-Present	Distinguished Lecture Committee
1993-1994	Nominations and Election Committee
1992-1994	CSPG Delegates Group Chair
1992	Annual Meeting - Matson Award Chair
1991-2001	House of Delegates
1991-1993	Constitution and Bylaws Committee
1987-1989	House of Delegates

#### **CSPG ACTIVITIES**

1996	Annual Convention Finance Committee Chair
1991	Open Golf Tournament Committee
1986-1987	Student Industry Field Trip
1986-1987	Publications and Sales Committee - AAPG Publications, Chair
1982-1985	Publications and Sales Committee
1982	Annual Convention Field Trips Committee

# ***Candidate for Secretary-Editor***

## **Brian Keith**

My first “real job” in geology was with Chevron (SOTEX). Soon after reporting to work in the Oklahoma City Division office in 1969, I was approached by my District Geologist about joining AAPG. At that time I guess I was in somewhat of a rebellious state of mind (it was the 60’s after all) and I didn’t really see any benefit to joining per se. I joined SEPM instead, which was then formally affiliated with AAPG, figuring that I could always buy any AAPG publications at the reciprocal member price. I have always regretted not having joined AAPG at that time. Ironically, it was not until 1983 when I no longer worked in the petroleum industry that I did join. This was after I had gone back to graduate school a second time, followed by working for Amoco Research in Tulsa, and then to the Indiana Geological Survey where I have been ever since. I have been active in AAPG ever since I did join.

Without its volunteers, AAPG as an organization could not exist. Volunteers staff committees, help edit publications, and hold elected office at regional, division, and national level. I am always grateful for how much we as members receive from AAPG for our relatively modest dues compared to other professional organizations. I volunteer for AAPG as my way of returning something to the association in exchange for all that I have received. Agreeing to be a candidate for Secretary/Editor of the House is one more way that I can contribute as a volunteer; it is also an honor.



## **ACADEMIC**

1974            Ph.D. Geology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
1971            M.S. Geology, Syracuse University  
1965            B.S. Geology, Amherst College

## **EMPLOYMENT**

1982-Present    Dept. of Geological Sciences, Indiana University  
1978-Present    Indiana Geological Survey at Indiana University, Bloomington  
1974-78          Amoco Research, Tulsa  
1969-71          Chevron, Oklahoma City

## **AAPG ACTIVITIES** (1983 Active Member)

2000-2001      Credentials Committee  
1999-2001      Future of Earth Scientists Committee (Chair 1999-2000)  
1999            Co-Chair of Eastern Section Annual Meeting  
1999-Present   Eastern Section Honors and Awards Committee  
1998-1999      Honors and Awards Committee  
1998-Present   Eastern Section Committee on Meetings  
1998            AAPG Distinguished Service Award  
1996-1998      Nominations and Elections Committee (Chair 1996-1997)  
1995-98        Chair, Eastern Section Honors and Awards Committee  
1994            Eastern Section Honorary Membership Award  
1992-2001      Member, AAPG House of Delegates (Indiana-Kentucky Geological Society)  
1992-1995      AAPG Advisory Council (Eastern Section Representative)  
1991            Eastern Section Distinguished Service Award  
1989            Chair of Eastern Section Annual Meeting  
1987            Eastern Section A.I. Levenson Award  
1987-1991      Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President of Eastern Section

# House of Delegates

## 2000-2001 Officers and Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

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### **Constitution and Bylaws**

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<i>Clint Moore (Houston, TX)</i>		

### **Credentials**

<i>Stewart Chuber, Chair (Schulenberg, TX)</i>	<i>(979) 561-8700</i>	<a href="mailto:fayexplo@cvtv.net"><i>fayexplo@cvtv.net</i></a>
<i>Don Clarke (Long Beach, CA)</i>	<i>Terry Hollrah (Oklahoma City, OK)</i>	
<i>Marty Hewitt (Calgary, Canada)</i>	<i>Brian Keith (Bloomington, IN)</i>	

### **Future of Earth Scientists**

<i>Don Lewis, Chair (Lafayette, CA)</i>	<i>(925) 284-5480</i>	<a href="mailto:donlew@worldnet.att.net"><i>donlew@worldnet.att.net</i></a>
<i>Michael Clegg (Calgary, Canada)</i>	<i>George Bole (ex-officio, Comm. On Committees)</i>	
<i>Rick Ericksen (Jacks1on, MS)</i>	<i>Ron Grubbs (ex-officio, EMD President)</i>	
<i>Brian Keith (Bloomington, IN)</i>	<i>Skip Hobbs (ex-officio, DPA President)</i>	
<i>John Kaldi (Adelaide, Australia)</i>	<i>Michael "Doc" Weathers (ex-officio, DEG President)</i>	
<i>Steve Sonnenberg (Denver, CO)</i>		

### **Honors and Awards**

<i>Brenda Cunningham, Chair (Midland, TX)</i>	<i>(915) 688-5729</i>	<a href="mailto:b-k-c@home.com"><i>b-k-c@home.com</i></a>
<i>Lee Avary (Morgantown, WV)</i>	<i>Peter Gray (Lafayette, LA)</i>	
<i>Bob Cowdery (Wichita, KS)</i>	<i>John Kerns (Casper, WY)</i>	
<i>Marilyn Cisar (Houston, TX)</i>	<i>Sigrunn Johnsen (Oslo, Norway)</i>	
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<i>Edward Coalson (Denver, CO)</i>	<i>Stan Pittman (Dallas, TX)</i>	
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<i>Terry Hollrah (Oklahoma City, OK)</i>		

# HOD HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Brenda Cunningham, Chair

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time for you, the Delegates, to submit nominations for the year 2001 House of Delegates Honors and Awards! Our committee eagerly awaits your nominees for the following awards:

1) **House Certificate of Merit** – Presented yearly to the outgoing Chairman of the House of Delegates and any other officers chosen to be so recognized at the end of their term of office.

2) **House Long Service Award** – Presented in recognition of persons who have served as Delegate for a minimum of four terms, and have, in addition, taken an active role in the affairs of the House.

3) **Distinguished Member of the House** – Presented in recognition of the unique or exemplary service to the House through committee work. Chairing of committees and service as

an officer will be considered, but not required.

4) **Honorary Member of the House** – The highest award of the House, presented at the annual meeting in recognition of a record of consistent, dedicated, and exemplary service to the House of Delegates through committee work and officer service (not required).

**Please submit nominees and the appropriate supporting documentation no later than February 15, 2001 to Brenda Cunningham at [b-k-c@home.com](mailto:b-k-c@home.com), or 2000 Neely Avenue, Midland, TX 79705-7451.** You are encouraged to contact any of the committee members if you have questions. More information may be found on the AAPG website under the House of Delegates Rules and Procedures.

The members of this term's Honors and Awards Committee are:

K. Lee Avary	Appalachian Geological Society	Eastern Section
Robert Lindblom	Northern California Geological Society	Pacific Section
Peter Gray	Lafayette Geological Society	GCAGS
Robert Cowdrey	Kansas Geological Society	Mid-Continent Section
Marilyn Cisar	Houston Geological Society	GCAGS
Paul English	CSPG	Canada Int'l. Region
John Kerns	Wyoming Geological Society	Rocky Mountain Section
Brenda Cunningham	West Texas Geological Society	Southwest Section

## Ad Hoc AUDIT COMMITTEE

by Will Green, Chair

During the New Business portion of the HOD meeting in New Orleans a motion passed to create an ad hoc committee to report on the need for AAPG to have an independent financial, personnel and staff audit every five years. Chairman Lischer appointed Will Green (Chairman), Ed Picou (AAPG Treasurer), Terry Hollrah (AAPG immediate past Treasurer) and AAPG candidates for president-elect, Dave Campbell and Dan Smith, to this committee.

The committee has found that AAPG has had annual financial audits for many years as a good business practice and to protect its non-profit status with the IRS. The Executive Committee contracted for an independent audit of staff and personnel in 1994, and three years ago retained a personnel consultant for a period of time.

The ad hoc committee has addressed specific questions, which will be answered in the final report, which will be published in *The Delegates' Voice* prior to the annual meeting. Any delegate wishing to comment is welcome to send an e-mail to [wgreen@midland.cc.tx.us](mailto:wgreen@midland.cc.tx.us).

# RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT

by Larry Jones, Chair

The HOD Rules and Procedures Committee has been asked to finalize recommended changes and additions to the existing rules and procedures by several committees and HOD officers for presentation in Denver:

a. As the result of experiences in its first year of total operation, the Honors and Awards Committee has proposed two additions to its subsection.

b. A "disaffiliation" authority and process for inactive affiliated societies is being evaluated at the request of the Resolutions Committee.

c. The work of the Ad Hoc Procedures Committee in their Report of April 16, 2000 requires certain additions to the R & P and these individual points are being considered.

d. The committee is exploring the need for new language relative to HOD committee appointments and tenure.

It is the recommendation of the R & P Committee that the following changes and additions be incorporated in Section III, A. 1. g.:

Delete: "New awards may be established as follows":

Replace with: "Rules and Procedures for granting awards":

Add: (5) No HOD Honors and Awards Committee member shall receive a HOD award while serving on that committee.

and

(6) No AAPG member shall receive more than one House award in any one year. A member being voted two or more such awards in the same year shall retain the highest award and relinquish the lower one(s). The award ranking shall be 1) Honorary Member, 2) Distinguished Member, and 3) Long Service. This will not preclude that member from receiving one or more of the other awards at a later time.



# RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Marty Hewitt, Chair

The HOD Resolutions Committee is charged with making recommendations concerning all advance petitions, resolutions or motions offered by Delegates, Affiliated Societies and Regions or by charge from the Chairman of the House.

At the time of submission of this report, there have been no requests from geological organizations for either affiliation or association with the AAPG.

At the 2000 meeting of the HOD in New Orleans, the Resolutions Committee under the leadership of Valary Schulz, made a procedural recommendation comprised of a series of steps to deal with Affiliated Societies that have become inactive. The concern was for members of the Association who have no voice in the business of the House. Additionally, when new members in those geographic areas apply for membership in AAPG, there is no one available to perform the "Delegate check." Consequently, applicants are being accepted for membership based on the information in their application, with no peer review process. The straw vote taken on this recommendation was approved unanimously and now resides with the Rules and Procedures Committee for formal incorporation in the Rules and Procedures of the House. The 2000-2001 Resolutions Committee continues to monitor Affiliated Societies that have become inactive either by failing to elect a Delegate or failing to have Delegate representation at the Annual Meeting.

One additional item this year that the Resolutions Committee has been charged to review by Chairman Lischer is the current demographics of the HOD, specifically with respect to potential cyclic problems in populating the various standing committees of the House. This becomes especially important when assigning Delegates to committees that require staggered 2-year terms.

Our review of the data as provided by AAPG Headquarters is as follows:

We currently have 251 Delegates with 77 in their first year, 85 in their second year and 89 in their third year. A total of 32 Delegates in their first year have served multiple terms, 24 in their second year have served multiple terms with 36 in their third year serving greater than one term. The committee felt that it was important to look at multiple terms to get a feel for experience.

According to the HOD Rules and Procedures, a total of between 43 and 47 Delegates are required to serve on House standing committees (depending on how many committee members the Secretary/Editor requires for the Newsletter Committee). Of these, 18 positions (Rules & Procedures, Constitution & Bylaws, Resolutions, Future of Earth Scientists) require 2 year terms. Ideally, the Delegates to populate these Committees will come from those starting their second year. A review of the data suggests that there are certainly enough Delegates to fill these Committees and enough "experienced" Delegates with greater than one term's service who have a feel for the business of the House who could fill the Chair's role. The Resolutions Committee feels that it is critical to make an effort to include several first year Delegates on committees thereby affording an opportunity for natural leaders to come forward and for first year Delegates to become familiar with the operations of the House.

The bottom line is that we feel the pool of available and experienced Delegates is more than adequate and will not present a cyclic problem in populating standing committees. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members, listed below, with comments or questions related to this report and the business of the Resolutions Committee.

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# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

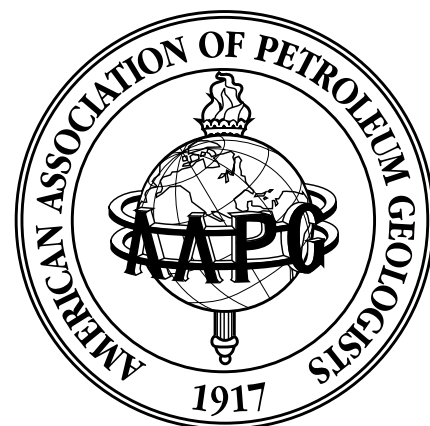
by Stewart Chuber, Chair

As in previous years, the House of Delegates will hold their annual meeting at the national convention, this year in Denver, on Sunday, June 3, 2001, starting promptly at 8:30 a.m. and scheduled until business is finished or 3:00 p.m., whichever comes first. Registration for the group, which may total 240, will begin at 7:00 a.m. when delegates can check in with the Credentials Committee, and pick up some juice, a hot cup of coffee and a snack while talking with friends. Any member of AAPG who is not a Delegate is welcome to attend the HOD annual meeting, but he must sit outside (usually behind) the delegate voting area while the meeting is in session.

Comprising the Credentials committee are this year's House of Delegates officer candidates: for Chairman, Don Clarke from Long Beach, CA, and Terry Hollrah from Oklahoma City, and for Secretary-Editor Marty Hewitt from Calgary and Brian Keith from Bloomington, IN. Delegates will meet the officer candidates when they register.

All delegates are urged to attend the year 2001 HOD meeting. Any Alternates should be designated and made known to Donna Riggs at AAPG Tulsa Headquarters by April 1 in order to be certified. She may be contacted at 1-800-364-2274.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver to conduct the important business of AAPG.



## **Deadlines for 2000 – 2001 House of Delegates Business**

March 5, 2001  
(90 days)

Proposed changes to AAPG's Constitution or Bylaws must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates. **For publication in the Explorer, information needs to be submitted immediately.**

Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates.

Names of candidates for awards must be submitted to the Chairman of the House of Delegates.

April 4, 2001  
(60 days)

Candidates & biographical data for House officers must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House.

Proposed changes to the AAPG's Constitution or Bylaws must be published or mailed to Active members.

Proposed changes to the Rules & Procedures of the House must be mailed to the Delegates.

April 23, 2001

Written reports need to be at AAPG Headquarters for printing.

April 27, 2001  
(35 days)

Last day for mailing meeting agenda and pertinent enclosures to the delegates.

May 18, 2001  
(15 days)

Names of appointed Alternate Delegates should be in to AAPG Headquarters office.

**June 3, 2001**

**House of Delegates Meeting: Denver, Colorado**

August 2, 2001

Last day to mail ballots to members (re: changes in Constitution).

[Note: Any Bylaws changes approved at the House meeting are effective immediately and do not require a vote of the membership.]

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## **Nominations & Elections Committee Report**

### **2001 – 2002 Officer Candidates for House of Delegates**

Chairman-Elect

Terry Hollrah – Mid-Continent Section / Don Clarke – Pacific Section

Secretary/Editor

Martin Hewitt – Canadian Region / Brian Keith – Eastern Section

This concludes my report.

Regards,  
Deborah K. Sacrey

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## **Mid-year House Leadership Meeting**

*by Sandi Barber*

The mid-year meeting of the House of Delegates officers and committee chairmen will be held on February 22, 2001 in Tulsa. The meeting is being held in conjunction with and immediately in advance of a meeting of the Advisory Council and AAPG Leadership Days in order to cut down the amount of travel time required of delegate participants for two or more of these meetings.

The mid-year meeting is important to the House in preparing for the annual meeting. Any amendments proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee must be confirmed legal and prepared for publication 3 months before the House annual meeting (March 5). This commences a series of deadlines for preparing delegates for the business to be conducted at the annual meeting. The mid-year House meeting allows the House leadership to discuss all critical information and take any necessary actions before these deadlines.

Minutes from this meeting will be in the next *The Delegates' Voice*, due to be mailed at the end of March and posted on the website.

## **FUTURE OF EARTH SCIENTISTS COMMITTEE**

*by Don Lewis, Chair*

Chairman Lischer has charged the Future of Earth Scientists Committee (FoES) with looking at the employment situation for earth scientists. His charge to the committee is two-fold:

1. Over the next year or two, what do hiring trends look like? Where will the jobs be, geographically and professionally?
2. What is the long-term potential for new and alternative applications of the earth sciences?

One source of information is the American Geological Institute surveys, including an employment survey currently being distributed. Other data sources are scattered. If any delegate knows of statistical data, particularly outside the United States, providing contact information or references to Don Lewis or to any committee member would be appreciated.

Committee members are Mike Clegg, Rick Ericksen, John Kaldi, Brian Keith, Don Lewis (chair), and Steve Sonnenberg.



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