

The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

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Chairman's Corner

Ed Dolly, Chairman

During the past year, I've had the privilege of working with two fine leaders and outstanding individuals, Lowell Lischer and Sandi Barber. I want to publicly thank them both for their long hours of hard work and their commitment to the House of Delegates and the AAPG. Although the term we shared as your HOD Board has ended, the friendships we developed will be lasting.

I now look forward to the 2001-2002 HOD year and the opportunity to work together with our newly elected officers, Chairman-Elect Terry Hollrah and Secretary/Editor Marty Hewitt. Both Terry and Marty have demonstrated strong dedication to the AAPG and the HOD in prior years. That work history will transition well to their new leadership roles in the HOD.

Our work has already begun. Since the HOD meeting in Denver in June, we (Terry, Marty and I) have put together chairmen and members for the eight standing committees. These individuals, our fellow Delegates, are ready to take on the duties, and perhaps challenges, of their respective committees. A list of the committees is included elsewhere in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*, and you will find them posted on the HOD Forum.

There are several items of business that will carry forward from the meeting in Denver. I'll save my comments on those for the next *Delegates' Voice*. At this time, I'd like to summarize the results of the year just ended.

Last year your House leaders and committees continued to build on the theme of linking information and cooperation to the business of the AAPG. In fact, Lowell's plaque read,

LEADERSHIP EQUALS HARMONY THROUGH COMMUNICATION.

Those words embody the attitude that we expressed throughout the year. Information on all House matters was presented early and often, to keep the Delegates abreast of the issues as well as informing the AAPG leaders and members. This type of information-sharing fostered cooperation between the HOD, the Executive Committee and the Advisory Council. Information was distributed at Delegate breakfasts, through *The Delegates' Voice*, and on the newly-created HOD Forum. I plan to continue placing a number one priority on communication as I lead the HOD during my term as your Chairman.

Numerous business matters were reviewed by the HOD during the past year.

Constitution and Bylaws: As you know, it is within the jurisdiction of the House of Delegates to carry on all legislative functions of the Association within the scope of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws are the rules that define and govern how the AAPG conducts business on behalf of its members and their interaction with the public. Nine Constitution and Bylaws amendments were submitted by the C&BL Committee for consideration by the House at our annual meeting on June 3, 2001 in Denver. The results are listed below.

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| • COCBAP 3 Constitutional Amendment | Defeated |
| • International Region Delegate Clarification | Passed |
| • Legality Requirement Elimination | Passed |
| • Bylaws Amending Time Period Equivalency | Passed |
| • Elimination of "suitable" | Passed |
| • Election Results Release | Amended and Passed |
| • Officer Nominations EC Supermajority Vote | Passed |
| • Limitation of Holding Multiple Positions | Amended and Passed |
| • Advisory Council Alternates | Passed |

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2001 - 2002

Short Business Year!

Ed Dolly, Chairman

We have 8 months and 10 days from July 1, 2001 in which to complete the HOD business prior to the next HOD Annual Meeting, in Houston on Sunday, March 10, 2002 at the 2002 AAPG Annual Convention.

Actually, most of the business must be completed by our Committees prior to the Mid-Year Meeting in November, to allow time for posting Committee reports and completing preparations for the Annual Meeting.

So, I repeat, short business year!

Future of Earth Scientists Committee

By Don Lewis, Chair

The Future of Earth Scientists Committee has been somewhat restructured. Don Lewis is continuing as Chairman, supported by Brian Keith and Rick Ericksen from last year's Committee and newly joined members Chris Heath and Jack Edwards.

The goal for this year is to build on last year's preliminary work to make a long-term projection of the demand for geoscientists, considering many factors. This demand projection, combined with Chris Heath's work on the skill sets desired in new graduates by the petroleum industry, should be of interest to both the House and to academia.

Any questions can be directed to me at donlewis@home.com or 925-284-5480.

The COCBAP 2 Resolution passed; final consideration as an amendment will occur at the next annual meeting.

Rules and Procedures: The purpose of the Rules and Procedures of the HOD is to serve as a guide to the House Officers and Delegates in their conduct of the legislative affairs of the Association. The Rules and Procedures Committee recommended the acceptance of ten changes to the current Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates. They were:

- Suggested agenda item changing reporting order: President and Convention Chairman (requires an additional correction to include Executive Director in 2002)
- Suggested agenda item: "All Other Association Reports" moved to later on the Agenda
- Call for a midyear meeting
- Appointments of chairman, vice-chairman, and replacements on House committees
- Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee cannot be nominated for House office while serving on that Committee
- Retention of committee chairmen, vice-chairmen, and committee members of the House
- Disaffiliation procedure
- Rules and procedures for granting awards
- Members of the Honors and Awards Committee cannot receive an HOD award while serving on that Committee
- No AAPG member shall receive more than one House award in any one year.

All ten changes were passed.

In Denver, the HOD honors and awards were presented to some of the most distinguished members of the House.

Honorary Member of the House	Martha Lou Broussard
Distinguished Member of the House	Clint Moore
Distinguished Member of the House	Mike Party
Long Service to the House	Johnnie Brown
Long Service to the House	Art Van Tyne
Chairman's Certificate of Merit	Lowell Lischer

Congratulations to these AAPG leaders for their outstanding contributions to the House of Delegates.

In this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*, each of the committee chairs has published a report describing the activities of his or her respective committee. If you have suggestions for business that falls under the scope of responsibility of any particular committee, please contact the appropriate committee chair. Nominations for officer candidates should be directed to Jeanne Harris, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Names of Delegates you feel deserve special recognition for their service should be submitted to John Hogg, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee. Don't delay if you have names to submit to either of those committees, as deadlines are fast-approaching (see the respective committee reports for dates.)

Let me say once again that your Officers and Committees look forward to working with the Delegates toward the betterment of the AAPG. If something needs fixing, then let's go to work and make the necessary changes – but my philosophy is, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

Throughout the upcoming year, feel free to contact me about any matter relative to the House of Delegates. Do bring to my attention anything you feel needs fixing. I can be reached by phone at 303-299-1517 or via e-mail at ed.dolly@aec-denver.com.

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Chairman-Elect's Corner

Terry Hollrah, Chairman-Elect

First and foremost, I wish to thank the House of Delegates for their vote of confidence in me at the Denver meeting. I look forward to serving under Ed Dolly and along with Marty Hewitt. I can assure you that my opponent, colleague, and friend Don Clarke will be asked to serve on a HOD committee, as he is this year, when I serve as Chairman next year. The HOD holds a long, distinguished tradition of excellent leadership for AAPG member representation.

Ed has assembled an extraordinary degree of talented individuals (in a very short time) to serve on the HOD committees. To those volunteers, I applaud and commend you all for accepting the committee leadership responsibilities. This is going to be a very fast paced year since the next convention is only six months away. I urge every Delegate to stay

informed on upcoming issues. I know I've already been overloaded with e-mails this past month.

I also urge everyone to learn about the AAPG programs and what the organization has to offer. Our Geocare Insurance now offers a Twice Life Program and Comprehensive Dental Insurance along with seven other insurance programs. AAPG also offers a new 401(K) retirement savings plan called GeoVest for small employers and sole proprietorships. The new AAPG sponsored Prospect Expo should be a great success for our members. These are just a few of the many programs this organization has to offer.

I look forward to a great year and an even better one next year.

Nomination and Election Committee

By Jeanne Harris, Chair

Our Committee has a lot of work ahead of us in a short period of time. Our choices will affect the direction of the HOD over the next two years. The good news is that all our work will be done by September 15th, when our nominations are due to Ed Dolly, the Chairman. The bad news is the same. We need to work quickly to meet that deadline.

Our goal is to provide two exceptional candidates for HOD Chairman-Elect and for Secretary/Editor.

TIME LINE

- August 1st: Finalize Criteria.
- August 20th: Provide potential candidates with their bios to the committee.
- Sept 10: Finalize the 4 candidates, leaving time to collect any additional information we need. Ask the candidates to review their biographical information and provide it to AAPG
- Sept 15: Give the list to Ed Dolly.

Secretary/Editor's Corner

Marty Hewitt, Secretary/Editor

As you can see from this issue, each of the Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees is up and running in this "shortened" year between House meetings. There are less than 9 months between meetings and to comply with our mandated deadlines for distributing House information to the Delegates, we really have only 5-6 months to complete the work for the 2001-2002 term.

Given this abbreviated timeframe, communication will be critical to our success over the next few months.

Our primary vehicle for communication is *The Delegates' Voice*. We plan to have 3 issues this term. Our November issue will feature HOD Executive Candidate biographies, deadlines for HOD business, notice of the HOD mid-year meeting which is planned for November and reports from each of the Committees. The January issue will feature "near-final" reports and the agenda for the annual meeting scheduled for Sunday March 10, 2002 in Houston. We have also asked Pat Gratton to write a history article for each issue this term.

The Delegates' Voice is made possible thanks to the hard work of several individuals whom I would like to recognize: Pat Gratton, Terry Hollrah, Mark Longman and Debra Osborne from the Newsletter Committee and Linda Ramsey and Larry Nation from AAPG HQ.

I would welcome your contribution of articles and comments concerning *The Delegates' Voice*.

A complementary vehicle of communication that was initiated last year is the Delegates' Forum at www.aapg.org. If you have not yet visited the Forum, I would encourage you to do so. The Forum provides a much more timely opportunity to share ideas and the work of the HOD. If you have visited the Forum, you will see that each article only receives about 30 or so hits. Most of us have had a year to experiment with the Forum and I would like to see it utilized more this term. Again, our short year will dictate that we take advantage of timely communication opportunities which the Forum affords. To post and reply to articles on the Forum, a "username" is required. Please contact me at marty_hewitt@pcp.ca if you require a "username."

In closing, I would like to reiterate that it is my goal as Secretary/Editor to enhance communication amongst the members of the House and I look forward to working with Ed, Terry and the various House Committees. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the House and AAPG.

Honors and Awards Committee

John R. Hogg, Chair

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The HOD Honors and Awards Committee is looking for nominations from House members for the 2002 Awards to be presented in Houston at the next AAPG Annual Meeting. With the meeting scheduled for early March 2002, deadline for the nominations from members of the House will be Friday October 14, 2001. The Awards that will be presented include: Honorary Member of the House; House of Delegates Distinguished Service Award; House of Delegates Long Service Award; and the House Certificate of Merit (Awarded to the outgoing Chairman).

Please send nominations for any of these awards to John Hogg, Chairman, along with a one-page nomination summary by mail, fax or e-mail. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have any question about the individual awards

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Resolutions Committee

J. Michael Party, Chair

The Resolutions Committee is comprised of Don Clarke from the Pacific Section, Sharie Sartain from the Gulf Coast Section, and Debby Sycamore from the Rocky Mountain Section. This Committee is responsible for the review of all Applications for Affiliation submitted to the AAPG, and we will do so as they arrive at AAPG headquarters. The Committee will look at ways to help societies that have a Delegate imbalance in the staggering of the Delegates' terms. Some societies elect over half of their Delegates in a given year. The Committee will address this issue and see if a serious problem exists and if it needs to be rectified, make recommendations accordingly. As always, the Committee will be at the disposal of the HOD leadership to review, research, and report on any issue that the leadership deems necessary and appropriate for us to do so.

AC Representation – One Group, One Vote!

**George Eynon - Chair,
Constitution & Bylaws
Committee**

Many of us as Delegates have given additional thought to Clint Moore's proposal at the Denver meeting to seek "fairer representation" on the AC—a proposal that was roundly defeated. I still completely disagree with his basic premise of representation by population for the AC. The heart of the matter is that:

"..if any group (Section, Region, and Division) is worthy of affiliation with AAPG, then it deserves equal representation at the AC table. And, to be equal, every Section, Region and Division gets one seat, one voice, one vote, regardless of the number of members in that group."

This is a quote from Doug Patchen (Eastern Section representative to the AC for many years), expressing his views at the end of his term. I have drawn liberally on his ideas in this article. Doug's recommendations are to eliminate both the minimum number of members necessary to obtain a seat on the AC and all additional seats for any

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Rules and Procedures Committee

Mark Rainer, Chair

As the term of the 2001-2002 Rules and Procedures Committee kicks off, there are four issues that the committee will be working on. The issues are as follows:

1. Revise the suggested HOD meeting agenda to include under Association Reports, which comes right after "Call to order and Introductions" that the order of reports would first be given by the Convention Chairman followed by the President and then Rick Fritz. This is more a housekeeping item.

2. Suggest that a plaque be presented to the Secretary/Editor of the HOD in honor of hard and laborious work performed since the development of *The Delegates' Voice*. This should be made retroactive to include all past

Secretary/Editors to the inception of *The Delegates' Voice*.

3. Suggest that a candidate for a HOD office cannot be awarded a HOD award in the same year the candidate is running in.

4. Suggest that the R&P Committee consider adding a Minutes Approval Committee to review and approve the minutes within 60 days following the Annual Meeting. Such a committee could be comprised of either the incoming officers or three members who are serving their second year as Delegates to the HOD.

Any questions can be directed to me at mraimer@toreador.net or 214-559-3933.

Credentials Committee

Stew Chuber & Marilyn Cisar,
Co-Chairs

A WELL KEPT SECRET

Unknown and unpublicized to House Delegates is the well kept secret that the best permanent HOD committee chair is that of the Credentials Committee. Not only are the duties of this job restricted in time to a short period before and at the annual HOD meeting, but the job also entails greeting all of your buddies from wherever (and whenever) you have worked who are a part of the session. Your early arrival at the annual meeting allows you to set up some minimum guidelines with your committee (candidates for House office), and grab some pastries with a hot cup of coffee. In addition you have the pleasure to coordinate with Donna Riggs, who is the AAPG liaison to the Credentials Committee. Her long-term experience with the Delegates' list and history makes easy the occasional need for a judgment involving seating.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the C.C. Chairman's duties is to find an acceptable joke to tell the Delegates, provided the House honcho, i.e. Chairman, approves. It cannot be a shaggy dog story, obviously not be ethnic, and most likely should involve a self effacing story about you, your school or a personal experience. Of course, if you don't want to "start anything" you don't have to tell a joke, but you have all year to find one. The constant flow of humorous material from a Chairman like Lowell Lischer gives you plenty of opportunity.

This year Ed Dolly has asked me (Stew Chuber) to co-chair the Credentials Committee with Marilyn Taggi Cisar, a senior staff geological engineer with Shell E & P Technology, and she wants to add the following note to our committee report: "Although we don't have any committee members yet, and we won't until the officer candidates are decided for the 2002-2003 term, we do have work to do prior to the annual meeting in Houston next Spring! We will be working with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, House leadership and members of AAPG staff to address the question of what constitutes a "quorum" during the annual meetings. We look forward to working with the other committees and welcome input from other members of the House of Delegates."

So, rest assured that we will not be asleep at the switch for the midyear or annual meetings, and we will indeed look forward to greeting all in the Bayou City.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Business Agenda

George Eynon, Chair

This is an abbreviated business year for the House (9 months from June '01 in Denver to March '02 in Houston) and, mercifully, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee work agenda is smaller this time around. There are four pieces of possible legislation for our consideration, although others may arise in the ensuing weeks.

• COCBAP 2

The House in Denver defeated the COCBAP3 resolution, and then approved the C&BL Committee's COCBAP2 Resolution to formalize a mechanism to obtain comment from each of the three governing bodies on amendments that might affect them. This has, in effect, already been implemented in spirit to obtain the EC, AC and HOD views on COCBAP 3 last year - and it worked wonderfully. This Amendment will encode the process in the Bylaws, and will be voted on by the Delegates in Houston in 2002.

• Officer nominations EC super-majority vote

In the 2000-2001 year, the C&BL Committee was directed by the House to investigate requiring the EC to vote by more than a simple majority if it wishes to either reject or change the rank order of any candidates presented by the AC. A Resolution of the House proposing to amend the Bylaws was passed in Denver and will be a formal resolution for Amendment by the House in Houston in 2002.

This Amendment may not be exactly as voted upon in Denver. The Executive Committee, numbering seven in total, customarily votes without the chair (the President) casting a ballot unless there is a tie. Acknowledging that procedure, we are examining a four of six, rather than five of seven, affirmative vote, although this will no longer constitute a "super-majority".

• No minimum membership for Division, Section or Region AC representation

The EC recently passed a motion proposing the elimination of any numeric requirement for Division representation on the AC. The Divisions cannot have additional representation based on membership numbers and should therefore not be subject to a minimum membership requirement for voting representation on the AC, either.

The C&BL Committee will also consider the merits of a similar provision for all Sections and Regions. Currently, the Sections and Regions must have a minimum

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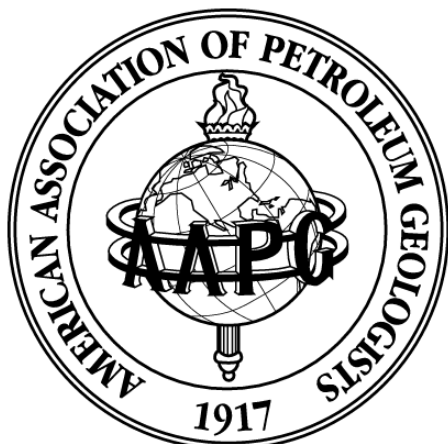
REJECTED! YES, IT REALLY HAPPENED!

By Patrick J.F. Gratton

The 1980 meeting of the House in Denver (chaired by Louis C. Bortz) was held during a terrific boom in oil and gas. Worldwide drilling activity was setting new records monthly, AAPG membership was over 25,000 and growing rapidly and convention attendance was excellent.

Against this background of highly favorable conditions, the House proceeded through a relatively uncontentious agenda to the Resolutions Committee report. Three new Affiliated Societies (Miami, Grand Junction and Baton Rouge) were approved without dissent being recorded. However, in a rare development, the application of the Sulphur Geological Society for affiliated status was rejected. According to the minutes, three Delegates "spoke against approval...on the grounds that it could not be established that (the) Sulphur Geological Society included any AAPG members and that it would be better for this small society to become a part of (the) nearby Ardmore Geological Society than be a separate affiliate of AAPG."

Certainly, a factor in the vote was that Sulphur is only 30 miles from Ardmore, Oklahoma. However, there probably is much more to this story than the minutes reflect!



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group, regardless of its number of members. He concluded by saying:

"The AC should be a body where all groups are represented equally, where no one voice is outweighed by many others, where no one group has more votes than any other. That is equal, that is fair, and that is all that is necessary."

I agree totally, as do many others such as David Jenkins (Past-president, Europe) speaking at the House meeting in Denver. He commented that, since the House of Delegates is based on a US House of Representatives model (Delegates assigned by population), the AC should be like the US Senate (each group with an equal voice) so that all groups, large and small, have fair representation.

That is equal, fair, and all that is necessary. Once affiliated, a group gets its seat, voice, and vote regardless of how many members—and keeps one seat, one voice, and one vote. This would

obviate the need to keep a head count for voting on the AC and grant each of the International Regions its rightful vote on the AC immediately. Besides, no group needs a second, third, or fourth seat at the table. To suggest that any councilor needs "back up" is to imply that he or she is incapable of adequately representing the group by him or her self—something that is patently absurd. One person, one voice, one vote is all that is necessary to adequately represent the members of any group on the AC. More than one seat, more than one voice, or more than one vote for any Section, Region, or Division shifts the balance of justice and fair play against the Sections, Regions, and Division with a single vote.

Finally, in the interest of continuing the cooperative spirit of the governing bodies developed this past year, we need to get the opinions of the AC, EC, and HOD leadership for any changes to representation in the AC in order to support of its enactment.

Constitution & Bylaws- from page 6

of 750 members to obtain their first voting representative, and are permitted additional seats based on their total membership. The C&BL Committee is considering eliminating the 750-member requirement for the initial, voting seat. Since this originally comes from the EC directly, it will be prepared as an Amendment for vote in Houston in 2002.

• Robert's Rules of Order as AAPG's official parliamentary authority

The House of Delegates' professional parliamentarian, Mary Bahde, has suggested we consider adding an article to the Bylaws to make Robert's Rules of Order the official parliamentary authority governing the AAPG's conduct of business. Several cautionary objections have already been raised.

First, it has been suggested that if we make some small incorrect move in our procedures, we may have to redo some work. This is probably not a concern since, thanks to Mary's help, we already conduct the House business under Robert's Rules of Order. Second, many AAPG committees operate somewhat informally—especially since much of the work is performed by a myriad of standing- and sub-committees at a distance through e-mail and teleconferences.

The C&BL Committee will examine the current wording of the AAPG's Constitution & Bylaws to ensure it is clear that Robert's Rules of Order apply to the official meetings of the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council and the House of Delegates. Depending on the outcome of the Committee's review, this could be offered as a Resolution in Houston and subsequently, if approved, for a formal vote in 2003.



These issues will be posted on the House Forum and we encourage you all to provide us with your comments, questions, suggestions and advice. You can also contact any of the C&BL Committee members directly:

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