

# The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

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## Chairman's Corner

by Ed Dolly, Chairman

By the time you read this *Chairman's Corner*, we will be finalizing plans for the Annual Meeting in Houston on March 10th. The agenda and pertinent enclosures will be mailed to all Delegates on or about February 1. In the interest of proceeding through the business meeting in a timely manner, please review those materials thoroughly prior to March 10th. If there are issues on which you intend to comment, please keep in mind that your officers request those comments be held to no more than two minutes. Likewise, we request that those presenting reports keep them as succinct as possible.

We held our mid-year meeting in Denver on November 10 with committee chairs and officer candidates George Eynon and Mike Party, officer candidate Lee Avary, committee chair Jeanne Harris, past chairmen Pat Gratton and Dan Smith, AAPG Executive Director Rick Fritz and HoD officers Terry Hollrah, Marty Hewitt and Ed Dolly attending. Thanks to the efforts of all our committees, we were able to discuss several final and a few interim committee reports. Many of these reports can be found in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*. The final report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was published in the December issue of the *Explorer*, as well. Interim and final HoD committee reports are, or soon will be, posted on the Delegates' Forum at [www.aapg.org](http://www.aapg.org).

As part of my Executive Committee responsibility, I am liaison to several AAPG committees. I'd like to tell you about one project of the Computer Applications and Internet Committee, chaired by Bret Fossum. Bret and his committee members have been working with all the other AAPG committees to establish a page for each on the AAPG website. Some have been placed on the website already and others are in the developmental stages. Soon, we Delegates will be able to follow AAPG committee activity via the website, as we now follow HoD activity on the Forum.

Delegates who would like to participate on a HoD committee next year are asked to e-mail Terry Hollrah expressing your interest. You may indicate which committee you prefer, if you have a preference, or indicate you will work on any committee as needed. The committees are Constitution and Bylaws, Credentials, Honors and Awards, Newsletter, Nomination and Election, Resolutions and Rules and Procedures. Terry's e-mail address is [hollrexco@earthlink.net](mailto:hollrexco@earthlink.net).

I can be reached via e-mail at [Ed.Dolly@aec-denver.com](mailto:Ed.Dolly@aec-denver.com), by phone at (303) 299-1517, or by regular mail at Anschutz Exploration Corporation, 555 17th Street, Suite 2400, Denver, CO 80202, if you have any questions about HoD activities or just want to talk.

I look forward to seeing you in Houston on Saturday evening at the HoD reception and on Sunday morning for our annual business meeting, March 9 and 10, 2002 respectively.

## Visit the Delegates' Forum For Latest Updates

Be sure to visit the Delegates' Forum at [www.aapg.org](http://www.aapg.org) for the latest committee reports and updates leading up to the HoD annual meeting March 10, 2002 in Houston. Discuss the latest proposed legislation, reports and issues with your fellow Delegates and AAPG members prior to the meeting in Houston!

## HoD Awardees for 2001-2002

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:**  
Will Green

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:**  
Jean Lemmon  
Tom Mairs

**LONG SERVICE:**  
Patrick Daugherty

**Congratulations!**

## AAPG House of Delegates Annual Meeting Sunday, March 10, 2002

A reminder that the annual meeting of the AAPG House of Delegates will be held Sunday, March 10, 2002 beginning at 8:00 a.m. (Delegate registration begins at 7:00 a.m.) This year's meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel at Allen Center. Note that the Doubletree is not the AAPG Headquarters hotel, which has traditionally been the host for the House annual meeting!

## **Deadlines For 2001-2002**

### **House of Delegates Business**

December, 2001 (90 days)	Proposed changes to AAPG's Constitution or Bylaws published in the December <i>Explorer</i> and posted on the Forum. Donna Riggs to send e-mail message to all Delegates indicating that the C&BL proposed changes are on the Forum. Forum address to be included.
January 9, 2002 (60 days)	Biographical data, House/AAPG activities and photographs for House officer candidates must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates.
January 9, 2002 (60 days)	Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates and mailed to the Delegates.
January 9, 2002 (60 days)	Biographical data, House/AAPG activities, photographs and citations for HoD award recipients must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates.
January 28, 2002	HoD officer and committee reports must be at Headquarters for printing and slide preparation. (Send to Donna Riggs – driggs@aapg.org.)
January, 2002	3rd issue of <i>The Delegates' Voice</i> published.
February 1, 2002 (35 days)	Last day for mailing meeting agenda and pertinent enclosures to the Delegates.
February 22, 2002 (15 days)	Names of appointed Alternate Delegates must be in Headquarters office. (Send to Donna Riggs – driggs@aapg.org.)
<b>March 10, 2002</b>	<b>House of Delegates Annual Meeting, 8:00a.m., Doubletree Hotel at Allen Center, Houston, Texas.</b>
March 11-13, 2002	Transition meeting of House officers, both incoming and outgoing, will be held in Houston following the Annual Meeting on March 11, 12 or 13. (Exact date, time and place to be determined.)
May 9, 2002 (60 days)	Final minutes of the HoD Annual Meeting must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates.
May 9, 2002 (60 days)	Last day to mail ballot to members re Constitution changes. (Any Bylaws changes approved at the House meeting in Houston will be effective immediately and do not require a vote of the membership.)
June, 2002	4th issue of <i>The Delegates' Voice</i> published.

### **Chairman-Elect's Corner**

*by Terry Hollrah, Chairman-Elect*

First, a note of correction from the last *Delegates' Voice*. In the November issue and within the article regarding GeoVest Retirement Savings Plan, the wrong phone number was listed for Milliman USA. The number should have read (800) 652-6675. My apologies to those of you who called the wrong number and to Compaq Computer for being the recipient of the wrong calls. At least we know a few of you are reading the articles!

In this issue, the second of a series of articles on AAPG services offered to our members will focus on the AAPG website. If you haven't visited the website recently, you will be amazed at what can be found and the number of associated links that are included.

We are rapidly approaching the midway point of the AAPG fiscal year. The Houston 2002 Annual Convention brochures are already printed and sent. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on attending the House of Delegates meeting on Sunday, March 10th, plus the Delegates' reception the night before.

### **Secretary/Editor's Corner**

*by Marty Hewitt, Secretary/Editor*

In this issue, I would like to give you a little background on the publication of *The Delegates' Voice*, our primary vehicle for communication in the HoD. *The DV* is made possible thanks to the hard work of several individuals. Numerous reviews and edits are made by Pat Gratton (Southwest), Terry Hollrah (Mid Continent), Mark Longman (Rocky Mountain) and Debra Osborne (Southwest), your HoD Newsletter Committee. Ed and Karmen Dolly also have been of great assistance in editing. Linda Ramsey, Larry Nation and Donna Riggs at AAPG Headquarters are responsible for layout, co-ordination of printing and distribution of each issue. I would like to thank these individuals for their contributions to the publication of *The Delegates' Voice*.

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## **Agenda**

### **AAPG House of Delegates Meeting Sunday, March 10, 2002, 8:00 a.m. Doubletree Hotel at Allen Center Houston, Texas**

#### **Presiding**

Ed Dolly, Chairman  
Terry Hollrah, Chairman-Elect  
Marty Hewitt, Secretary/Editor

1. Delegate registration begins at 7:00 a.m. – Coffee & pastries
2. Call to order at 8:00 a.m. (Dolly)

#### **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 Committee and Headquarters Staff

#### **Reports**

8. 2002 Convention General Chairman, Jeffrey W. Lund
9. AAPG President, Robbie R. Gries
10. AAPG Executive Director, Richard D. Fritz
11. Report of the Chairman of the House (Dolly)

#### **Legislation**

12. Report of Credentials Committee (Marilyn Taggi Cisar & Stewart Chuber, Co-Chairs)
13. Approval of agenda (Dolly)
14. Approval of minutes of last meeting, Sunday June 3, 2001 (Hewitt)
15. Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee (George Eynon, Chair)
16. Report of Rules and Procedures Committee (Mark Rainer, Chair)
17. Report of Nomination and Election Committee (Jeanne Harris, Chair)
  - a.) Presentation of House Officer Candidates
  - b.) Voting for new House Officers
18. Report of Honors and Awards Committee (John Hogg, Chair)
  - a.) Recognition of House Awardees
19. Report of Resolutions Committee (Mike Party, Chair)
20. Report of Future of Earth Scientists Committee (Don Lewis, Chair)
21. Report of Newsletter Committee (Hewitt)

#### **Other Reports**

22. AAPG Treasurer (Edward B. Picou, Jr.)
23. Publications (John C. Lorenz)
24. AAPG Foundation (Lawrence W. Funkhouser)
25. Energy Minerals Division (Andrew R. Scott)
26. Division of Environmental Geosciences (William E. Harrison)
27. Division of Professional Affairs (Royce P. Carr)

#### **Additional Business**

28. New Business (Dolly)
29. Results of election of officers (Harris)
30. Adjournment (Dolly)

Each issue of *The Delegates' Voice* takes approximately two months to complete from inception to mail-out. Once the articles to be published are selected, the authors are contacted and are given approximately one month to complete their articles. For example, this issue of *The Delegates' Voice* was kicked-off in early November, just before the HoD mid-year meeting. Upon receiving the articles, the Newsletter Committee proceeds with the editing process which takes about ten days. The articles then go to HQ for layout and further editing, another seven to ten day process. Printing requires a further ten business days followed by mail-out and posting to the website.

We have now published three issues of *The Delegates' Voice* in the 2001-2002 term. The September issue cost \$1400 to produce, print and mail 950 copies. The November issue cost slightly less due to reduced production costs from the previous issue. This January issue, our "pre-convention" issue, typically costs approximately \$2400 due to its larger size and higher production costs. Our final issue will be published in June and will feature a wrap-up from the Houston meeting, minutes from that meeting and a detailed write-up on the HoD awardees.

I have been encouraged recently by the number of hits that articles have been receiving on the HoD Forum. Each article has approximately 60-100 hits (between 25-40% of the Delegates), approximately double the hits from the start of our term. Every Delegate has now received a new Username to allow posting of articles and comments. Please contact me if you haven't received your Username. Let's continue to build on this increased usage as final reports are posted prior to the Houston meeting.

## **Call for Committee Members**

**by M. Ray Thomasson**

**U**nder Pete Gray's leadership, the Committee on Committees is interested in getting more members involved in Association activities. We would be very interested in you

joining and working on an AAPG committee of your choice. The list of committees and some of the mission statements can be obtained from the AAPG website ([www.aapg.org](http://www.aapg.org)).

AAPG committees are the most important way that members can contribute their ideas and talents to the

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# Constitution & Bylaws Committee

by George Eynon, Chair

## Final Report to the House of Delegates

The House C&BL Committee has four (4) proposed amendments of the Bylaws for consideration by the Delegates on March 10, 2002 in Houston.

Once again, our House leadership did a great job of communicating with the Delegates despite the short, eight-month year between June in Denver and March in Houston. Similarly, the level of cooperation and collaboration among all the individual members of the EC, the AC and the House leadership has been excellent.

This year should be less contentious than last with respect to Bylaws changes coming from this Committee, but I said that about one or two items in Denver and the Delegates proved me wrong. The most complex piece of legislation is the Bylaws amending procedure provisions which is an outcome of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws Amending Procedure (COCBAP) from several years ago and last year's legislation.

The four resolutions for Bylaws amendments are all fully described in the body of this report for ease of reference. Any ~~deletions~~ are struck through and placed in brackets and additions are underlined. We intend to handle them in the order they appear in the report. Now it is up to you, the Delegates, to decide the fate of each of the resolutions.

The Committee discussed two additional issues and brief notes are appended for your information. Special thanks are due to your House leadership (Ed Dolly, Marty Hewitt and Terry Hollrah), to your Association officers and to your AC representatives for all their cooperation and collaboration over the past year in providing their views, advice and input.

I wish also to thank - **Valary Schultz, Jim Ragsdale and Ed Heath** – my colleagues on the Committee, for their work. It has been our pleasure to serve the Delegates.

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### 1. Resolution for amendment to provide for consultation of the AAPG governing bodies on Bylaw amendments affecting them (COCBAP2)

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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.

Last year at the Denver House meeting the Bylaws were amended to allow the House officers and the chairman of the C&BL Committee to propose Bylaw amendments. The amendment as proposed at the House meeting in Denver did not include reference to amendments proposed by a majority vote of the officers of the House and the chairman of the C&BL Committee because they did not have the authority to propose amendments at the time the amendment was drafted. Therefore, the C&BL Committee proposes that the amendment as proposed at the Denver House meeting be amended at the meeting of the House in Houston to include amendments proposed by the House leadership (officers and the C&BL chairman).

#### The amendment as proposed at the Denver meeting was as follows:

[Paragraph (a) of this Bylaws section was amended in an unrelated bylaw amendment at the Denver HoD meeting and is presented here as amended]

#### ***Proposed Bylaw Amendment***

#### **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 shall then 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.

(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 Executive Committee, 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 with the proposed amendment to the members of the House of Delegates prior to such annual meeting.

(c) 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

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Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates not later than the next October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Procedure

**The amendment as the C&BL Committee proposes it be amended at the Houston HOD meeting is as set out below.**

Paragraph (a) of this Bylaws section was amended in an unrelated bylaw amendment at the Denver HOD meeting and is presented here as amended.

Paragraph (b) provides for timely distribution of proposed amendments by the EC, 50 members, and House leadership to the other bodies.

Paragraph (c) provides for timely comment to the C&BL Committee on EC, member, and HOD leadership proposed amendments and timely distribution of proposed amendments and all relevant comments to the Delegates.

Paragraph (d) provides for timely comment to the C&BL Committee on HOD proposed amendments and timely distribution of HOD proposed amendments and all relevant comments to the Delegates.

[*Italics and double strikeouts* indicate additions and deletions, respectively, suggested by C&BL Committee to the proposed amendment].

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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—in fact five (5) affirmative votes—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 in this way was passed in Denver and is a formal resolution for amendment by the House in Houston in 2002. This amendment is 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. This amendment requires that at least five votes be cast to change the order of nominations, and therefore could require the president to vote to gain or block such a “super-majority”. There is no problem with this since Robert’s Rules of Order (RRO) govern the EC’s meetings and provide for just such a situation, viz.:

(b) Amendments proposed by resolution of the Executive Committee, by resolution of a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates, 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 Executive Committee, 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.

(c) 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 *bodies and members receiving proposed amendments pursuant to Section 2, paragraph (a) above,* 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~~ *is to 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 prior to such annual meeting.

(d) *Each of the bodies and members to receive proposed amendments under Section 2, paragraph (b) above, may submit comments concerning A*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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## 2. Resolution for amendment to require an EC five vote “super-majority” to alter AC’s officer nominations

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*“If the presiding officer is a member of the assembly or voting body, he has the same voting right as any other member... ..the chair protects his impartial position by exercising his voting right only **when his vote would affect the outcome...**” - RONR (10<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 50, l. 30-33.*

### **Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

## 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] Executive Committee [which] shall annu-

ally 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.

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### 3. Resolution for amendment to reduce required membership for Emeritus status to 30 years

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The Executive Committee passed a resolution for amendment to reduce the total number of years required for Emeritus Membership in the Association from thirty-five (35) to thirty (30) and, since this comes from the EC directly, it is presented as an amendment for vote in Houston in 2002.

years of age and have been members of the Association (regardless of classification) for a total of thirty[~~five (35)~~] (30) years including time spent in military service, those members shall become Emeritus Members of this Association upon advising the Executive Director of the Association of their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, and by requesting such classification of membership. Thereafter the emeriti members shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the amount of dues for Active Members and shall be entitled to all privileges and advantages of Active membership in this Association.

#### *Proposed Bylaw Amendment*

#### **ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 4. Emeritus Members**

When Active Members in good standing in the Association, with all dues paid to date, become sixty-five (65)

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### 4. Resolution for amendment to remove the effective date of Article II: Officers, Executive Director, and Association Positions, Section 13

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The House leadership (Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary-Editor and chair of the C&BL) passed a resolution for amendment to remove the effective date of this Bylaws change. It was put in place last year to handle the problem of candidates already running that could have been in contravention of the Bylaws change as soon as it was passed. The effective date is now past and therefore redundant, and since this comes from the House leadership directly, it is presented as an amendment for vote in Houston in 2002.

- Association President-Elect;
- Association Secretary;
- Association Treasurer;
- Association Editor;
- Chairman, House of Delegates;
- Chairman-Elect, House of Delegates;
- Secretary-Editor, House of Delegates;
- Immediate Past Chairman, 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.

#### *Proposed Bylaw Amendment*

#### **ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS**

#### **SECTION 13. Limitations on Association Positions**

(a) No member of any classification may hold more than one of the following offices at any one time;

(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 13(a) above.

- Association President;
- Association Vice President;

~~[(c) The effective date of this amendment is July 1st, 2001.]~~

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### NOTE ON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AS AAPG'S OFFICIAL PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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The House of Delegates' professional parliamentarian—Mary Bahde—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 been raised.

First, there is considerable concern that if we make any small incorrect moves in our procedures, we may have to redo work unnecessarily. This is probably not a major issue since, thanks to Mary's help, we already conduct the House busi-

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ness successfully (if without brevity) under Robert's Rules of Order.

Second, and much more important in many members' minds, most 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. No one is suggesting that these

meetings be subject to Robert's Rules of Order, unless each committee chooses to do so.

**It is clear that Robert's Rules of Order already apply to the official meetings of the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council and the House of Delegates; and the C&BL Committee sees no need to further specify that Robert's Rules of Order apply to other meetings of the Association.**

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### NOTE ON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: ELIMINATION OF DIVISIONS' MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP NUMBER FOR AC REPRESENTATION

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Earlier this year the EC suggested eliminating the minimum membership requirement for Division representation on the AC in order to avoid the situation that occurred in June when the EMD was not able to vote at the AC.

**The EC withdrew its resolution, preferring to address the issue through an administrative policy for timely, ongoing notification by HQ staff to the Divisions regarding their changing membership levels.**

In conjunction with the original EC proposal, the C&BL Committee also considered the merits of a similar provision for

Sections and Regions, which similarly require a minimum of 750 members for their first voting representative, but can then have additional seats based on total membership.

**The C&BL Committee discussed eliminating the 750-member requirement for the initial, voting seat for the Sections and Regions, which would give everyone at the table a vote. However, in light of the EC's desired administrative approach with respect to Divisions, and in the absence of firm mandate from the Delegates, the Committee has not taken the matter any further at this juncture.**

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## Letter to the Editor

Editor's Note: This letter was received in early December, our first letter for the 2001-2002 term! A reminder that there is always space available in *The Delegates' Voice* (approximately 500 word maximum, please) or on the Delegates' Forum to express your views.

### ***AAPG Advisory Council: Is the Current Representation Undemocratic, Unequal or Unjust?***

The proportional representation proposal for the Advisory Council, mailed to members of the HoD and published in several society bulletins, is essentially the same proposal that was defeated, nearly unanimously, at the HoD annual meeting in Denver last June 3.

The AC is not a legislative body, as defined in the AAPG Bylaws, Article V. ADVISORY COUNCIL. Section 1. Jurisdiction reads:

*The advisory function of this Association shall be vested in an Advisory Council. The Council shall have no executive authority, but shall report to the Executive Committee on all matters involving ethics and discipline referred to it. The Council shall conduct long-range planning and undertake the necessary studies and investigations in connection therewith. It shall report to the Executive Committee on all matters involving constitutional review referred to it. The Council shall recommend to the Executive Committee nominations for Association officers and also honors and awards, with the exception of the Matson Award*

*and the Jules Braunstein Memorial Award. The Council shall review the organization of the Association and the standing committee structure of the Association. It shall also undertake any special projects wherein guidance is requested by the Executive Committee.*

Instead of being legislative, the AC is an advisory group that recommends officer candidates, honors and award candidates, matters for long range planning and reports on ethical and disciplinary matters, to the EC. The AC is comprised of knowledgeable representatives from sections, regions, divisions, the HoD and past AAPG presidents. The current AC alignment and composition was arrived upon through the hard work of a number of well-respected AAPG members by means of compromise just a few years ago. The author of the current proposal was a part of that process and the compromise DID in fact acknowledge the GCAGS size by giving it two (2) representatives on the AC while every other Section and Region has only one (1). The process leading to the current AC composition, voted on by the

House of Delegates and accepted, was democratic and deliberated upon fairly and equitably.

The current AC composition is fair, democratic and equal with each entity within the AC having a voice in the processes for which the AC has responsibility. No single entity has unfair advantage over any other and each has the ability to make their nominees and ideas heard with equal opportunity to be considered and accepted. THAT is democracy already at work within the AC.

If democracy, equity and justice are truly the question on this issue, there needs to be an ad hoc committee within the House with representation of ALL interests including the AC, EC and HoD. That committee should be given the specific charge to determine, IF the AC composition requires change, WHAT needs to be changed and to offer an alternative for HOW it needs to be changed. Then, the House can deliberate if change is necessary and what option(s) should be considered.

Lowell Lischer,  
Past Chairman of the House

# Rules & Procedures Committee

by Mark Rainer, Chair

Revised November 28, 2001 with Proposed Changes for HoD Meeting, March 10, 2002

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES<sup>1</sup>

### 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. 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

Call to order and introductions

#### "Changes"

2. Reports from Convention General Chairman, **and** AAPG President, **and Executive Director**
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 Committee(s) 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 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. 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:

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- 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 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 Nomination 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 finds 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 its 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.

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- 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:

**"Change in order"**

**(1) 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.

**(2) 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.

**(3) 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.

**"Propose"**

**(4) House Recognition of Service**—Presented yearly to the outgoing Chairman of the House of Delegates and Secretary/Editor at the end of their terms of office.

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.

*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.

**"Propose"**

**(7) No candidate for an HOD office can be nominated for an HOD award in the same year.**

- 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 scien-

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tists 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.

**“Propose”**

- i. **The Minutes Approval Committee shall consist of the outgoing Secretary/Editor as Chair and the two candidates for Secretary/Editor. The Minutes Approval Committee will review and approve the minutes within 60 days following the annual meeting.**
- j. 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.

<sup>1</sup>As amended Denver, CO, June 3, 2001

**Credentials Committee Report**

*by Marilyn Taggi Cisar & Stewart Chuber, Co-Chairs*

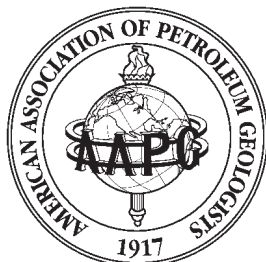
**A**s you receive this newsletter we are rapidly approaching the time for the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. Finally, it’s time for the Credentials Committee to do some real work!

Just a reminder, from the Bylaws...

“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.”

Or in other words, if you as a Delegate can’t attend the meeting in Houston and an “elected” alternate cannot take your place, make sure you notify the office in Tulsa at least 15 days before the March 10, 2002 meeting with the name of an appointed alternate taking your place. Generally, in the larger delegations, it is the responsibility of the group chair to provide the list of appointed alternates as necessary.

We look forward to seeing you “behind the ropes” at the annual meeting at the Doubletree Hotel at Allen Center in downtown Houston, on Sunday morning, March 10, 2002. Come early, enjoy the continental breakfast and avoid the check-in lines just before the meeting starts. Delegate registration begins at 7:00 a.m.



**www.aapg.org**

*by Terry Hollrah, Chairman-Elect*

**T**he AAPG website has evolved into one of the most important services offered to the membership. To list all of the links connected to the website would probably encompass the entire *Delegates’ Voice* newsletter. Due to space restraints, only the non-scientific matters on the website will be covered in this issue.

Janet Brister, John Wolff, Ron Hart, Larry Nation and many others at AAPG Headquarters have pioneered the AAPG website into an extremely useful reference for member services. The website is now averaging 16,000 hits per week. Nearly thirteen million total accesses have been registered since the website’s inception.

Here are some of the “non-science” activities that AAPG members can retrieve from the website:

- apply for any membership including: Active, Associate, Student or membership in any of the Divisions
- acquire annual reports of AAPG
- acquire copies of meeting minutes of the Executive Committee and Advisory Council meetings
- submit nominations for officer candidates and honors and award recipients
- preview the *Explorer* and access current classified advertising

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## **Candidate for Chairman-Elect**

**George Eynon**

It is an honor and a privilege to be selected as a candidate for Chairman-Elect of the House of Delegates—a body critical to the harmonious running of our Association's affairs. Ours is a science-based, professional association, and the House needs to run smoothly and democratically so we can devote our precious volunteer time to addressing scientific and professional issues. Much of the House activity in recent years has been too political for my liking and I would like to help change that. We must manage the business agenda of the House and its committees by being thorough in consideration of the issues, but concise in debate; and while debate should be open and free, the will of the majority must rule once the Delegates have made a decision.

I would be delighted to serve as Chair of the House, but pledge my support to work with Mike Party in whatever capacity he might wish if he is elected.

### **ACADEMIC**

BSc (Hons), University of London (1969); MSc, McMaster University (1972);

MIT Sloan School of Management, Senior Executive Program (1991)

### **EXPERIENCE**

Amoco Corp – various positions & locations; (1972-1980); Paramount Resources, Calgary (1980-82); Superior Oil International, Stavanger, Norway (1982-84); Suncor Energy, Calgary – VP Exploration (1984-89); Bow Valley Energy, Calgary – VP Canadian E&P; GEOS Energy Consulting,

Calgary – President (1983-pres); SMI Energy, Calgary – President & CEO (1995-96); Ziff Energy, Calgary & Houston – VP, E&P Services (1997-98); CERA - Director, Oil & Gas Resources (1998-pres)

### **AAPG ACTIVITY & AWARDS**

House of Delegates, delegate/alternate, (1989-pres); Committee on Conventions (1991-93); General Chairman, Annual Convention, Calgary (1992); Division of Environmental Geosciences, Charter Member (1992); House of Delegates, International Representation Committee (1996-97); President's Committee, Constitution & Bylaw Amendment Process (1996-98); Officer candidate for Vice President (1996); Speaker, Houston Geol. Soc., Emerging Technology Group (1997); House of Delegates, Honors & Awards Committee, Chairman (1997-1999); House of Delegates, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Member (1998-2001), Chairman (2001-02); Advisory Council, Canada Region (1999-2002); Invited speaker, Denver Annual Meeting (2001); Division of Professional Affairs, Certified Petroleum Geologist (2001); Energy Minerals Division (2001); Houston Annual Meeting, Session Co-chair (2002)

Certificate of Merit (1993); Distinguished Service Award (1996)

### **CSPG AND OTHER ACTIVITY & AWARDS**

Technical Program Chair, Annual Convention (1986); CSPG Vice President, President & Past President (1995-97); General Chairman, CSPG-AAPG-SEPM Annual Meeting, Calgary (1992); CSPG-CWLS Annual conference speaker (1993); Alberta Geological Survey 75th Anniversary Lecture, Edmonton (1995); Keynote Address, CSPG-SEPM Conference, Calgary (1996); Speaker, CADE-CAODC Spring Drilling Conference, Calgary (1997); Speaker, CSPG-CSEG-CWLS, Geo-Triad Meeting, Calgary (1998); Session Chair, CSPG-Petroleum Society Conference, Calgary (1999); Session Co-Chair, GeoCanada 2000, Calgary (2000); Chair, Committee on Conventions (2001-pres)

CSPG Graduate Thesis Award (1972); CSPG Tracks Award (1987); President's Award (1993)

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## **25 & 26 Years Ago HOUSE REVISITS EMERITUS RULES**

*by Patrick J. F. Gratton*

Delegates attending the meeting in Oklahoma City on 9 April 1978 led by Chairman Harry A. Miller heard from Executive Director Fred Dix regarding Emeritus problems.

Emeritus membership status was granted to persons over 65 who had 35 years of Active membership. Because AAPG's early (pre WWII) membership records were sometimes incomplete it was often difficult to determine eligibility of applicants for Emeritus status.

Responding to the Executive Committee's recommendation, the House made the job easier on 1 April 1979. With Chairman J. Miller Goodger presid-

ing at that Houston meeting, the assembly unanimously passed the following amendment of Article 1, Section 4 of the Bylaws: When an Active member in good standing in the Association with all dues paid to date becomes 65 years of age and shall have been a member of the Association (regardless of classification) for a total of 35 years, including time spent in military service, he shall become an Emeritus member of this Association upon advising the Executive Director of the Association that he has passed his 65th birthday, and by requesting such classification of membership. Thereafter he shall pay 50% of the amount of dues for Active members and shall be entitled to all the privileges

and advantages of Active membership in the Association (underscoring by PJFG to indicate significant change).

Thus, even if an otherwise qualifying member had been an Associate for many years but had upgraded to Active before his or her 65th birthday he or she (gender neutrality of the Constitution and Bylaws came later) could attain Emeritus status. Quite a change precipitated by a records problem!

As reported elsewhere, the House will consider another change in Emeritus qualifications at the 10 March 2002 Houston meeting. That consideration will be the first substantive proposed change in Emeritus status in a generation.



## **Candidate for Chairman-Elect**

**J. Michael Party**

It is indeed a privilege and an honor to be chosen as a candidate for Chairman-Elect of the House of Delegates. We work in one of the most exciting professions in the world and the AAPG is the premier organization of our profession. I joined the AAPG my senior year in college as a junior member and became an active member in 1981. My professors at the University

of Missouri-Rolla knew the value of an AAPG membership to their students as they embarked on their careers in geology. It is our responsibility as a member of this great organization to ensure that it remains so. The AAPG would not exist without the continued commitment of its members. This commitment comes in many shapes and sizes, from the people working behind the scenes to the elected officials center stage. My involvement with my profession started in college when I volunteered as field trip chairman for our geological society and has continued to this day by serving in many capacities for the local societies as well as the AAPG. It is with this commitment in mind that I accepted the candidacy for Chairman-Elect of the House of Delegates.

The Chairman-elect will have a seat on the Executive Committee and have input into the policies and direction of the AAPG. It is the responsibility of the AAPG leadership to always look for ways to help its membership. The AAPG has a large and diverse membership. As leaders of this organization we have to be cognizant of this fact. These diversities come in several forms, from small independents to those working in large companies, to persons exploring and working in the U.S., and to members that are exploring and living worldwide.

### **EDUCATION**

1974-1978 University of Missouri Rolla BS in Geology/Geophysics  
1995 University of Missouri Rolla Honorary Professional Degree

### **EMPLOYMENT**

1978-1981 Cities Service Oil Company  
1981-1981 Aminoil USA  
1981- Wagner & Brown, Ltd.

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS**

Active member since 1981 and a Certified Petroleum Geologist # 4751  
1992-1994 Member of By Laws Committee  
1994-1996 Member Continuing Education Committee  
1996-1999 SW Section Advisor to AAPG  
1996-1999 SW Section Advisor to DPA  
1998-1999 DPA Membership Chairman

1999 Certificate of Merit (Member of IRC Amendment Resolution Committee)  
1999-2000 AAPG Distinguished Service Award  
2000-2001 Vice-President of DPA  
2001-2004 SW Section Advisor to DPA  
2001- Visiting Geologist Program

### **AAPG HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

1992-2004 Delegate  
1995-1996 WTGS Delegate Chairman  
1995-1996 Chairman of House Rules & Procedures Committee  
1996-1997 Chairman of House Rules & Procedures Committee  
2000-2001 Member of House Rules & Procedures Committee  
2000-2001 Received Distinguished Member of the House Award  
2001-2002 Chairman of House Rules & Procedures Committee

### **SOUTHWEST SECTION AAPG**

1991-1992 Chairman Southwest Section Convention  
1994-1994 Member of By Laws Committee  
1993-1994 Vice-President  
1994-1996 Chairman of By Laws Committee  
1998-2000 Chairman of By Laws Committee  
2000-2001 Chairman Nominating Committee  
1998-1999 President-elect  
1999-2000 President

### **WEST TEXAS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

Various Committee Chairmanships  
1990-1991 Second Vice-President  
1991-1992 First Vice-President  
1993-1994 President-elect  
1994-1995 President  
1995-1996 Dedicated Service Award  
1999 Honorary Life Membership

### **PERMIAN BASIN SECTION-SEPM (SEDIMENTARY GEOLOGIST)**

Various Committee Chairmanships  
1988-1989 First Vice-President  
1995-1996 President-elect  
1996-1997 President  
1988-1989 Volunteer of the Year Award  
1993-1994 Distinguished Service Award

### **WEST TEXAS GEOLOGY FOUNDATION**

1992-1993 Chairman of Foundation  
1993-1994 Distinguished Service Award

### **PERMIAN BASIN GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY**

Various Committee Chairmanships  
1996-1997 Secretary  
1997-1998 Treasurer  
1998-1999 Vice-President

### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ROLLA**

1992-2001 President of West Texas Alumni Association  
1996 Distinguished Young Alumni Award

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

SEG, SEPM, Texas Producers & Royalty Owners Association, and Permian Basin Petroleum Association



## **Candidate for Secretary/Editor**

**Katharine Lee Avary**

I am honored to be a candidate for HoD Secretary/Editor. I believe that AAPG has given me countless opportunities for professional growth and networking. Fundamental to these opportunities is communication. *The Delegates' Voice* is an important vehicle for communication among HoD members and if elected, I will work to further this tradition. I also have an interest

in insuring that the listing of delegates by society on the AAPG website and in the AAPG *Bulletin* is accurate and complete. I refer to the website list frequently and believe that all members need to be able to easily determine who represents them in the House of Delegates.

### **ACADEMIC**

1978 M.S. Geology, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  
1976 B.S. Geology, Emory University

### **EMPLOYMENT**

1978-present West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, Morgantown

### **AAPG ACTIVITIES**

#### **AAPG House of Delegates:**

1997 - present Delegate for Appalachian Geological Society  
2000 - 2002 Member, House Honors and Awards Committee  
1999 - 2000 Member, House Nominations Committee

#### **AAPG Committees:**

2000 - present Member, Youth Education Activities Committee, Girl Scouts Subcommittee

2000 - present Member, Mentoring Committee  
1982 - 1989 AAPG/API Committee on Statistics of Drilling, Chairman, District 30 (West Virginia)  
1978 - 1984 Co-coordinator, Appalachian Basin portion of the AAPG - COSUNA (Correlation of Stratigraphic Units of North America) project

#### **Eastern Section AAPG:**

2001 - present Eastern Section Honors and Awards Committee  
2001 - present Eastern Section Distinguished Service Award  
2000 - 2001 Chairman, Eastern Section Nominations Committee  
1996 - 2000 Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, President, Eastern Section  
1996 - Eastern Section President's Award  
1996 - Technical Program Chairman, Eastern Section Annual Meeting  
1993 - Eastern Section George V. Cohee Public Service Award

#### **Other AAPG Activities:**

1999 - present Faculty Advisor, West Virginia University  
AAPG Student Chapter

#### **Other Professional Activities:**

1999 - 2001 Mentor, Association of American State Geologists/National Science Foundation. Mentored Field Research Experience Program  
1997 - 1998 Logistics and Special Events Coordinator, Southeastern Section, Geological Society of America Annual Meeting  
1996 - 2000 Member, Southeastern Section, Geological Society of America Second Century Fund Committee  
1988 - 1993 Officer, West Virginia University Chapter, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

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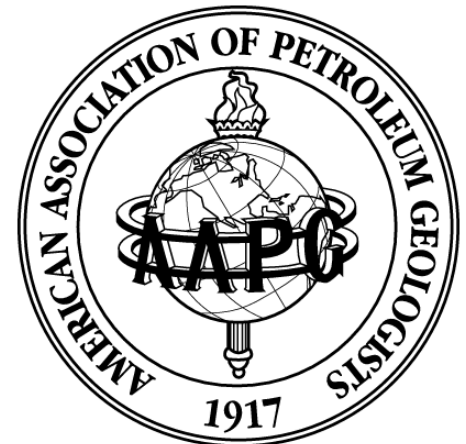
Association. All members are invited to participate in one or more committees that deal with matters that interest them. While it's not possible for every committee to be of unlimited size, members will find that if they have a strong interest in a particular area and can contribute to the goals of a related committee, they will be welcomed with open arms.

However, committee membership should not be confused with a resume entry; committee work is real work when done properly. Please approach it with an open mind and a willing spirit. Undoubtedly, you do have special talents that could benefit the AAPG. How would you like to contribute?

Please look through the committee list and select one or more committees that you would like to work with and contact me at Thomasson Partner Associates, Inc., 1410 High Street, Denver, CO 80218; telephone 303-436-1930; or e-mail, tpaexpl@aol.com. (Contact via e-mail is preferable.)

Clearly there is a wide range to choose from. We need your help and Robbie Gries, current President, and Dan Smith, President-Elect, along with Pete Gray, the Chairman of the Committee on Committees and I would like for you to get involved.

Please let me hear from you.





## **Candidate for Secretary/Editor**

**Ronald L. Grubbs**

It seems to me that some folks in AAPG have lost track of the fact that AAPG is first and foremost a scientific society. We often seem mired in political wranglings that do disservice to our science and our members. Recent events such as the disenfranchisement of EMD on the AC show that our Bylaws need to be reviewed with an eye to our basic purposes, an

openness to including everyone's viewpoint, and a higher level of mutual trust in our fellow scientists. I accept this nomination in hopes of serving the society's better purposes and advancing these aims.

Resident of Dallas, Texas

### **EDUCATION**

1968-1971 University of Texas at Austin, BA Psychology  
 1974-1982 University of Texas at Dallas, BS Geosciences, 80+hrs. Graduate Studies, Research and Teaching Assistant

### **EXPERIENCE**

1975 - 1976 DeGolyer & MacNaughton, Field Geologist  
 1977 - 1982 DeGolyer & MacNaughton, Vice President - 1982

Economic and Petroleum Geology  
 1977 - 85 Minerals Division, US, South America, Australia, Europe  
 1985 - 1991 Gulf Coast Division, Louisiana, Texas, Alaska, OCS  
 1991 - 97 International Division, Africa, Asia, Australia, South America  
 1997 - 98 Asia Pacific Division  
 1998 - Present Garb Grubbs Harris & Associates, CEO

AAPG/Dallas Geological Society Activities:  
 1978 - Present DGS - Various Committees -  
 1989 DGS - Candidate for Treasurer-Elect -  
 1992-1993 DGS - Newsletter Managing Editor  
 1994-1995 DGS - First Vice President  
 1996-1997 DGS - Treasurer-Elect  
 1997-1999 Treasurer  
 1999-2000 DGS - President-Elect  
 2000-2001 President  
 1990-1992 Delegate to AAPG  
 1993-1995 Delegate to AAPG  
 1996-1998 alternate  
 2000-203 delegate  
 1994-95 DGS - Chair of Delegates  
 1999-2000 AAPG EMD - President-Elect  
 2000-2001 President  
 2000-2001 AAPG Advisory Council  
 2001-2003 AAPG CORE - Member

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

EMD, DPA, DEG (CPG No. 3999, CCG No. 12)

Indonesian Petroleum Association; Society of Economic Geologists, membership committee;

Society of Mining Engineers of AIME (various section offices including Chairman 1985)

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, Dallas Chapter social chairman (PES # 2695)

Society of Petroleum Engineers

Licensed Professional Geologist - Nebraska (LPG #67)

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Boy Scouts  
 Parents Associations  
 Conservation Programs  
 Sport Safety Education  
 Local and State Politics  
 Knights of Columbus,  
 Science Fair counseling and judging

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- sign-up and register for annual meetings, Hedberg Conferences and International meetings
- submit abstracts for technical programs
- register for education courses, field seminars or schools
- arrange for Visiting Petroleum Geologist programs or view Distinguished Lecturer itinerary
- apply for Grants-in-Aid
- purchase any book or other AAPG publication through e-commerce
- retrieve forms and other aids for using AAPG Energy Resources Library including GEOREF
- download PowerPoint slides to help build slide resources for members
- access website links to all Divisions, Sections and Regions
- access AAPG Position Papers and Congressional Testimonies
- post any AAPG Committee actions, plans, minutes, etc.
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- on-line learning courses

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