

The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

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Chairman's Corner

Lowell Lischer

Well, we are coming down to the wire. The annual meeting of the House in Denver on June 3 looms ahead of us. Thanks to a very strong effort by dedicated committee members under the leadership of some great committee chairs, we will be ready for a full slate of matters to consider.

This issue of *The Delegates' Voice* contains most of the final committee reports, as they will be presented. There are a few exceptions where only interim reports are presented herein. However, ALL of the reports will appear on the HOD Forum at www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum by the time you receive this mailing (and given some of the mail service, probably well in advance of that). Additional copies of the DV, the C&BL insert from the April issue of *The Explorer*, and any other final reports will be available at the meeting.

The meeting will be a full one. Out of necessity, I cannot set a time limit for the committee chairmen. I will ask that since all of their reports will have been published and published repeatedly, that their presentations be kept as brief and to the point as possible. For the delegates, having all of the information on all of the matters for discussion available to you, come prepared with your remarks. I will ask that you hold your remarks to two minutes or less. My commitment to you is to keep the meeting on task so we can all get out of there as soon as possible. To accomplish that necessitates a commitment from all of you as well.

I will have a very brief report myself at the House meeting. It will be a summary of where we have been and those areas we simply could not get to this year. Hopefully, the later matters can be passed to the capable hands of next year's House leadership. However, at this point in time, I have not included a draft report in this issue. With over two months remaining even before the meeting, there is yet much to be done.

This being my last issue of *The Delegates' Voice* as Chairman, I want to thank Ed and Sandi for all of their hard work and cooperation this year. It has been a pleasure to work with them. To all the committee chairmen, thank you for your diligence and leadership. To the committee members, thank you for your commitment to the House and your thoughtful input. To all you as delegates, thank you for your commitment to service and dedication to representing the interests of our membership. And thanks also to Donna Riggs and so many of the staff at AAPG Headquarters who help keep every HOD chairman on course each year. Thanks to the other members of the Executive Committee and Advisory Council this year for making my charge easier. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone. We've had a great year.

But for now, I am still on the job. If I can be of assistance, provide clarification on an issue, or help to address a concern, 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.

Chairman-Elect's Corner

Ed Dolly

The House of Delegates' mid-year meeting was held in February at the Annual AAPG Days Leadership Conference in Tulsa. The meeting was productive and nearly every committee is prepared to present its report at the annual meeting. The committees have worked diligently to develop proposed legislation for the betterment of the AAPG. You delegates will be voting on these proposals on June 3rd in Denver.

As you have read elsewhere in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*, in *The Explorer*, and on the House of Delegates Forum (http://www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum), the committee reports are (or soon will be) available for your review in preparation for the annual meeting. Please consider them carefully and **come to Denver prepared!** We'll be able to accomplish far more in our scheduled meeting time if each of you is familiar in advance with the business at hand and the choices to be made.

At the Leadership Conference, the House of Delegates was prominently represented. Current and past delegates numbered over half of those in attendance. Following reports by the AAPG Executive Director, the EC, AC, DEG, DPA, EMD, committees and international regions, the program turned to well-defined breakout sessions directed to explore the theme of membership enhancement. Topics discussed were membership retention, international memberships, dues structure, career development, education and training, publications, and the digital frontier. It is clear that the focus of the AAPG and its staff is membership, membership, membership - what more can we do to attract new members and retain current members? The efforts of the HOD in conjunction with all the other entities of AAPG are essential to continue to ensure that new members of all classifi-

Agenda and Committee Reports

The agenda and committee reports for the June 3 annual meeting of the House of Delegates are contained in this *Delegates' Voice*. Please review all reports in preparation for the meeting.

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cations are properly brought into the organization.

New business for the HOD next year will most certainly include membership and membership-related matters such as review qualifications and ethical standards, as well as House quorum clarification and ways in which the HOD might assist the Advisory Council in long range planning, to name just a few possibilities.

See you in June.

Visit the House Forum for Updates

The House officers and committee chairs will be posting on the House Forum more updates and additional information for the House meeting on June 3. Be sure to visit www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum often, and discuss the issues with fellow delegates and AAPG members before the meeting.

Secretary/Editor's Corner

Sandi Barber

This *Delegates' Voice*, the last of the 2000-2001 term, contains the agenda and all the committee reports for the June 3 House of Delegates annual meeting in Denver. It has been a long-time goal to have this information provided to the delegates early enough to enable consideration and discussion of the issues. Therefore, the deadline for this issue was set for two months prior to the meeting, the same as for publication of Constitution and Bylaws amendments.

Prior to the meeting, many of the committees will publish more information on the House Forum (www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum). We urge you to visit the site often, keeping informed of developing issues.

The intent of the House Forum is to provide effective intra-House communications throughout the year and especially in preparation for the House

meetings. In the seven months since its inception, our objective is slowly being realized, thanks to your participation. Chairman Lowell Lischer and the committee chairmen have been actively posting reports and questions on the Forum. And at least one issue has prompted spirited discussion.

We have continued posting *The Delegates' Voice* on the House webpage in html and pdf formats. Our delegates, especially our international ones, do not have to wait for mail delivery to receive their *Voice*.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Secretary/Editor. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you better. My heartfelt thanks goes to my fellow officers Lowell Lischer and Ed Dolly, the House committee chairmen, and the AAPG Headquarters staff.

Nominations & Elections Committee Annual Report

Deborah K. Sacrey, Chair

The Nominations & Elections Committee members are as follows:

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| Deborah K. Sacrey | Chair |
| Joan Barminski | Pacific Section |
| Jack Bryant | Gulf Coast Section |
| Ed Coalson | Rocky Mountain Section |
| Richard Lorentz | Asia/Pacific International Region |
| Debra Nishida | Canadian Region |
| Richard Norman | Mid-Continent Section |
| Henry Pettingill | European International Region |
| Stan Pittman | Southwest Section |
| Ira Sasowsky | Eastern Section |

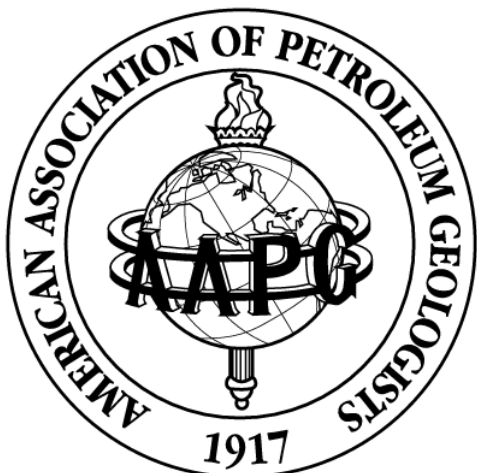
Nominees for Chairman-Elect and Secretary/Editor were submitted for all but one section/region. A vote was taken to select two (2) candidates from the list of nominees. These candidates are as follows:

Chairman-Elect

- Terry Hollrah, Mid-Continent Section
- Don Clarke, Pacific Section

Secretary/Editor

- Martin Hewitt, Canadian Region
- Brian Keith, Eastern Section



AGENDA

AAPG House of Delegates Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2001

Marriott City Center
Denver, Colorado

Presiding

Lowell K. Lischer, Chairman
Edward D. Dolly, Chairman-Elect
Sandra M. Barber, Secretary/Editor

1. Delegate registration begins at 7:15 AM – Coffee & Pastries
2. Call to order at 8:15 and appointment of Time Keeper (Lischer)

Introductions

3. Officers of the House of Delegates
4. Past AAPG Presidents and House Chairmen
5. AAPG Executive Committee
6. AAPG Officer Candidates
7. AAPG Executive Director and Headquarters Staff

Reports

8. General Chairman, 2001 Convention, Stephen A. Sonnenberg
9. AAPG President, Marlin W. Downey
10. AAPG Executive Director, Richard D. Fritz

Legislation

11. Report of the Credentials Committee (Stewart Chuber, Chair)
12. Approval of the agenda (Lischer)
13. Approval of the minutes of last meeting, April 16, 2000 (Barber)
14. Report of the Chairman of the House (Lischer)
15. Report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (George Eynon, Chair)
 - a. Constitutional Amendment
 - b. Bylaws Amendments
 - c. Proposed Resolution

16. Report of the Rules and Procedures Committee (Larry Jones, Chair)
Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House
17. Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee (Deborah K. Sacrey, Chair)
 - a. Presentation of House Officer Candidates
 - b. Voting for new House Officers
18. Report of the Honors and Awards Committee (Brenda Cunningham, Chair)
 - a. Recognition of House awardees
19. Report of the Resolutions Committee (Martin Hewitt, Chair)
20. Report of the Future of Earth Scientist Committee (Donald W. Lewis, Chair)
21. Report of the Ad Hoc Operating Efficiency Committee (Tom Mairs, Chair)
22. Report of the Ad Hoc Independent Audit Committee (Will R. Green, Chair)

Other Reports

23. AAPG Treasurer (Edward B. Picou, Jr.)
24. Publications (Neil F. Hurley, Editor)
25. AAPG Foundation (Lawrence W. Funkhouser, Chairman of Trustees)
26. Energy Minerals Division (Ronald L. Grubbs)
27. Division of Environmental Geosciences (Michael "Doc" Weathers)
28. Division of Professional Affairs (G. W. "Skip" Hobbs, IV)

Additional Business

29. New Business (Lischer)
30. Results of House Officer election (Sacrey)
31. Adjournment (Lischer)

Future of Earth Scientists Committee Annual Report

Don Lewis, Chair

In the past, the Future of Earth Scientists Committee has looked at a wide range of issues. This year, Chairman Lischer gave the committee a specific charge, with the objective of focusing on a single issue which could be studied in depth:

- What do hiring trends for ES look like over the next two years? Where will the jobs be, geographically and professionally?

We have collected some of the available published data concerning student enrollment and first employers for the U.K. and the U.S. An additional key set of data will be a major U.S. geoscience employment survey which has just been completed by the American Geological

Institute, with results to be published later this year.

Over the next year, we plan to take the AGI data, combine it with AAPG and AGI demographic information, adjust for technological change, and combine it with projections of future energy demand to be able, hopefully, to show a range of geoscience employment opportunities into the future. We shall work closely with the AGI on this to avoid duplication.

House member Chris Heath has been surveying the skill sets desired by U.K., Canadian, and now U.S. companies. It makes sense to combine these data with our geoscientist-demand results and make them available to geoscience departments and to our Visiting Geologists Program.

Because the main data source will be the AGI surveys, we plan for now to limit the study to the U.S. We also plan to concentrate on the petroleum industry. We could expand to other areas, of interest to the DEG and EMD, if the petroleum part works out well.

Within AAPG, we will coordinate with, at least, the Academic Liaison and Industry Liaison Committees, and the AAPG staff. Beyond AAPG, there may be opportunity to cooperate with other societies, such as SEG and CSPG.

Any House member who would like to be involved or who can suggest data sources is invited to contact the committee chair.

Credentials Committee Annual Report

Stewart Chuber, Chair

The Credentials Committee consists of five members, including a chairman, who serve a one year term. It has become a custom that four of the members are made up of the House officer candidates, and these folks assist the Chairman, Stewart Chuber from San Antonio, at the delegate registration on the morning of the Annual AAPG meeting, this year to be held in Denver on Sunday, June 3, 2001, starting promptly at 8:15 a.m. The committee usually joins Donna Riggs, our AAPG staff liaison, at about 7 when the choicest pastry and coffee are ready. They review and prepare for the arrival of the 254 delegates and/or their alternates, thus the term credentials. You don't get in without them.

Comprising the Credentials Committee with Chairman Chuber are officer candidates for HOD Chairman: Don Clarke from Long Beach, CA and Terry Hollrah from Oklahoma City, and for HOD Secretary-Editor Marty Hewitt from Calgary and Brian Keith from Bloomington, IN.

As before, all delegates are urged not only to attend the Denver meeting but to get there early, eat the good stuff, meet the candidates, and talk with your friends or make new ones. This is a great time to really enjoy the camaraderie of the House of Delegates.

U.S. Sections	# Societies	# Delegates	# Active Members	# Total Members
Eastern	13	29	1,405	2,653
Gulf Coast	15	84	6,542	9,431
Mid Continent	9	21	1,545	2,258
Pacific	7	14	1,296	1,987
Rocky Mountain	11	35	2,286	3,182
Southwest	9	16	1,875	2,734
U.S. Total	64	199	14,949	22,177
International Regions				
Africa	4	4	272	648
Asia/Pacific	6	13	1,067	1,791
Canada	2	15	1,090	1,580
Europe	15	15	1,535	3,078
Latin America	8	7	407	995
Middle East	3	1	257	415
Int'l. Total	38	55	4,628	8,507
Total	102	254	19,577	30,684

With that in mind, Donna Riggs has prepared an overview of the HOD by Sections and Regions; how many do you know, and from which sections and societies?

The HGS (Houston) has the largest delegate group with 55. RMAG (Denver) is second with 19. Two regions tie for third; Canada and Europe each have 15. Asia/Pacific is next with 13, followed by DGS (Dallas) with 12. All others have eight or fewer delegates.

There are 12 U.S. Societies without a delegate and five U.S. Societies and one Region that are under-represented, which is 21 delegates short of a full house. This is not out of the ordinary and some societies make last minute appointments for the meeting.

There are 46 At-Large Members of the HOD, several who serve currently as Delegates.

Report From The South Texas Geological Society

Stewart Chuber

The STGS is trying to become "the best little geologic society in Texas" by capitalizing on its unique geography, history, and membership. Headquartered in San Antonio, the "Venice of America" on the edge of the Hill Country, steeped in tradition since inception (1929), and made up of consultants and geologists from small companies, the STGS offers many unique opportunities to its members.

The Society consists of 338 voting, non-voting, and honorary members; 251 of these are active AAPG members. Our monthly (except July and August) Bulletin has 398 subscribers, and it always includes a well written technical article. We meet for luncheon programs on the second Wednesday of each month at the Petroleum Club. The Club is located near the airport (just off final for runway 30), and in the center of the city's petroleum business. Our usual attendance is about 75 and almost every-

one knows everybody. We have drawings for a rock or crystal specimen at each meeting, and two lucky members are also selected to compete at the last "Social" meeting of the year (in May) for a \$500 continuing education prize (applicable to any AAPG course). Also we are the main sponsor for the well attended (more than 200) "all organization" Christmas party every year in early December.

At least two continuing education courses are offered each year; they are usually held on our Wednesday meeting at the PC. Most courses are generated locally from members, service companies or specialists, and the costs are minimal: +/- \$50 for a full day including a continental breakfast, full lunch, and afternoon snacks, plus a course manual. Between 20 and 40 folks come to these seminars. The Texas Bureau of Economic

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Constitution & ByLaws Committee Final Report

George Eynon, Chair

This document contains one (1) constitutional amendment, eight (8) bylaws amendments and one (1) resolution to be brought forward for consideration by the House of Delegates at its annual meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado on June 3, 2001.

In order for the membership and the delegates to better understand the context of each of the Constitution and Bylaws amendments and resolution for consideration, the annual report of the House of Delegates Constitution and Bylaws Committee to be submitted at the meeting is also included.

This information is being published in accordance with the requirements of Article VIII, Section 4 (pertaining to constitutional amendments) and Article XIV, Section 3 (pertaining to bylaws amendments) of the AAPG Constitution and Bylaws as amended April 16, 2000.

In addition, the insert contains ten (10) recommended changes for the House of Delegates Rules and Procedures for consideration at the annual meeting. These recommendations are submitted in the form of the House Rules and Procedures Committee report to be submitted for consideration at the meeting.

The nine resolutions for Constitution and Bylaws amendments—and the House Resolution on COCBAP2—are all briefly described in the body of this report, with detailed wording appended on separate numbered Attachments for ease of reference. (The same format is followed in the Attachments — any deletions are struck through [~~deletions~~] and additions are underlined).

In accordance with Article C., 2. of the House Rules and Procedures amended April 16, 2000, reports to be considered by the House must be distributed a minimum of thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Any clarification of this information along with other committee reports will be published in the next edition of *The Delegates' Voice* as well as on the House Forum at, www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum/.

Lowell K. Lischer
Chairman, AAPG House of Delegates
2000-2001

COCBAP3 Amendment

This is a resolution arising from the EC ad hoc Committee on Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Procedure (known as COCBAP), and has been forwarded by EC directly. The resolution suggests amending the Constitution to prevent any governing body (EC, AC or House) from proposing amendments that would alter any other body without its express consent. The spirit and intent of a second COCBAP proposal – a mechanism to get input from any such affected body - was used to help resolve this potentially contentious issue ahead of time. All three bodies (the EC, AC and House leadership) discussed the COCBAP 3 constitutional amendment proposal, were asked to provide their views, and all three now recommend defeat of this resolution. If so defeated the amendment will not have to go to the full membership for a mail ballot.

CONSTITUTION:

Article V. Government

The government of this Association shall be vested in six (6) elected officers, an Executive Committee, a House of Delegates, and an Advisory Council. The composition of each body, the manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to such bodies and officers shall be as provided in the Bylaws of this Association; provided that any amendment to the Bylaws relating to the composition, manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council, or the House of Delegates shall be approved by the body affected. Any such responsibility and authority of government of this Association not otherwise specified in these governing documents shall be reserved to the Executive Committee.

International Region Delegate Clarification Amendment

This is a “housekeeping” clarification to the new International Region portion of the Bylaws. It is intended to make it clear that all delegates to the House from international Regions must be elected from ballots mailed to all Region members, regardless of whether it is an at-large seat across the Region, or one allocated to AAPG members associated with a specific affiliated society. It also clarifies that any AAPG voting member who wishes to run for delegate from any delegate-electing entity (associated society, for example) is allowed to be a nominee and have their name placed on the ballot for the specific entity to which they have chosen to be assigned at headquarters.

This resolution comes from the House meeting in New Orleans in 2000.

ARTICLE V. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SECTION 3. Selection of United States Affiliated Society Delegates and International Region Delegates

Delegates shall be selected by popular vote of American Association of Petroleum Geologists members in elections conducted annually by United States Affiliated Societies and International Regions. Voting shall be restricted to those Association members claiming the Affiliated Society or Region as their home society or region. Association members residing in the United States and not members of any United States Affiliated Society may be assigned for the purpose of voting in elections for Delegates to the nearest United States Affiliated Society upon request to that society, without enjoying any of the membership privileges. All Association members residing outside of the United States shall be assigned to the International Regions in which they reside and shall vote in that Region in elections for Delegates unless claiming a United States Affiliated Society or another Region as their home soci-

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ety or region. All members of an International Region shall be entitled to vote in all elections for all Delegates from that Region. Each International Region shall elect, in an election or elections in which all members of such region shall be entitled to vote, not less than one (1) Delegate from among the Association members of each Affiliated Society within that International Region. Additional Delegates, if any, to which a Region may be entitled shall be elected as determined by the Region; provided, that all Association members assigned to an International Region shall be entitled to vote in all elections of Delegates from that International Region. Any Association member may be a candidate or Delegate from the US Affiliated Society or International Region in which the member votes upon the member's timely written request. Delegates shall be elected for three (3)-year terms and may succeed themselves; provided, however, that any Delegate elected as an officer of the House of Delegates during the third year of the Delegate's three-year term shall automatically be a voting At-Large Member of the House of Delegates for the one year such person serves as such officer. Terms of office shall begin on July 1 following their election. Vacancies in office, or alternates for Delegates unable to attend meetings of the House of Delegates may be filled or obtained from among the candidates not receiving a sufficient number of votes for election, and in order of the total number of votes received. In the event alternates for Delegates are not available from the candidates described above, then the members of a United States Affiliated Society or an International Region who are Association members may appoint alternate Delegates for said meeting. The names of these appointed alternate Delegates must be received in writing by the Headquarters office of the Association at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates for which they are appointed.

Legality Requirement Elimination Amendment

Currently, all resolutions approved by the House must have their "legality" affirmed by the EC. It is the opinion of AAPG's legal counsel (Craig Blackstock) that this procedure is not necessary to legally enact a valid Bylaw Amendment; and, further, the "legality" language has created some confusion in the past. If an amendment is illegal, as it pertains to a statute or regulation, then it is unenforceable.

This proposal removes the language in Article XIV, Sections 2 & 3 pertaining to "affirmation of legality" and "determine legality" since it is not necessary and to avoid any future potential misunderstandings.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2. Amending Procedure

Upon receipt of such proposals, they shall be referred to the Chairman of the House of Delegates, who shall then ~~request that the Executive Committee determine legality forward them to~~ (a) the Executive Committee and (b) to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates for review and a report to be presented to the members of the House of Delegates, in accordance with its Rules & Procedures.

SECTION 3. Publication of Amendments

~~Upon affirmation of legality of proposed amendments~~
The Executive Committee shall cause ~~them~~ proposed amendments to be published in the *Bulletin* or by other suitable means at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

SECTION 4. Consideration of Amendments

Proposed amendments shall be considered at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and shall be passed upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting. ~~In the event any revisions of the published amendments are approved by the House, the amendments shall become effective only when and if the legality of the revised form has been affirmatively determined by the Executive Committee.~~

Bylaws Amending Time Period Equivalency Amendment

This **standardizes the procedures for proposing amendments to the Bylaws** by mandating a single 90-day time-period for submitting resolutions to the membership.

As it now stands, the House must pass a resolution for amendment in the form of a committee report or motion from the floor of the House and then wait a full year until the next annual meeting to vote on the actual change to the Bylaws. However, the EC or any 50 members may propose Amendments up until 2 months before the House Annual Meeting. To provide the House some equivalency this resolution therefore proposes granting the three elected House officers together with the Chairman of the C&BL Committee the authority to propose Bylaws amending resolutions. In this way the officers of both the EC and the House, as well as any 50-member petition, will have the right to bring forth resolutions for Amendment to the Bylaws at the next Annual Meeting.

Those three ways of proposing amending resolutions should be subject to the same time frame for submission; and, further, 50% more time should be provided for consideration of all Resolutions for Amendments from any source. Thus, we propose changing the time period for submission to the membership from "2 months" to "90 days".

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Proposal of Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the following means:

- (a) Resolution by the Executive Committee;
- (b) Resolution of the House of Delegates;
- (c) Written proposal signed by fifty (50) members of the Association.
- (d) Resolution by a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chairman of Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates.

SECTION 3. Publication of Amendments

Upon affirmation of legality of proposed amendments, the Executive Committee shall cause them to be published in the *Bulletin* or by other suitable means at least ~~two (2) months~~ ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

Eliminate “suitable” Amendment

The word is used in the Bylaws referring to the AC’s mandate as the nominating committee to provide “suitable” candidates for election.

The House last year voted to eliminate the word “suitable” for several reasons. First, the meaning of the word is not defined anywhere in the Bylaws. Second, it is redundant—the AC would not provide unsuitable candidates; if the Advisory Council nominates a member as an EC officer candidate, that nominee should be accepted as being properly qualified. Third, its use in the past has been inconsistent; there has been much EC discussion and debate over this one word in the Bylaws, to the extent that legal counsel has been asked to define it and its use.

This resolution of the House is intended to clean up the wording and eliminate the possibility of this one word unnecessarily wasting the time and energy of EC members, HQ staff, and AAPG counsel.

ARTICLE V. ADVISORY COUNCIL

SECTION 5. Nominations

The Advisory Council shall recommend suitable candidates for Association officers as provided in these Bylaws.

Election Results Release Amendment

The release of the results of AAPG Elections needs to be handled in the Bylaws, with the intent of providing candidates with information to help them assess their efforts. Many candidates want to know the specific numerical results of their individual races for AAPG office. It is only fair that both the winner and loser, if they both agree, should be given the specific numerical results of their individual election contest. A written request from the candidates would be required, and they would not be bound by any requirement for confidentiality of the information so could freely discuss them if they wished. The Bylaws are silent on this issue at present, so the proposed addition of a Section 12 to Article II of the Bylaws is a clarification and a policy statement for the future.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SECTION 12. Release of Election Results.

If all candidates in any AAPG election for a specific office approve in writing a statement authorizing the release of the numerical results of their election, those results shall be released to each of the said candidates and any of those candidates may disclose such election results to any person. For the purposes of this Section 12, AAPG elections include, but are not limited to, elections for officers of the Association, the House of Delegates, and the Divisions, and any other election between members of any classification conducted by the Association.

Limitation on Holding Multiple Positions Amendment

Currently there is nothing in the Bylaws to prohibit any member from holding more than one of approximately 25 senior elected positions of the EC, AC, House and Divisions. With 20,000 or more members it should not be necessary to have any individual member hold more than one; in fact, the Association needs to provide for a broader representation of its members in its senior management ranks. This resolution—which originates from the EC—proposes just such a reasonable limitation on holding multiple positions. It will be added to Article II of the Bylaws as a new Section 12 or 13, depending on the outcome of the vote on the Election Results Release Amendment (Attachment 6).

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, AND EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

SECTION 12. Limitations on Association Positions

- (a) No member of any classification may hold more than one of the following offices at any one time:
Association President;
Association Vice President;
Association President-Elect;
Association Secretary;
Association Treasurer;
Association Editor;
Chairman, House of Delegates;
Chairman-Elect, House of Delegates;
Secretary-Editor, House of Delegates;
President of any Division;
Advisory Council member elected by any United States Section; and
Advisory Council member elected by any International Region.
- (b) No past president of the Association may within three (3) years after expiration of his or her term of office as such hold any of the offices listed in subsection 12(a) above.
- (c) If a member of any classification holds or has been elected to, appointed to, or is otherwise entitled to hold any of the offices listed in subsection 12(a) above, such member may not be nominated as a candidate for or be appointed to or otherwise hold any other of such offices if the member’s election or appointment to or the member’s otherwise holding such other office would result in such member holding two or more of such offices concurrently.

Advisory Council Alternates Amendment

Currently the rules providing for Alternates to attend and vote at the AC are not equivalent for the Past Presidents, Divisions, Sections and Regions. While the amendment below does not create exactly the same mechanism for each of those categories of AC member, it does provide enough flexibility to allow all bodies to be fully represented if the primary, elected individual is unable to attend. The resolution—which comes directly from the EC—includes a new Section 12 of Article V; the wording is somewhat difficult to follow, since it also handles those positions on the AC that have no prior member – new international Regions for example.

ARTICLE V. ADVISORY COUNCIL

SECTION 8. Composition and Terms of Office

Except as set forth in subparagraph (a) and (c) below, the members of the Advisory Council shall each serve for three (3)-year terms in rotation. The members of the Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

(a) The immediate past-president and the two (2) former presidents who have served most recently or their designated representatives from their respective Executive Committees and the immediate past chairman of the House of Delegates;

(b) One (1) or more members of the Association elected every third year by the Association members of each United States Section and International Region, in accordance with a schedule established by the Executive Committee to provide staggered terms and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (d) of this Section 8;

(c) The chief elected officer of each Division who shall serve ex officio during the officer's term, provided said Division has not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members on the first day of the fiscal year of the Association. The chief elected officer of each Division with less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members shall be entitled to attend Advisory Council meetings as an Observer but will not be a member of the Advisory Council. ~~The chief elected officer of each Division may designate in writing to the Chairman of the Advisory Council for one meeting only of the Advisory Council the chief elected officer's designated representative from such Division's executive committee who shall at such meeting have the authority, including the right to vote, of such chief elected officer. The written designation must be received by the Chairman of the Advisory Council not less than ten days prior to such meeting. Like designations may be made for subsequent meetings.~~

(d) Each United States Section and International Region with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members shall be entitled to elect one Advisory Council member for up to five thousand (5,000) Association members within such section or region. Each United States Section and International Region with less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members will elect for a three (3)-year term an Observer to attend Advisory Council meetings but who will not be a member of the Advisory Council except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. If a Section or a Region which elected an Observer has seven hundred and fifty (750) or more Association members on the first day of any fiscal year of the Association, such Observer shall become a member of the Advisory Council as of that date and continue as such for the remainder of the Observer's three (3)-year term. A Section or Region shall be entitled to elect an additional Advisory Council member for each additional five thousand (5,000) members, or any fraction thereof. For the purposes of this subparagraph (d), the number of members of a section or region shall be determined as of the first day of the Association's fiscal year in which an election is to occur. Once elected, an

Advisory Council member from a Section or Region shall serve for three (3) years, regardless of the number of members in such section or region during the term of that Advisory Council member.

SECTION 9. Meetings

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once each year during the annual meeting of the Association, and shall submit annual reports to the Executive Committee. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of members. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall apply at all meetings. No proxies shall be allowed, ~~and no~~ but alternates for absentee members may be appointed in accordance with Section 8 paragraph (a) or the procedures prescribed in Section 12 of this Article V. Mail canvasses may be conducted when necessary for interim action requested by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 10. Presiding Officer – NO Changes

SECTION 11. Observers at Advisory Council Meetings – NO Changes

SECTION 12. Alternates at Advisory Council Meetings for Absent Members

The alternate representative for an absent Advisory Council member shall be that absent member's immediate predecessor as a member of the Advisory Council, except as prescribed in Section 8 paragraph (a) of this Article. If the absent Advisory Council member represents a Region, Section, or Division and did not have a predecessor, the alternate representative shall be designated by the Region, Section, or Division President, and shall be a current member of its executive committee. If an Advisory Council member dies or resigns, then prior to the election of a successor member as prescribed in Article VI, Section 1, such former member's alternate representative shall be as otherwise provided herein for an absent member. An alternate representative may be seated at any time during an Advisory Council meeting. The alternate representative shall have the authority, including the right to vote, of the absent member.

COCBAP2 Amendment

The C&BL committee offers this as a Resolution of the House in case the Delegates defeat the COCBAP3 Constitutional amendment. In that event, a resolution such as this would be required to provide a mechanism to obtain comment from each of the three governing bodies on amendments that might affect them, as per the COCBAP2 recommendation. The EC, AC and the House leadership implicitly endorse this process; in fact, just such a process was implemented in spirit to obtain the EC, AC and HOD views on COCBAP 3—and it worked wonderfully. This resolution proposes to formally encode the process in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 2. Amending Procedure

(a) Upon receipt of such proposals, they shall be referred to the Chairman of the House of Delegates, who

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shall then request that the Executive Committee determine legality.

(b) Amendments proposed by resolution of the Executive Committee or by fifty (50) members of the Association shall within thirty (30) days of their receipt by the Chairman of the House of Delegates be distributed to the members of the House of Delegates, the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates, the Advisory Council, and any committee or member(s) of the Association designated by the Executive Committee to receive them. Each of the Advisory Council, committees or members of the Association, and members of the House of Delegates to whom a proposed amendment was distributed under these provisions, may submit comments to the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates at which the proposed amendment shall be considered. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall cause all such comments to be sent to the members of the House of Delegates prior to such annual meeting.

(d) Amendments proposed by resolution of the House of Delegates shall within thirty (30) days of their adoption be distributed to the members of the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council, and any committee or member(s) of the Association designated by the Executive Committee to receive them. Each of the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council, committees or members of the Association, and members of the House of Delegates to whom a proposed amendment was distributed under these provisions, may submit comments to the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates not later than the next October 31st following the adoption of the resolution and preceding the annual meeting of the House of Delegates at which the proposed amendment shall be considered. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall cause all such comments to be sent with the proposed amendment to the members of the House of Delegates as provided in its Rules and Procedures.

Officer Nominations EC Super-Majority Vote Amendment

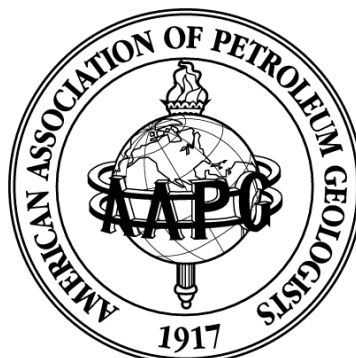
During the "New Business" portion of the 2000 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, a Resolution was passed that required the Executive Committee to have a greater than simple majority to change the order of candidates or reject

any names presented by the Advisory Council. The resolution was passed and forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws committee for wordsmithing.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SECTION 10. Election of Officers

These officers shall be elected from among the members of the Association by means of secret ballot in the following manner: not later than June 30 of each year the Advisory Council shall annually recommend two (2) or more candidates each for the offices of Vice President and President-Elect, biennially recommend two (2) or more candidates each for offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and triennially recommend two (2) or more candidates for the office of Editor to stand for election during the following fiscal year, and, if elected, to serve during the second succeeding fiscal year. The Executive Committee shall approve the candidates recommended in the order (if the Advisory Council recommends candidates in a particular order) and for the office recommended by the Advisory Council unless the Executive Committee, by the affirmative vote of not less than five of its members in each instance, alters the order in which candidates are recommended or changes the office for which a particular candidate is recommended; provided, however, that no person shall be a candidate who declines such candidacy. ~~The Council's recommendations shall thereafter be considered by the~~ The Executive Committee which shall annually approve two (2) candidates each for the offices of Vice President and President-Elect, biennially approve two (2) candidates each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and triennially approve two (2) candidates for the office of Editor. The names of approved candidates shall be published in the *Bulletin* or by other suitable means ninety (90) days prior to distribution of ballots to members. Additional nominations may be made by written petition of fifty (50) or more members in good standing received at Association headquarters not later than November 15 following. The Executive Committee shall then prepare a printed ballot, listing the candidates for each office, and one (1) ballot shall be mailed to each member on or before April 1. Marked ballots returned to and received by the Association after May 15 shall not be counted. The ballot committee shall count the ballots promptly after May 15 and report the results to the President. A plurality of all votes cast for an office is necessary for election. In case of a tie vote the Executive Committee shall cast one (1) additional deciding vote.



Rules and Procedures Committee Annual Report

Larry Jones, Chair

The Rules and Procedures Committee has the following four members:

Jeanne E. Harris, RM Section
Larry L. Jones, GC Section (Chair)
Mark A. Rainer, SW Section
Lawrence H. Wickstrom, E Section

Their efforts are appreciated.

The Committee considered twelve multi-part recommendations that had been proposed by the Honors and Awards Committee, the Resolutions Committee, and the Ad Hoc Procedures Committee, and thereafter accepted by the House at its New Orleans meeting on April 16, 2000. In addition one procedure was studied that had been recommended by the 1998-99 Executive Committee, and one that had been brought forward by current HOD leadership. A total of 14 items were considered.

Some recommendations are redundant, some are already in place as administrative processes and required no formalization, and the HOD is evaluating one for practicality. The R&P Committee recommends that the proposal adopted by the Executive Committee in 1999 on "Amending the procedure for passage of resolutions and notification" be referred to the HOD Constitution and Bylaws Committee for formalization of language.

Therefore, the R&P Committee does herein recommend the acceptance of the following 10 changes to the current Rules and Procedure of the House of Delegates:

1. Section II, B.: #2 to be struck in its entirety and replaced with "2. AAPG President's Report" (Ad hoc)
2. Section II, B.: new "16. All other Association Reports" (Ad hoc)
3. Section II,: new " D. Midyear Meeting"
 1. "At least 100 days before the annual meeting of the AAPG, the officers of the House of Delegates, the active committee chairmen, and the invitees of the Chairman of the House shall hold a meeting, at a location and on a date of the Chairman's choice, to consider HOD issues and to plan for the subsequent Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates." (Ad Hoc)
4. Section III, A. 1. : to be struck in its entirety and replaced with the following: "Except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Procedures, the Chairman of the House of Delegates shall appoint, from qualified Delegates, a chairman, a vice chairman, and all new and all replacement members for the following committees:" (Ad Hoc)
5. Section III, A. 1. a.: new second paragraph: "No member of the Nominations and Election Committee, while serving on that Committee, shall be considered for nomination as a House of Delegates officer." (Ad Hoc)
6. Section III,: new "C. Retention"
"The current Chairman, Chairman-elect, Secretary/Editor, and immediate Past Chairman of the House of Delegates,

by unanimous vote, may remove any HOD committee chairman, vice chairman, or other committee member with or without cause." (Present leadership)

7. Section III, A, 1. e.: new second paragraph:
The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for directing any required "Disaffiliation" procedures of an inactive U.S. Affiliated Society under the following authority and process:
 - 1) If an Affiliated Society fails to send a representative to the HOD Annual meeting for two consecutive years, the Chair of HOD shall inform the Resolutions Committee Chair. The Resolutions Committee shall then attempt to contact the leadership and members of that Society to encourage participation and to determine if the Society is inactive.
 - 2) If after 6 months from the initial contact effort by the Resolutions Committee, the Committee feels that no progress is being made to reactivate the Society, the Committee shall inform the Chair of the HOD. Then the Chair of HOD shall send three personal letters, (1) to the Affiliated Society to encourage its participation, (2) to the appropriate Section President to request their involvement, and (3) to the members within the jurisdiction of that Society to advise them that they are not represented and to invite their attention to this matter.
 - 3) If a third annual meeting occurs without a representative delegate, then a letter from the Committee shall be sent to the members of the Affiliate Society requesting that they elect to affiliate with a nearby active society within 6 months, or AAPG Headquarters shall automatically assign them to a nearby active society. The original Society shall then be placed in "INACTIVE" status.
 - 4) If after 2 years the Society remains in "INACTIVE" status, a resolution shall be proposed to the HOD by this Committee to "Disaffiliate" the Society. (Resolutions)
8. Section III, A. 1. g. Seventh paragraph:
Delete: "New awards may be established as follows:
Replace with: "Rules and Procedures for granting awards." (Honors and Awards)
9. Section III, A. 1. g.: new "(5) No HOD Honors and Awards Committee member shall receive an HOD award while serving on that Committee." (Honors and Awards)
10. Section III, A. 1. g.: new "(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 shall not preclude that member from receiving one or more of the other awards at a later time." (Honors and Awards)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

[with Proposed Changes: HOD Meeting, June 3, 2001]

PURPOSE

The Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates shall serve as a guide to the House Officers and Delegates in their conduct of the legislative affairs of the Association.

I. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

A. Membership in the House, officers, and terms of office shall be as defined in the Bylaws of the Association.

1. AAPG Headquarters shall be notified of the names of elected Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and unsuccessful candidates in order of total number of votes by April first of each year.

B. Officers of the House shall be elected annually by ballot during the annual meeting from among qualified candidates proposed by the Nomination and Election Committee and those qualified candidates who may be proposed from the floor. In the event of a tie vote in any election held for any office of the House, then the House shall re-vote by ballot on only the candidates who tied. In the event of a tie during the re-vote by the House, then the current officers of the House at the annual meeting shall, by secret ballot, vote on the candidates who have tied and such vote shall determine the election. In the event such a vote by the officers of the House shall also result in a tie vote, then the procedure provided for herein shall be repeated until the tie is broken. Candidates for office should abide by the principles outlined in Part A of the Election Campaign Policy as adopted by the AAPG Executive Committee on April 22, 1997. The three (3) officers of the House shall receive and investigate any allegations of policy violation. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall be obliged to inform the House prior to election voting of any violations of the Election Campaign Policy. The Chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee shall provide each candidate for House office with a copy of Part A of the Election Campaign Policy as adopted by the AAPG Executive Committee on April 22, 1997, at the time the candidate is officially notified of the candidate's nomination.

II. MEETINGS

A. Time

1. The annual meeting of the House shall be held at the annual meeting of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. The meeting shall be scheduled by the Chairman of the House, in coordination with the Executive Committee, and proper notice published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means. Other meetings of the House of Delegates may be called by the Chairman of the House upon thirty (30) days' written notice to all Affiliated Societies and to all Delegates.
2. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall schedule a two (2) day meeting of the House if the agenda so warrants.

B. Suggested Order of Business

1. Call to order and introductions
2. *Association reports/ AAPG President's Report*
3. Report of Credentials Committee
4. Approval of agenda
5. Approval of minutes of last meeting

6. Report of Nomination and Election Committee and election of officers
7. Report of Rules and Procedures Committee action on recommendations
8. Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee action on recommendations
9. Report of Newsletter Committee action on recommendations
10. Report of Honors and Awards Committee action on recommendations
11. Report of Future of Earth Scientists Committee action on recommendations
12. Report of Resolution Committee action on recommendations
13. Report of Ad Hoc Committees action on recommendations
14. Other new business
15. Results of election of officers

16. All other Association Reports

C. Agenda

1. The proposed agenda for any meeting shall be mailed to the Delegates at least thirty-five (35) days before the date set for the meeting.
2. Reports for the meeting shall be submitted in writing in sufficient time prior to the meeting to be distributed to the Delegates at least thirty-five (35) days before the date set for the meeting.

D. Midyear Meeting

At least 100 days before the annual meeting of the AAPG, the officers of the House of Delegates, the active committee chairmen, and the invitees of the Chairman of the House shall hold a meeting, at a location and on a date of the Chairman's choice, to consider HOD issues and to plan for the subsequent Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

III. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

A. Standing Committees

1 *The following standing committees of the House and their Chairmen shall, except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Procedures, be appointed by the Chairman of the House of Delegates from qualified Delegates. / Except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Procedures, the Chairman of the House of Delegates shall appoint, from qualified Delegates, a chairman, a vice chairman, and all new and all replacement members for the following committees:*

- a. The Nomination and Election Committee shall consist of one (1) member from each Region and Section with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) members and one (1) additional member from each Region and Section with more than five thousand (5,000) members. The members including a Chairman shall be appointed for one (1) year terms. This committee will present to the annual meeting of the House a slate or slates of two (2) nominees for

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each of the officers to be elected by the House. The slate or slates with factual background data concerning each candidate shall be given to the Chairman of the House of Delegates sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting for submission to the Delegates with the agenda. In addition to the above duties, the Nomination and Election Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the election at the annual meeting. This shall consist of the distribution, collection, counting and reporting the results of the balloting pertaining to the election of officers.

No member of the Nominations and Election Committee, while serving on that Committee, shall be considered for nomination as a House of Delegates officer.

- b. The Credentials Committee shall consist of five (5) members including a Chairman to serve one (1) year terms. In the event one (1) or more members must relinquish his seat for any reason, the Chairman of the House shall have the authority to appoint a replacement. Officers of the House may not serve on this Committee. The Committee shall submit to the Chairman of the House at the scheduled meetings an attested roll of Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and Appointed Alternate Delegates who are qualified.

Only Delegates, chosen by means given in Article IV of the Association Bylaws, may be considered as qualified. A qualified Delegate shall be a full voting member in good standing of the Association as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws as of the time of designation and during tenure in the House of Delegates. Qualified society Delegates shall be members of the Affiliated Society that they represent. Appointed alternate delegates whose names are not received in writing by the Headquarters office of the Association at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates for which they are appointed to serve shall not be qualified to serve as Delegates at such meeting.

In the event of a dispute over credentials, the Chairman shall place the matter before the House. In this event, the Committee shall submit verbally, and in writing, to the House its reason for withholding accreditation. Immediately thereafter, the designating society as well as the nominated Delegate or Alternate may submit verbally, and in writing, reasons to support accreditation of the Delegate. The House shall vote on the dispute with a majority vote governing.

- c. The Rules and Procedures Committee shall consist of four (4) members including a Chairman, who shall serve staggered two (2) year terms. This Committee shall review the Rules and Procedures of the House annually. They shall review other proposals for changes in the Rules and Procedures. They shall make recommendations for changes in existing Rules and Procedures. Such proposals shall be submitted to the Chairman of the House at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting. The Chairman of the House shall have the proposed changes checked for legal conformity, if necessary. All recommended changes that legally conform shall be disseminated to the Delegates at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and included in the agenda of such meeting.

- d. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of four (4) members including a Chairman, who shall serve for staggered two (2) year terms. This Committee shall report to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting their recommendations concerning:

- (1) Any amendments proposed in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, and shall be prepared to explain the purpose, function, and significance of such amendments.
- (2) Any amendments that they wish to propose after making an annual review of the Constitution and Bylaws. Such proposals shall be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting to the Chairman of the House for placement on the agenda. They shall be prepared to explain the purpose, function, and significance of such proposed amendments.

- e. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of four (4) members including a Chairman, who shall serve staggered two (2) year terms. This Committee shall report to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting their recommendations concerning all advance petitions, resolutions, or motions offered by Delegates, Affiliated Societies, or by charge from the Chairman of the House. They shall not be required to review resolutions on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules and Procedures.

The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for directing any required "Disaffiliation" procedures of an inactive U.S. Affiliated Society under the following Authority and process:

- 1) **If an Affiliated Society fails to send a representative to the HOD Annual meeting for two consecutive years, the Chair of HOD shall inform the Resolutions Committee Chair. The Resolutions Committee shall then attempt to contact the leadership and members of that Society to encourage participation and to determine if the Society is inactive.**
- 2) **If after 6 months from the initial contact effort by the Resolutions Committee, the Committee feels that no progress is being made to reactivate the Society, the Committee shall inform the Chair of the HOD. Then the Chair of HOD shall send three personal letters, (1) to the Affiliated Society to encourage its participation, (2) to the appropriate Section President to request their involvement, and (3) to the members within the jurisdiction of that Society to advise them that they are not represented and to invite their attention to this matter.**
- 3) **If a third annual meeting occurs without a representative delegate, then a letter from the Committee shall be sent to the members of the Affiliate Society requesting that they elect to affiliate with a nearby active society within 6 months, or AAPG Headquarters shall automatically assign them to a nearby active society. The original Society shall then be placed in "INACTIVE" status.**
- 4) **If after 2 years the Society remains in "INACTIVE" status, a resolution shall be proposed to the HOD by this Committee to "Disaffiliate" the Society.**

- f. The Newsletter Committee shall consist of not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) members, including a Chairman. The Chairman shall be the Secretary/

Editor of the House of Delegates who shall be responsible for the timely performance of all Newsletter Committee business and who shall serve as editor of the newsletter. The Secretary/Editor shall suggest to the Chairman of the House of Delegates persons to be appointed as the other member or members of the committee. At the discretion of the Chairman of the House of Delegates, the Newsletter Committee shall publish from two (2) to six (6) newsletter issues in each fiscal year of AAPG.

- g. The Honors and Awards Committee shall consist of one (1) member from each Region and Section with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) members and one (1) additional member from each Region and Section with more than five thousand (5,000) members. The Committee Chairman shall be appointed from among the members. The members and the committee Chairman shall serve staggered two (2) year terms. This committee shall forward names of all candidates to the Chairman of the House of Delegates for consideration as the recipient of the following:

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.

House Long Service Award—Presented in recognition of persons who have served as Delegates for a minimum of four terms and have, in addition, taken an active role in the affairs of the House. Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients.

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. Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients.

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). Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients. Past recipients shall be invited to and publicly recognized at the annual meeting.

The Chairman, Chairman-Elect, and the Secretary/Editor of the House of Delegates shall by majority vote approve or disapprove each candidate as the recipient of the award for which he or she is named as the candidate. Only candidates selected by this committee may receive awards. The Distinguished Member of the House and Honorary Member of the House Awards shall be presented at the awards ceremony at the AAPG annual meeting. Presentation of the House Certificate of Merit and House Long Service Awards will be made at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

New Awards may be established as follows: / Rules and Procedures for Granting Awards

- (1) All awards shall be given only to recognize persons for their service to the House of Delegates.

(2) Only a person who has served as a Delegate within the previous two (2) years may receive an award.

(3) The Honors and Awards Committee shall prepare the title and description of, and qualifications for, an award proposed by the committee to be established and shall forward the same to the Rules and Procedures Committee of the House of Delegates to be processed as set forth in subsection A.1.c of this Section III. An award will be presented in the years after the year the award is established.

(4) All awards shall be established by amendment to these Rules and Procedures.

(5) No HOD Honors and Awards Committee member shall receive an HOD award while serving on that Committee.

(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 shall not preclude that member from receiving one or more of the other awards at a later time.

h. The Future of Earth Scientists Committee shall consist of six (6) Delegate members, including a chairman, who will serve staggered two (2) year terms as regular voting members, and the Chairman of the Committee on Committees and each Division president who will serve as ex officio members in a nonvoting advisory capacity. This committee will continuously review and may report to the House of Delegates recommendations to prepare earth scientists for their future roles in society and may provide to the House of Delegates proposed guidelines for their education, public perception, and professional development. Such recommendations and guidelines will be voted upon by the House of Delegates and, upon approval by a majority vote, will be submitted for approval and action to the AAPG Executive Committee.

2. Minority reports, if any, from all standing House committees shall be heard. In case of a tie vote within a committee, the Chairman's report shall be considered the majority report.

B. Ad Hoc Committees

The Chairman of the House may appoint such Ad Hoc Committees as may be required to study and report on any proposal submitted to the House, or proposed by the officers of the House or by the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

C. Retention

The current Chairman, Chairman-Elect, Secretary/Editor, and immediate Past Chairman of the House of Delegates, by unanimous vote, may remove any HOD committee chairman, vice chairman, or other committee member with or without cause.

IV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Rules and Procedures may be made upon recommendation of the Rules and Procedures Committee in accordance with prescribed procedures with approval of a majority of the Delegates present and voting at the annual meeting.

Resolutions Committee Annual Report

Marty Hewitt, Chair

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

The 2000 – 2001 Resolutions Committee is comprised of the following Delegates:

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At the time of submission of this report, two Applications for Affiliation have been submitted. The first application is from the Association of Petroleum Geologists based in Dehra Dun, India and the second is from the Japanese Association of Petroleum Technology based in Tokyo, Japan. The AAPG's Executive Committee has approved the application from the Association of Petroleum Geologists, while the application from the Japanese Association of Petroleum Technology is pending. Final details on these approvals will be posted on the Delegates Forum when available. The Resolutions Committee will review these applications and make a recommendation for approval at the HOD Annual Meeting June 3 in Denver.

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.

A total of 276 Delegates are eligible to be elected to the House from the Affiliated Societies and International Regions. Currently, only 251 Delegates have been assigned. Consequently, just over 1400 members or 8% of AAPG's Active membership are not represented or are under-represented in the business of the House. Concerning representation at the HOD Annual Meeting in New Orleans, 24 of 64 Affiliated Societies were not represented. All International Regions had representation at the meeting.

One additional item 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 that have a feel for the business of the House that 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 with comments or questions related to this report and the business of the Resolutions Committee.

Ad Hoc Independent Audit Committee Annual Report

Will Green, Chair

The committee was appointed to report on the need for a financial and staff audit of AAPG every five years as a result of a HOD vote at the meeting in New Orleans in April 2000. Other committee members were Dave Campbell, Terry Hollrah, Ed Picou, and Dan Smith. Specifically, the committee was charged by HOD Chairman Lowell Lischer to answer four questions:

1. Are we required by either the laws of incorporation of Colorado or the IRS to conduct an annual independent financial audit? And, doesn't the AAPG do this already?

No, AAPG is not required to conduct an annual independent financial audit. Nevertheless, AAPG has had an annual financial audit for many years as a good

business practice and to protect its non-profit status with the IRS.

2. Why did a previous executive committee call for an independent audit of staff and personnel? Do similar needs still exist? What was the cost of the study?

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Geology and the Petroleum Technology Transfer Conference help in putting on state-of-the-geologic-art programs.

In addition, the STGS runs two field trips a year, one in the early Fall, and the second in "blue bonnet time". The nearby outcrops offer a good look at rocks from pre-Cambrian to recent, and enthusiastic geologists and their families come along for the fun. These excursions, too, are at minimal cost, because we hire and drive our own vans for the average 30 or so participants.

Quite fortunately the Society is well endowed financially because of the frequent GCAGS and National AAPG meetings in our city. We use this money (which we earn by the hard work of our members) to run the Society, and a healthy Endowment Fund to give scholarships and awards to students from central Texas Universities. We also sponsor a science fair for high school students and have an extremely active liaison with K-12 schools for the promotion of geology in the public eye.

You should visit our web page, www.stgs.org, to see what is going on in the Society, maybe take a field trip or a course, or just attend a friendly meeting if you are in San Antonio

Ad Hoc Operating Efficiency Committee Annual Report

Tom Mairs, Chair

The function of the OEC is to review and evaluate procedures, which have the potential to make our HOD and Association's operations more efficient, cost effective, and communicative. These procedures can be adopted by administrative action of the House officers, through additions to the Rules and Procedures, or by approval of the Executive Committee. Last year's embryonic committee, chaired by Pat Gratton, submitted a rather thorough list of items to be considered; several of which have been infused into our system; i.e. HOD website for better communications and several others which are being proposed by the Rules and Procedures Committee at the Denver meeting.

The 2000-2001 OEC is composed of Ed Heath, George Eynon, Larry Jones, Marty Hewitt, Deborah Sacrey, Brenda Cunningham and Ed Dolly. We are currently in the process of reviewing and prioritizing last year's suggested items and considering additional items. A full report will be available on the HOD Forum (www.aapg.org/house_of_delegates/hodforum/) and at the meeting on June 3.

Should you have any new ideas or suggestions for next year's OEC, please contact me at mairsgeol@aol.com, 214.692.9621 fax, or 214.265.9533 phone.

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The AAPG executive committee (EC) contracted for an independent audit of staff and personnel in 1994. The report was completed January 31, 1995 for a fee of \$7,500. The EC called for this audit prior to retirement of the executive director because they thought that the information would help the incoming executive director better understand and utilize his staff. Three years ago the EC retained a "personnel consultant" to analyze AAPG staff and train the executive director in management techniques.

3. Doesn't the Executive Committee already have the power to call for an

independent audit of personnel and staff if deemed necessary?

Yes. The EC acts as a Board of Directors for AAPG. Nothing in the AAPG bylaws addresses this issue.

4. Is it really necessary to establish scheduled personnel and staff audits and incur this expense on a regular basis?

The committee unanimously agrees that staff/personnel audits or similar use of consultants should be called for when needed, in the opinion of the EC, and not on any regular basis.

Honors and Awards Annual Report

Brenda Cunningham, Chair

The Delegates were requested to submit nominations for the year 2001 House of Delegates Honors and 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.

K. Lee Avary
 Robert Lindblom
 Peter Gray
 Robert Cowdrey
 Marilyn Cisar
 Paul English
 John Kerns
 Brenda Cunningham

Appalachian Geological Society
 Northern California Geological Society
 Lafayette Geological Society
 Kansas Geological Society
 Houston Geological Society
 CSPG
 Wyoming Geological Society
 West Texas Geological Society

- 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).

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

Eastern Section
 Pacific Section
 GCAGS
 Mid-Continent Section
 GCAGS
 Canada Int'l. Region
 Rocky Mountain Section
 Southwest Section

Nominations and the appropriate supporting documentation were due no later than March 15, preferably in electronic form.

More information may be found on the AAPG website under the House of Delegates Rules and Procedures.

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