

The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

JANUARY 2003

Chairman's Corner

by Terry Hollrah

First a note of apology regarding the previous issue of *The Delegates' Voice*. It seems there was a lot of difficulty with the third class postage mailing of the newsletter. It took three weeks for my copy to go ninety miles. Some Delegates received theirs in three days, for others it took a month; this won't happen again. By far, the easiest way to receive a copy is to download *The Delegates' Voice* off the AAPG web page. Janet Brister did a wonderful job in having *The Delegates' Voice* on the website in a very short time after it was issued.

This year seems to be flying by. Already, we have met in Laramie, Wyoming, Champaign, Illinois and Austin, Texas at the Rocky Mountain, Eastern, and Gulf Coast Section meetings. Each of these meetings was well attended by the Delegates, AAPG Officers and AAPG Officer candidates. This is a great way to relate HoD activities to our Delegates so that everyone is kept informed of new proposals regarding the AAPG Constitution and Bylaws and the HoD Rules and Procedures.

So far, there appear to be four or five proposed changes in the AAPG Bylaws, one proposed change to the AAPG Constitution, and possibly four proposed changes to the HoD Rules and Procedures. More information on these proposed changes can be found in the Committee reports elsewhere in *The Delegates' Voice*. Please be sure to read the proposed changes carefully and feel free to reply to me, or the Committee Chairs, with your comments.

Our HoD mid-year meeting of the officers, committee chairs and invited guests will be held in Houston, Texas on January 11, 2003. At this meeting, we will discuss the action items for the Salt Lake City convention.

The HoD Honors and Awards recipients have been announced. Thanks to Bob Cowdery and his committee for expediting these names so they can be recognized through the various publications and at the convention next year. Likewise, the slate of candidates for HoD offices for 2003-2004 have also been finalized. Sandi Barber and the Nomination and Election Committee deserve a lot of credit for putting together a very experienced list of names to lead the HoD in the future. Congratulations to the awardees and to the HoD nominees.

Please feel free to contact any of your HoD officers or Committee Chairs if you have any questions about anything. The list of e-mail addresses will be included in each *Delegates' Voice* issue. Also, please note that my e-mail address has changed to: hollrexco@sbcglobal.net We hope you all have a joyous holiday season.

REMEMBER THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Visit the AAPG website at www.aapg.org for more details. You can win prizes! The grand prize is a trip to the international conference in Barcelona, Spain.

If you haven't already done so, contact the AAPG Membership Dept. to get your recruiting kit, 1-800-364-2274 or email driggs@AAPG.org.

See page 6.

HoD Awardees 2002-2003

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

Tom Mairs

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:

Bob Countryman

Ed Heath

LONG SERVICE:

Peter Gray

Jeff Greenawalt

Congratulations!

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

HoD Offices, 2003-2004

CHAIRMAN-ELECT:

Deborah Sacrey

Valary Schulz

SECRETARY/EDITOR:

Steve Goolsby

Dwight "Clint" Moore

Mid Year Meeting

The House of Delegates' Mid-Year Meeting of officers, committee chairs and invited guests will be held in Houston, Texas on Saturday, January 11, 2003.

Chairman-Elect's Corner

USE AND ABUSE OF "EXECUTIVE SESSION"

by George Eynon, Chairman-Elect

During its deliberations over nominations for both office and honors & awards the AC routinely invokes the use of *executive session*—a mechanism permitted under Roberts' Rules of Order whereby discussions are not minuted, and disclosure outside its privileges is prohibited. In effect, it makes those deliberations secret. Should these issues be dealt with in this fashion? This is an important issue for us as Delegates to ponder and comment upon, because it affects the way our Association conducts its business—and the way each of you might be treated if persuaded to stand for office or if you are nominated for honors & awards.

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

As the AAPG governing body responsible for Bylaws revisions, the subject is of direct concern to Delegates. First, individuals being considered as candidates for office or honors & awards have been the targets of what I can only describe as character assassination—conducted under the protection of *executive session*. Second, over many years, breaches of executive session have occurred, with discussions assumed to be confidential being disclosed to other members.

WHEN IS EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROPRIATE?

The primary use, in my own experience on various committees outside AAPG, is to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive issues such as personnel performance—and then only for the short duration of a single agenda item. But is it appropriate where *executive session* is invoked ostensibly to permit free and frank discussions of the merits or otherwise of members being considered as candidates for election to office or for honors & awards? The real issue is whether anyone should be allowed to say things about individuals, under the protection of *executive session*, which they might not say publicly or to the individual's face.

LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY.

During my recent three-year tenure on the AC, a few of us voted against *executive session* each time to promote a degree of openness and transparency for our deliberations, but to no avail. Afterwards, I was frequently asked why a particular slate of candidates was chosen, but had to sidestep the question. How accountable is that of the Association's leadership to its members? The AC is selecting

candidates for office who are going to steward the Association on our behalf—and members ought to be able to get answers to their questions.

INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS.

It is quite appropriate, for example, to question whether a nominee for the position of Treasurer has the relevant experience in budgeting, accounting, financial statements, balance sheets, etc., required for the role. It is not appropriate, however, to describe an individual as a "rabble-rouser" or to otherwise malign a person's character. Such "character assassination" occurred several times while I was serving on the AC—but in *executive session*, which prohibits me from disclosing any details. I was not the only one to object to individuals being "slagged" in this way but, of course, it is not possible to withdraw a derogatory remark once it has been made. And by then it has already had the intended effect. That's not acceptable!

DO WE NEED A BYLAWS CHANGE?

We could limit the use of *executive session* or restrict the time period for which discussions are held confidential. I do not think we should eliminate it entirely. However, we could release the confidentiality of *executive session* after the announcement of candidates or awardees by the EC—that is, after 2-3 months. Then the deliberations would no longer be secret and members could ask how the decisions were made.

Bylaws are written primarily to provide guidance to the Association, but are frequently written to prevent abuse. Changing the Bylaws ought not to be necessary, of course. After all, we are all bound by common courtesy, and the rules of professional and ethical conduct—but Bylaws changes might have to be made to prevent abuse. Or will simply discussing the issue out in the open be sufficient to let our leadership know we expect appropriate professional and ethical behavior even behind closed doors? I am not convinced this will work.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

This is an issue that could affect any of us as individual members. Each of you as a Delegate has volunteered to represent your fellow members in the House. Please, take the time to discuss this issue with them and your other Delegates. And let us know what you think. You can contact the House leadership directly with your questions and opinions.

Secretary/Editor's Corner

Iecho Chairman Hollrah's apologies about the lengthy delivery time for some of you for the last issue of *The Delegates' Voice*. I hope that no one else had to wait more than the 30 days it took my copy to make its way from Tulsa to me. This issue will be sent First Class, so it should reach you in a timelier manner.

I have compared the listing of delegates provided to me by Donna Riggs to the listing on the AAPG website, and have

noted a number of corrections. I have requested that the corrections be made so the listing is up-to-date. I urge all of you to look at this list and if you have any additional up-dates, please send them to Janet Brister at AAPG headquarters.

I am also trying to do something similar to get the listing printed in the AAPG Bulletin as current as possible, within the constraints of the Bulletin's lead time, which is about two months.

DEADLINES FOR 2002-2003

December 30, 2002	Proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution and/or Bylaws submitted to the Chairman. 2nd issue of <i>The Delegates' Voice</i> published.
January 1, 2003	Proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution and/or Bylaws submitted to HQ for publication in the February issue of the <i>Explorer</i> .
January 11, 2003 (100 days)	Mid-year meeting of officers, committee chairs, and invitees held on or before this date.
February 10, 2003 (90 days)	Proposed changes to AAPG's Constitution or Bylaws must be in the hands of the Chairman. Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House must be in the hands of the Chairman. If the <i>Explorer</i> publication deadline was missed, proposed changes to the AAPG Bylaws must be mailed to Active Members.
March 10, 2003 (60 days)	Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House mailed to Delegates. Biographical data, House/AAPG activities and citations for HoD award recipients must be in the hands of the chairman. If the <i>Explorer</i> publication deadline was missed, proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution must be mailed to Active Members.
March 31, 2003	Annual meeting agenda and officer, committee and other reports submitted to Donna Riggs for printing. 3rd issue of <i>The Delegates' Voice</i> published.
April 4, 2003 (35 days)	Last day for mailing meeting agenda, reports and any other pertinent enclosures to Delegates
April 10, 2003 (30 days)	Last day for mailing comments regarding proposed amendments to Delegates.
April 25, 2003 (15 days)	Names of appointed alternate delegates must be in Headquarters office.
May 11, 2003	Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates: Salt Lake City, Utah
June 30, 2003	4th issue of <i>The Delegates' Voice</i> published.
July 1, 2003	New HoD officers take over.
July 10, 2003 (60 days)	Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting reviewed and approved by Minutes Approval Committee. Last day to mail ballot to Active Members regarding Constitution changes, if any.

Ad hoc Committee on Advisory Council Representation

by Richard G. Green, Chair

Chairman Hollrah has appointed an Ad Hoc committee to study a proposal, unanimously endorsed by the GCAGS Board of Directors, to alter the nature of the AAPG Advisory Council representation. The recommendation would revise the formula for representation on the AC based upon the number of AAPG members in the Section or Region. The result of the suggested formula would be to add four representatives from the Gulf Coast Section, and one each from the Southwest, Rocky Mountain, and Mid-Continent sections.

The primary arguments in favor of the proposal center on more proportionate representation in officer candidate and honors and awards selection. The primary arguments presented against the proposal are concerned on the one hand with the size of the AC and the unwieldy nature of large groups, and on the other with the lack of any real need for

proportional representation on this governing body. We have had spirited discussion via Email in the committee.

We have an excellent committee consisting of Pete Gray and Clint Moore (GCAGS), Will Green (Southwest Section), Carl Smith (Eastern Section), Jim Rogers (RMAG) and Marty Hewitt (Canada Region). We will vote soon to either:

- 1) Recommend the AC remain as now structured
- 2) Endorse the GCAGS proposal
- 3) Revise the formula to provide more proportional representation but with a differing formula

I will present our recommendation in January to Chairman Hollrah, with appropriate discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to chair this committee.



**Candidate for
Chairman-Elect
Deborah King Sacrey**

Joined AAPG 1976; DPA -
C.P. Geologist # 4014
C.P. Geophysicist #02

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

SIPES #1271 (1983)
Society of Exploration
Geophysicists (1981)
Oklahoma City Geological
Society (1976)
Houston Geological
Society (1989)

Geophysical Society of Houston (1996)

EDUCATION

1976 University of Oklahoma at Norman, B.S. Geology

EXPERIENCE

Gulf Oil, ANR Production, Old Dominion Oil, Weeks
Exploration, Paramount Petroleum, Auburn Energy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

1992-1994 Public Information Committee Chairman
1992-1999 Public Information Committee Member
1999-2000 Co-Chair of Summit on Committees
2001-2006 Committee on Committees Member
2001-2006 Convention Committee member
2001-2003 APPEX Steering Committee
2001-2004 Mentoring Committee Member
2002 National Convention Co-Vice Chair
2002-2003 APPEX Co-Chairman for 2003 show
1984-1986 Delegate-Alternate- Oklahoma City
Geological Society
1997-2005 HGS Delegate
1999-2000 HoD Secretary/Editor

2001 HoD Nomination and Election Committee
Chairman
2002-2003 HoD Rules and Procedures Committee
Chairman
1994-1998 DPA Instant Response Committee
2001-2002 DPA Vice President
2002-2003 DPA Secretary (remainder of Brenda
Cunningham's term)

Houston Geological Society

1992-1996 HGS Public Relations Committee Chairman
1995-1996 HGS Political Affairs Committee Chairman
1996-1997 HGS Treasurer-Elect
1997-1998 HGS Treasurer
1997 Officer Candidate HGS President Elect

Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies

1999-2000 Treasurer – GCAGS – Houston 2000
Convention
1999-2002 Finance Committee Member

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists

1983-1985 Oklahoma City Chapter Chairman
1993-1994 Houston Chapter Treasurer
1994-1997 Houston Chapter Membership Committee
Chairman
1994-1997 Houston Chapter Public Relations
Committee Chairman
1995-1996 SIPES Representative to Interdisciplinary
Coordinating Council (IDCC)
1995-1996 Houston Chapter Secretary
1995 Officer Candidate for Houston Chapter
Chairman
1997-2002 National Director from Houston Chapter
1998-1999 Vice-President SIPES National Foundation
1999-2001 President SIPES National Foundation
1999 General Chairman SIPES National
Convention
2001-2002 SIPES National President

HONORS AND AWARDS

1983 Oklahoma City Chapter SIPES Award
1994 AAPG Meritorious Service Award
1997 HGS President's Award
1998 HGS Distinguished Service Award

Resolutions Committee

Don Clarke

In North America our efforts to make the local societies aware of their House of Delegates representation are working. Most of the local societies and their respective sections have been alerted to their representation. As I write this, the many local societies are in the process of selecting new delegates to fill the many vacant posts. With luck these vacancies will be filled by the time of the annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

The same is true with the international groups. But this job is much more difficult because there are many splintered groups that are spread out

physically. In order to overcome this problem we are looking for strong self-starters who believe in the AAPG. These individuals will have to go out and pull the groups together. This is not an easy problem if your group is spread out over thousands of miles. This effort will have to be done by telephone and email. I am asking for your help. With your help we can get your area properly represented in AAPG. Please contact me at doclark@ci.long-beach.ca.us.

To the members of the HoD Resolutions Committee, I thank you for your efforts on the representation. This is one of those jobs that requires an

extra effort but is generally invisible to everyone. It is an important job because it will strengthen our society. Thank you again.

In ending, I ask a favor of everyone. Please take some time to share your knowledge of geology with the public. Schools always need speakers. You can talk to elementary school children or public groups. If you do not feel comfortable speaking you can help by providing accurate geologic resources. AAPG has many of these resources available to you. I feel that if we all take responsibility for public outreach we will see the rewards in better geological and environmental legislation.

Candidate for Chairman-Elect

Valary L. Schulz

Joined AAPG 1978; DPA- C.P. Geologist #: 5430

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Dallas Geological Society
Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists

EDUCATION

1971 University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, BSc Geology

EXPERIENCE

1971-1973 Mine/Ore Reserve Geologist, Campbell Chibougamau Mines Ltd., Quebec, Canada
1973-1977 Surface Exploration Geologist, Rosario Resources Corp., El Mochito Mine, Honduras, C.A.
1977-1979 Geologist, Alamo Petroleum Co., Dallas TX
1979-1981 Geologist, Bonanza Petroleum Inc., Dallas
1981-1982 Consulting Geologist, George Willis & Assoc.
1982-1984 Geologist, Quanah Petroleum Inc., Dallas
1984-1987 Area Field Geologist, Rosario Resources Corp., El Mochito Mine, Honduras, C.A.
1987-2002 Consulting Geologist, Dallas Texas
2002- Vice President, Partner, LaRoche Petroleum Consultants, Ltd.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

1982-83, 1990-91, 1996-97 Annual Convention Committee Chairman
1982-1984, 2001-2004 Membership Committee
2000-2003 Visiting Geologist Program Committee
2002-2005 Committee on Committees
2002-2003 DPA Membership Committee Chair
1992-2004 Delegate, DGS; DGS Group Chair, 1998-99
1996-1997 HoD Nominating Committee
1997-1998 HoD Newsletter Committee
1999-2000 HoD Resolutions Committee Chair
2001-2003 HoD Constitution & Bylaws Committee
2002-2003 HoD C&BL Committee Chair

Southwest Section AAPG

1994-1995 Southwest Section Secretary
1995 Southwest Section Convention Poster Chair
1995-1996 Southwest Section Committee on Conventions

2000-2002, Southwest Section President, Past President

1999-2001, Southwest Section Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Chair 2001
2000-2001, Southwest Section Annual Convention Committee
2001-2002, Southwest Section Honors & Awards Chair

Dallas Geological Society

1981-1982 Treasurer-Elect
1982-1983 Treasurer
1983-1984 First Vice-President
1984 President
1988-2003 Finance Committee
1990-2003 Finance Committee Chair
1994-1995 Science Classroom Grant Committee
1996-1997 Constitution & Bylaws Committee
1999-2000 Youth Committee
1998-2000 UTD Student Chapter Affiliator
2001-2003 Membership Committee Chair
1999-2003 Crawfish Committee Chair

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists

1995-1999 Dallas Chapter Officer and Chair
2002-2005 National Director

HONORS & AWARDS

1983 DGS Outstanding Service Award
1992 DGS Professional Service Award
1994 DGS Public Service Award
2002 DGS Honorary Life Membership
2001 AAPG Certificate of Merit



15 YEARS AGO - SEPM SEPARATES FROM AAPG

Meeting in Los Angeles on 7 June 1987, under the chairmanship of John L. Stout, the House of Delegates approved the dissolution of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists as a Technical Division of AAPG (effective 31 December 1987).

In 1987 SEPM was celebrating its 60th anniversary. The SEPM Council and the AAPG Executive Committee had settled upon a separate corporate status for this long-standing division. This solution freed AAPG from liability and

gave SEPM autonomy. The mutually beneficial relationship was maintained, however, with SEPM becoming a "corporately independent Associated Society" of AAPG.

Congratulations to SEPM—which retains the acronym, but is now the Society for Sedimentary Geology—on their 75th birthday!

Derived from History of the House of Delegates, 1970-1995 compiled by George R. Gibson and Herbert G. Davis.



Candidate for Secretary/Editor

Steven M. Goolsby

Joined AAPG 1978; DPA C.P. Geologist # 4053

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Petroleum Engineers, American Institute of Mining Engineers

Society of Profession Well Log Analysts

Denver Well Log Society

Sigma Gamma Epsilon -

Honorary Geological Scholastic Society

Alpha Chi - National Honorary Scholastic Society

EDUCATION

1975 Stephen F. Austin State University, BS in Geology
(May 2003) Colorado School of Mines, PhD in Geology

EXPERIENCE

1976-1977 U. S. Geological Survey, Field Assistant
1977-1978 Geoexplorer Associates, Inc., Uranium Geologist
1978 American Stratigraphic Company, Petrographer
1978-1980 Colorado Geological Survey, Coal Geologist
1980-1981 Aquarian Consultants, Ltd., Geological Wellsite Supervision

1981-1988 American Hunter Exploration, Exploration Geologist
1981- Goolsby Brothers & Associates, inc., co-owner

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

1994 Continuing Education Chairman, Annual Meeting, Denver
2001 Employment Chairman, Annual Meeting, Denver
2002- Publications Committee Member
2002- Preservation of Cores and Samples Committee Member
2002- RMAG Delegate

Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists

1988 First Vice President
1988 Guidebook Co-editor
1996- Core and Sample Preservation Committee Chairman
1999- Employment Committee Chairman
1987-1993 Continuing Education Committee Chairman

HONORS AND AWARDS

1992 RMAG Distinguished Service

PUBLICATIONS

Numerous publications on coal geology, coalbed demethanization, carbonate geology, turbidites, hydrodynamics, low resistivity pay, capillary trapping, pore network characterization, petrophysics, neural network and inversion modeling, and exploration for Paleozoic reservoirs in Nebraska.

Membership Drive
by Terry Hollrah, HoD Chair

Dear Delegates,

AAPG has launched a membership drive, which commenced at APPEX in Houston and runs through the end of April, 2003. I can't think of a more important activity for the House of Delegates at this time than recruiting new members to our great organization. In fact, the AAPG Bylaws under Article IV, Section 5, paragraph (g) states that "Delegates shall actively solicit applications from eligible geologists for membership in the Association." In order to keep our organization strong, we must continue to attract new members. I am asking that every Delegate take the responsibility for recruiting "at least" one new active or associate member to AAPG.

The Association is offering cash prizes and recognition awards as part of the incentive for recruiting new members. AAPG Dollars are being awarded to the top recruiter in each Section and Region. The Grand Prize will be a trip to next year's International meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

By taking an active role in the recruiting process, you are also helping to communicate the many benefits of membership in AAPG. AAPG offers something for every geoscientist. Membership includes professional development, outreach, and personal member programs, while the basics include the monthly Bulletin, Explorer, Bulletin Archives on-line, and Search & Discovery. Of course, the benefits of Professionalism including Outreach and Ethics as well as Networking and Advocacy are extremely important to a member's profession.

There is plenty of time for you as a Delegate to have an impact in the Membership Drive. I urge you to spread the word at local meetings and make direct contact with those you know who are not members of AAPG. I am also asking Delegates to consider hosting a "membership reception", where non-members are invited to meet members, hear about AAPG and sign-up. AAPG will help fund the reception as long as an estimate of the costs is approved by the AAPG Executive Director, Rick Fritz.

I appreciate your efforts in this important event! AAPG's membership benefits are summarized in a Membership Value Pyramid which will soon be available on a CD. Please contact Donna Riggs at AAPG headquarters (driggs@aapg.org or 888-945-2274x612) if you have questions or would like a copy of the Pyramid CD. Let's all get involved!

Candidate for Secretary/Editor

Dwight "Clint" M. Moore

joined AAPG1978; DPA C.P. Geologist # 3785; DEG (Charter Member); EMD member

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Exploration Geophysicists
Houston Geological Society
Geophysical Society of Houston
New Orleans Geological Society;

EDUCATION

1978 Southern Methodist University, B. A., Geology (Honors); B.B.A., Business Administration-Finance (Honors); Minor, Economics; University Scholar 1975-78.

EXPERIENCE

1975-1977 Summers – geological intern position working for Shirreff & Coldwell, Sabine, Royalty-IPEX, and Alfred C. Moore
1978-1986 Diamond Shamrock Corporation (aka Maxus Energy) Houston, TX; senior Staff Geologist, Geologist, Junior Geologist
1986-1987 Maxus Energy corporation, Dallas, TX; Senior Business Analyst
1987-pres. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston, TX; Geologist

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

2002-present Ad Hoc Membership Registry Committee – Chairman;
1999-2002 Advisory Council Member, GCAGS;
1994-present Committee on Committees;
1999-present Visiting Geologists Program Committee;
1995-1999 Education Committee;
1998-2000 Representative to AGI Governmental Affairs Committee;
1988-1989 HoD Alternate Delegate, HGS
1989-present Houston Geological Society Delegate
1997-2001 HoD Constitution & Bylaws Committee - Chairman (1999-2000);
1999-2000 HoD Procedures (ad hoc) Committee;
1997-1999 HoD Elected Editor (ad hoc) Committee;
1996-1999 HoD International Representation (ad hoc) Committee;
1998-1999 HoD Special Resolution of IRC (ad hoc) Committee;
1995-present DPA Governmental Affairs Committee - Chairman (1996-2000), Co-Chairman (1995-96), Vice-Chairman (2001-present);
1996-1998 DEG Marketing (ad hoc) Committee;

Houston Geological Society

1993-1995, HGS Vice-President, President-Elect, President
Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies
1994-1995, Gulf Coast Section (GCAGS) Board of Directors

HONORS AND AWARDS

2001 AAPG-House of Delegates (HoD) "Distinguished Member of the House" Award;
2001 AAPG-Division of Professional Affairs (DPA) Distinguished Service Award;
1999 AAPG Certificate of Merit;
1997 AAPG Certificate of Merit;
1999 HGS Honorary Membership Award;
1997 HGS Distinguished Service Award;
1993 HGS President's Award;
1977 Dallas Geological Society – Sabine Royalty Corporation Scholarship Recipient;



PUBLICATIONS

AAPG Bulletin June 1997 E&P Note entitled "Subsalt Play, Gulf of Mexico: A Review"; co-authored with S. Montgomery;
Editor-in-Chief – HGS/NOGS Guidebook entitled "Productive Low Resistivity Well Logs of the Offshore Gulf of Mexico" (1993);
Several GCS-SEPM, AAPG, and Hedberg abstracts on salt tectonics, subsalt exploration, and related sedimentation;

Constitution and Bylaw Committee Update

by Valerie Schulz, Chair

The committee, composed of Paul English, Tom Ewing, Ed Heath, and Valary Schulz, has been considering six issues to date, and will be proposing amendments to the Constitution and to the Bylaws for the delegates' consideration. Four items were described in the prior *Delegates' Voice*:

1. Electronic Ballot Amendment
 2. AAPG Ethics Committee Amendment
 3. Advisory Council Experience Balancing Amendment
 4. Additional Nominations Procedures,
- and comments have been invited from the Association members and Delegates.

As a reminder of the amendment procedures as prescribed by our freshly amended Article XIV of our Bylaws, an amendment may be proposed by a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chairmen of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the HoD. The following amendment, referred to as (5.) 'The Selection Integrity Amendment' was resolved by a unanimous vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on 31 October, 2002, and has been distributed to the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council, the C&BL Committee, and by this report, to the members of the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

A Proposed Addition of a Section 14:

Section 14: Limitations on Nomination and Honors & Awards

a) Any member serving on an AAPG governing body shall not be eligible to be nominated for office or selected for an honor & award by the governing body on which they serve, except for the House of Delegates' Recognition of Service Award.

b) Candidates for any AAPG office may not be selected to receive any honor & award by any AAPG governing body during the period of their candidacy, unless the honor or award has been announced prior to the announcement of their candidacy.

The rationale for this proposal is to maintain the fairness and impartiality of the AAPG officer nomination and honors & award process as well as to avoid perceptions of favoritism for candidates in the election process. As the author of this amendment stated, "Eliminating members of the governing body from consideration protects the rights of all members to compete for nominations and honors & awards on an equal basis". Does it surprise you that our association might require such a directive? One would expect that we all possess the personal integrity to eliminate oneself from consideration for office or honors on any Board, Committee, or Council. We invite your comments.

Elsewhere in this issue, a considered analysis of the sixth issue under discussion, "The Executive Session", is presented by George Eynon. We invite your comments on this topic as well. Our attorney, Craig Blackstock has advised that Executive Session is most often required by public bodies to discuss personnel issues such as hiring, firing, discussion of raises, as well as litigation discussions where public disclosure might jeopardize an entities legal position. As it stands, Executive Session may not be invoked without a vote. Is it not incumbent upon the Chair of any body to require the members of that committee conduct themselves in an appropriate manner? Is it not the obligation of the Chair to run a clean meeting, and not to allow gossip and unsubstantiated derisive comments about anyone? Are we not all bound by our code of ethics to not malign other geologists? Let us know how you feel.

Rules and Procedures Report

Deborah Sacrey, Chair

The Rules and Procedures committee consists of the following delegates:

Deborah Sacrey (Gulf Coast) - Chair
Mark Longman (Rocky Mountain)
Mike Allison (Mid-Continent)
Debra Nishida (Canada)

In the last report, four recommendations for changes were proposed. These recommendations have been slightly amended and will be presented at this point. Rather than take up three and one-half pages of text to show the whole Rules and Procedures document, the suggested amendments are presented as excerpts in this report. The full document, amended as proposed, will appear in *The Delegates' Voice* printed just before the Convention in Salt Lake City.

Item #1: Amending the number of committeemen on the Rules and Procedures, Constitution and Bylaws, and Resolutions Committee. Article III: Committees And Their

Duties; Section A, Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph c. Suggested changes are underlined and suggested deletions are scored through.

"c. The **Rules and Procedures Committee** shall consist of ~~four (4)~~ seven (7) 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)

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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)~~ seven (7) 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)~~ seven (7) 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: "

Item #2: **Removal of the Future of Earth Scientists Committee from a standing committee to an ad hoc committee.** Article III, Committees And Their Duties; Section A; Paragraph 1, Standing Committees; sub-paragraph h.

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

Item #3: **Setting a deadline of September 30th (end of first quarter) for submission of the slate of HoD officer candidates by the Nomination and Election committee, and selection of the recipients for awards by the Honors and Awards Committee.** Article III, Committees And Their Duties; Section A; Paragraph 1, Standing Committees, sub-paragraph a.

"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 by September 30th each year prior to the annual meeting for submission to the Delegates with the agenda-publication in *The Delegates' Voice*.~~ 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."

And: Article III, Committees And Their Duties, Section A, Standing Committees; paragraph g.

"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 by September 30th each year as the recipient of the following:"

Item #4: **To change from two (2) years to five (5) years the number of previous years within which one must have served as a Delegate in order to receive an award.** Article III, Committees And Their Duties, Section A, Standing Committees, Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph g; indent (2)

"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)~~ five (5) years may receive an award."

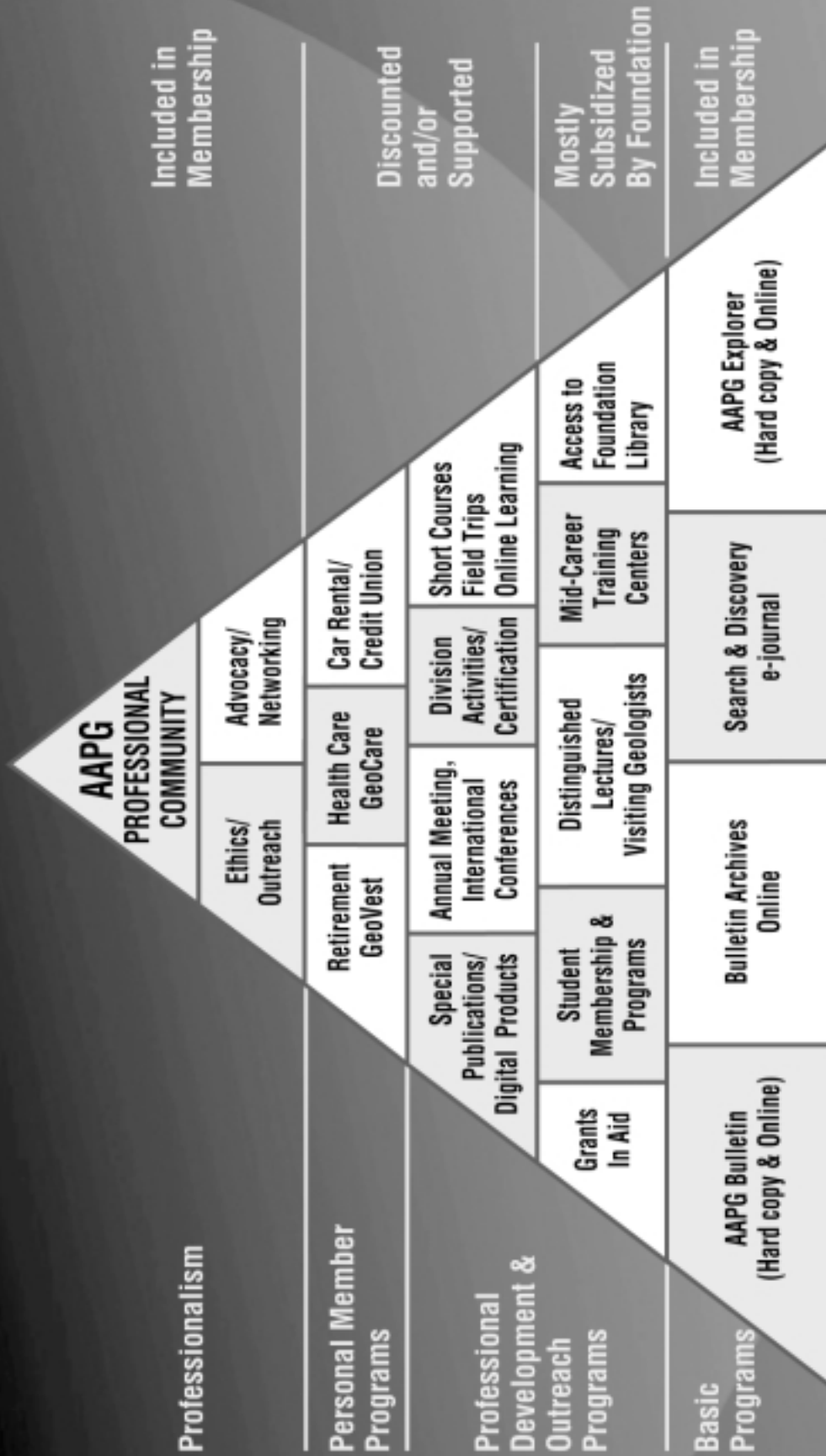
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