

The Delegates' Voice

Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

MARCH 2003

Chairman's Corner

by Terry Hollrah

Hopefully everyone has started the new year on a healthy and prosperous note. We are rapidly approaching the Salt Lake City convention in May. The brochures have been mailed and everyone can easily register on line for the meeting and events.

The offices and committee chairs of the House of Delegates held the mid-year meeting in Houston on January 11th. Along with the present HoD Officers, HoD Chairman-Elect Officer candidates Deborah Sacrey and Valary Schulz, Secretary/Editor candidates Steve Goolsby and Clint Moore, AAPG President Dan Smith, AAPG President-Elect candidates Pat Gratton and Ron Nelson, and Executive Director Rick Fritz were also in attendance. Special thanks to Donna Riggs and the Houston contingency for arranging the hotel, meeting room and meals.

Through the dedicated efforts of the HoD committees, all of the agenda items for the annual meeting were thoroughly discussed. As of now, we have two proposed changes to the constitution, both of which deal with electronic balloting by members in Sections 1 and 5 of Article VIII. There are four proposed changes to the bylaws which deal with the ethics committee, electronic balloting, honors and awards process, nominations process, and a change in timing and publication of officer candidates.

We are already discussing potential bylaws changes for George Eynon's leadership to bring forth in 2004. Unfortunately, in these days and times one item that needs to be addressed is how AAPG and HoD leadership vacancies would be filled in the occurrence of a catastrophic event which could result in the elimination of a majority of the AAPG Executive Committee or HoD officers.

Another item that has been suggested is to allow student members to keep the student membership dues rate of ten dollars per year as long as they are academically enrolled at an educational institution. They would not be subject to the six-year limit as stated in Article XIII, Section 3 paragraph (d).

As always, if anyone has suggestions for the House of Delegates to consider, please contact any of the House officers. Hope to see everyone in Salt Lake City. ♦

Chair-Elect's Corner

by George Eynon

As delegates we have taken on a responsibility to represent the members in our constituencies, and we need your input. I know we are all busy people, but we do need to hear from you. At the end of my column in the January *Delegates' Voice* I asked you—the Delegates, (and Members, too)—to tell us what you think about the fact that candidates for Office and Honors and Awards have been the targets of character assassination during discussions under the protection of *executive session* in the AC in the past. **I received only a handful of responses**, most thanking me for raising the issue. I also received one phone call and one e-mail—both from Denver-based past presidents who are current members of the AC—in favor of the use of executive session. Ray Thomasson called to comment that I only presented one side of the issue, and Robbie Gries sent an e-mail. (As well, Rick Fritz tells me there have been several questions of him asking, “what is going on with the AC?”)

Here is the gist of **Robbie Gries' response, in favor of continued use of executive session...**

We should keep the option open to have (AC) deliberations in “Executive Session.” People do not accurately repeat statements made... they give it their own inflection, their own emphasis...the old “gossip” syndrome. If AC members are free to discuss what someone else said...it is very likely that they, either inadvertently or intentionally, can “misquote” or “imply” a meaning that was not at all suggested... This can do an immense amount of harm. By having...an Executive Session... we can avoid gossip and misquoting and misunderstandings.

In my experience on the AC, I have been very fortunate to have not heard anyone making... an “assassination of character”. I am sorry that was your experience. ...I have seen some of the highest awards go to members for whom there was back and forth, pro and con, discussion regarding their merit. Statements made which ...strongly questioned the member's merit did not sway the majority... decision to give the award. We have a pretty intelligent and knowledgeable group here. They can almost always sort out what seems to be relevant and not relevant.

The AC is not required to go into “Executive Session. They choose to...by a majority vote, as is directed in Roberts Rules of Order...by which the AC...is governed.

Robbie Gries

I believe **the problem is with some of the procedures employed—and ignored—in AC deliberations**, and not usually with the people we elect to the AC to represent us. Two years ago an AC sub-committee on Confidentiality made four recommendations that were unanimously accepted and included in the AC guidelines for conduct of business. One of the most important was...

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Secretary/Editor's Corner

All AAPG members should have received a copy of the All Member survey inserted into the February issue of *The Explorer*. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to respond to the Survey. You can use the paper copy from *The Explorer* or you can respond on-line via the AAPG website. If you no longer have the paper copy or you destroyed it while trying to remove it from *The Explorer*, go to the AAPG website and express your opinions electronically. This is a major attempt by AAPG to gather feedback and opinions about a wide range of member services, publications, meetings, short courses, field trips, distinguished lecturers, the website, etc. Also, please encourage your local society members to respond. The deadline for submitting completed survey responses is April 11, 2003.

After you've encouraged your local society members to participate in the Survey, encourage them to participate in the membership drive. The contest ends April 30, 2003. Recently, it became obvious to me that there is a real opportunity for cross-recruitment within local societies. Officers from two local societies contacted me as they were preparing to elect new delegates. Both officers were surprised to learn that there were many AAPG members in their society's designated geographic area who did not belong to their local society. By the same token, there are often local society members who do not belong to AAPG. Now is the ideal time to recruit members for both groups. ♦

Chair-Elect - From page 1

This Advisory Council affirms that the privileges of executive session bear the responsibility of appropriateness of discussion of individual candidates, and requires the Chair provide appropriate control of discussion and censure of abuse of those privileges.

It is non-adherence to these tenets that caused problems in the past—inappropriateness of comments, poor control of discussion and lack of censure of those who abused the privileges of executive session. The three past presidents who serve on the AC chair its various functions and are therefore responsible for controlling discussion; it is their job to make sure this doesn't happen again. Our elected AC representatives must all object to inappropriate comments and behaviour.

As well, **the AC voting procedure for Honors and Awards and officer candidate nominations probably needs to be changed.** As it is now, the procedure lends itself to abuse by *negative* voting—placing a name at the bottom of the list in order to advance a second, rival candidate and contributing to the failure of the first. A *positive* voting mechanism—simply rank-ordering only your top one-third candidates, for example—would prevent that abuse.

The folks we elect to the AC are quite capable of managing their own affairs; if they do that properly it will preclude the need to legislate a solution. ♦

DEADLINES FOR 2003

March 31, 2003

Annual meeting agenda and officer, committee and other reports submitted to Donna Riggs for printing.
3rd issue of *The Delegates' Voice* 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 *The Delegates' Voice* 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.

Honors and Awards

This year's HoD awardees will receive their awards at the annual meeting in Salt Lake City, on May 11, 2003. The citations for these awardees will appear in the June issue of *The Delegates' Voice*. Once again, the awardees are:

Honorary Membership:

Tom Mairs

Distinguished Service:

Bob Countryman

Ed Heath

Long Service

Peter Gray

Jeff Greenawalt

Join your fellow delegates in recognizing these deserving individuals.

Credentials Committee

by Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Chair

Mark your calendars today for the upcoming annual House of Delegates meeting to be held on Sunday, May 11, 2003 in the Grand American Hotel, Salt Lake City Utah. The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 A.M.

This is the one day of the year that all of the elected delegates are called to be in the same place to conduct the business of the society. If you will not be able to attend, an elected alternate may attend in your place. If no elected alternate is available, an appointed alternate, who is currently an active member of AAPG may attend in your place. Please make sure that the list of delegates, including appointed alternates is submitted to Donna Riggs in the AAPG office in Tulsa, no later than April 25, 2003 (fifteen days prior to the May 11, 2003 meeting). Generally in the larger delegations, it is the responsibility of the group chair to provide the list of appointed alternates as necessary.

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."

We're looking forward to seeing you "behind the ropes" at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City this May. Arrive early to avoid the lines and enjoy a light breakfast and conversation with old friends and new acquaintances! ♦

AGENDA

AAPG House of Delegates Meeting
Sunday, May 11, 2003, 8:00 a.m.
Grand America Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Presiding

Terry Hollrah, Chairman
George Eynon, Chairman-Elect
Lee Avary, Secretary/Editor

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

Introductions

Officers of the House of Delegates
Past AAPG Presidents and House Chairmen
AAPG Executive Committee
AAPG Officer Candidates
AAPG Executive Committee and Headquarters Staff

Reports

2002 Convention General Chairman, Thomas C. Chidsey, Jr.
AAPG President, Dan L. Smith
AAPG Executive Director, Richard D. Fritz
Report of the Chairman of the House (Hollrah)

Legislation

Report of Credentials Committee (Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Chair)
Approval of agenda (Hollrah)
Approval of minutes of last meeting, Sunday March 10, 2002 (Avary)
Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Valary Schulz, Chair)
Report of Rules and Procedures Committee (Deborah Sacrey, Chair)
Report of Nomination and Election Committee (Sandi Barber, Chair)
Presentation of House Officer Candidates
Voting for new House Officers
Report of Honors and Awards Committee (Bob Cowdery, Chair)
Recognition of House Awardees
Report of Resolutions Committee (Don Clarke, Chair)
Report of Future of Earth Scientists Committee (Hollrah)
Report of Newsletter Committee (Avary)

Other Reports

AAPG Treasurer (Paul Weimer)
Publications (John C. Lorenz)
AAPG Foundation (Jack C. Threet)
Energy Minerals Division (Rebecca L. Dodge)
Division of Environmental Geosciences (Robert J. Menzie, Jr.)
Division of Professional Affairs (Tom Mairs)

Additional Business

New Business (Hollrah)
Results of election of officers (Barber)
Adjournment (Hollrah)

HoD-C&BL COMMITTEE CONSENSUS - STATUS OF ISSUES

MID YEAR 2002-2003

by Valary Schulz, Chair

Incorporated herein, are the results of the HoD leadership meeting at the GCAGS convention in Austin on 31 October, 2002, inter-committee correspondence, and the HoD mid year meeting on 10 January, 2003.

1. Ethics Committee Amendment:

To summarize, this proposed change to the Bylaws was requested by the Ethics Committee and the resolution was passed by the AAPG Executive Committee. Ed Heath reported on this issue, and in his opinion "this increase in numbers is needed and justifiable". No unfavorable comments have been received; the amendment as follows will be published, and proposed at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI. GRIEVANCE PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 2. Investigation Procedure

The Executive Director shall submit the changes to the Ethics Committee of the Association which shall be a standing committee and which shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ five (5) members of the technical division of the Association charged with conducting the program or programs of certification of members in professional categories and who shall be appointed by the Executive committee of the Association for staggered three (3) year terms as members of the Ethics Committee.

2. Electronic Ballot Amendment:

The AAPG Ballot Committee made a formal request to the Executive Committee that amendments to the AAPG Constitution and Bylaws be made to allow for voting by e-mail, electronic, or other suitable means. Paul English evaluated these proposed changes and added a fourth necessary revision, as included below. Paul notes that there are numerous other references to "mail" which allow interpretation to include email. These changes will require 2 revisions to the Constitution and 2 revisions to the Bylaws which will be published, and proposed at the annual meeting.

Constitution

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Mail, Electronic Mail, or Other Suitable Ballot by Members

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of this Association responding by mail, electronic mail, or other suitable ballot.

SECTION 5. Voting on Amendments

If any proposed amendment shall be acted upon favorably by simple majority vote of the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee shall arrange for a ballot of members by mail, electronic mail or other suitable means, within sixty (60) days after the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and two-thirds (2/3) majority favorable vote of the ballots received within sixty (60) days of such mailing, electronic mail or other suitable distribution, shall be sufficient to amend.

Bylaws

ARTICLE II

SECTION 10. Election of Officers

The Executive Committee shall then prepare a printed, electronic, or other suitable ballot, listing the candidates for each office, and one (1) ballot shall be mailed, electronically distributed, or distributed by other suitable means to each member on or before April 1.

SECTION 11. Vacancies

A vacancy occurring in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by mail, electronic mail or other suitable ballot by membership, through a special election called by the Executive Committee.

3. Advisory Council Experience Balancing Amendment:

With the intent of balancing the experience level of the Advisory Council whose members' terms are staggered with a schedule established by the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council and the Executive Committee approved a resolution to initiate a series of one-time corrections to the terms of several Region representatives. It was subsequently determined by counsel, Craig Blackstock, that these corrections could be made by vote of the EC. Therefore, no changes are proposed to the Bylaws.

4. Nomination by Petition Procedures Amendment:

A rigorous analysis of the procedures for nomination by petition was made by Tom Ewing, and considerable discussion and comments were evoked. It was decided by the majority of the committee, and confirmed by the leadership of the house, that the current system is effective and reasonable, and does not warrant change. There exist some timing issues however, that ought to be addressed, and are proposed here as changes to the Bylaws. Publication of candidates' names in the *Explorer* rather than the *Bulletin* was a request from AAPG staff, as the *Explorer* is more nimble with respect to lead time for publication. The deadline for submission of additional nominations by petition was advanced by one month to thus advance the publication of the names, and to allow for the candidates to be recognized at such Sectional and Regional meetings as possible, without placing an undue burden upon the petition candidates. Typically, candidates for office are not selected by the Executive Committee until the Annual Convention meeting, and not notified until shortly thereafter. Only at that time, might a petition candidacy be initiated.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

SECTION 10. Election of Officers

.....The Executive Committee shall annually approve two (2) candidates each for the offices of Vice President and President-Elect, biennially approve two (2) candidates each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and triennially approve two (2) candidates for the office of Editor. Additional nominations may be made by written petition of fifty (50) or

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more members in good standing received at Association headquarters not later than October 15 following. The names of ~~approved~~ candidates shall be published in the *Bulletin Explorer* 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.....

Selection Integrity Amendment:

In order to promote fairness and impartiality in the AAPG officer nomination and honors and awards process, and to protect the rights of all members to compete for nominations and awards on an equal basis, this amendment would eliminate members of the governing bodies from consideration for those offices or awards. The following amendment is proposed by a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the HoD

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

SECTION 14: Limitations on Nomination and Honors & Awards

(a) Members serving as any of the officers described in Article II of these Bylaws, as officers of the House of Delegates, or on the Advisory Council shall not be eligible to be nominated for offices described in Article II of these Bylaws or selected for an honor or award by the body on or in which they serve, except for the House of Delegates' Recognition of Service Award.

(b) Candidates for the offices described in Article II of these Bylaws, for officers of the House of Delegates, for members

of the AAPG Advisory Council representing United States Sections or International Regions, or for president of any Technical Division may not be selected to receive any honor or award by any of these bodies during the period of their candidacy, unless the honor or award has been announced prior to the announcement of their candidacy.

Restriction of Executive Session Discussion:

There being no consensus on this issue, it will be proposed as a discussion item at the annual meeting. Through *The Delegates' Voice*, George Eynon has addressed this issue with a considered and balanced analysis, inviting comments. The delegates will have an opportunity to discuss this issue within their delegations and societies prior to the Salt Lake City meeting.

Filling of Officer Vacancies:

Tom Ewing noted that Article II, Section 11 calls for vacancies in the offices of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Editor to be filled by the Executive Committee, with no direction or description of how that vacancy might be filled. Furthermore, vacancies in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by ballot through a special election called by the Executive Committee, with no specification or guidance on how candidates are selected. Additionally, the succession as a result of catastrophic loss of several EC members has never been addressed. We would like to present this issue for further discussion. Your comments please. ♦

Paul English
Tom Ewing
Ed Heath
Valary Schulz, Chair
Constitution & Bylaws Committee of HoD

Resolutions Committee

by Don Clarke, Chair

The House of Delegates Resolutions Committee is composed of: Don Clarke, Sharie Sartain, Doug Patchen, and Steve Goolsby.

Our first task was to review the society delegate counts to see if the local societies have the maximum representation that they are entitled to. We worked with Donna Riggs and found that there were many local societies that were under-represented. The committee split up the tasks and went to work.

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, many local societies are in the process of selecting new delegates to fill the 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 very spread out physically. Below is the current status of HoD under-representation. There are no societies in the United States who are under represented by

more than two delegates. Internationally we still have plenty of work to do.

Societies with **NO** representation in the HoD

Society Name	Entitlement
Alabama Geological Society	1
Alaska Geological Society	2
Association of Missouri Geologists	1
Georgia Geological Society	1
Illinois Geological Society	1
Geological Society of Iowa	1
Miami Geological Society	1
Northwest Energy Association	2
Southeastern Geological Society	1

Rules and Procedures Committee Report

By Deborah Sacrey, Chair

Revised February 24th with Proposed Changes for HoD Meeting May 11, 2003

Members of the Committee are:

Debra Nishida – Canada
Mark Longman – Rocky Mountain Section
Mike Allison – Mid-Continent Section

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

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

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Reports from Convention General Chairman, 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.

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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:

“Propose”

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 **by October 31st each year for 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.

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.

“Propose”

c. The **Rules and Procedures Committee** shall consist of **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) days prior to the annual meeting and included in the agenda of such meeting.

“Propose”

d. The **Constitution and Bylaws Committee** shall consist of **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) 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.

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.

"Propose"

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 October 31st each year**, as the recipient of the following:

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.

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.

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.

House Recognition of Service—Presented yearly to the outgoing Chairman of the House of Delegates and Secretary/Editor at the end of their term of office. The House Recognition of Service shall be retroactive to honor each

Recording Secretary and Secretary/Editor who has held either one of these offices since July 1, 1996.

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.

"Propose"

(2) Only a person who has served as a Delegate within the previous **five (5)** 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.

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

h 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.

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

B. Ad Hoc Committees

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

House of Delegates Officer Candidates

Each of the HoD officer candidates was asked to respond to three questions in 250 words or less. These questions were first asked of HoD officer candidates by Jean Lemmon when she was Secretary/Editor. The questions are:

- What does it mean to you to be an officer candidate?
- What influenced you to become a petroleum geologist?
- What are some of your interests other than petroleum geology?

The candidates' responses serve as a companion to the biographical summaries that appeared in the last issue of the *DV* and provide additional insight into them as individuals.

Responses from the candidates:

Candidates for Chair-Elect

Deborah K. Sacrey

It is a great honor to be considered by my peers as a candidate for Chairman-Elect of the House of Delegates. As a previous Secretary/Editor, I know the importance of having candidates that understand House issues and can work with members of the Advisory Council and Executive Committee in a diplomatic method. It is especially meaningful to be a candidate because of the exceptionally high quality of the rest of the candidates being considered this year! I feel proud to be amongst this slate, and feel regardless of the outcome, the House of Delegates is the winner in this election.

I was influenced to become a Petroleum Geologist by one of my professors in school at the University of Oklahoma. I was working on a degree in Physics, and the beginning of my junior year I was finally taking the freshman level Geology 1 course required in the Arts and Sciences College. The course was taught by Dr. Huffman (now deceased), and between the field trips (I love the outdoors), his enthusiasm for the science, AND the offer of a full scholarship – I was convinced! Through the ups and downs this industry has experienced since the middle '70's, I know I made the right choice.

My other interests at this time include playing an occasional round of golf, getting my son through his last year of engineering school at UT, and my work with organizations like SIPES and AAPG.

Valary Schulz

Membership annals reflect the contracting nature of our organization, yet my circle of friends is expanding as a direct consequence of my involvement in the activities of the AAPG. These relationships hold great value to me, both personally and professionally, and I intend to continue to join my peers in committing energies to improving our great organization. Naturally, I feel honored and privileged, as do all candidates, but I also feel committed to rational and considered analyses of the issues that continue to affect AAPG and the HoD. I eagerly anticipate opportunities to contribute.

Happily, a couple of pivotal and lucid moments of insight into geologic processes early on in my formal education satisfied my curiosity and yet stimulated my hunger for knowledge. Summer field seasons in the bush contributed to a yearning to work outside in remote locales. Working underground in mines in Canada and Central America allowed me to learn from and experience three dimensional

outcrops. Surface exploration in the rain forest of Honduras was a rare opportunity. I was allowed to spend a couple of years as a well site geologist, and learned the operational facets of the business. But more than any experience was my fortunate exposure to many brilliant geologic minds, beginning with my father, Verne Hogg, and later employers, colleagues, and friends.

Current passions away from the office include spending time with family and friends, tennis, travel, gardening when I have time, volunteer activity with other geologic organizations, and reading.

Candidates for Secretary/Editor

Steven M. Goolsby

AAPG stands as the premier scientific society for earth sciences. AAPG is an active and vibrant scientific society that provides its membership with many functions necessary for the advancement of earth sciences. Among these are providing a strong foundation of published scientific work, allowing members to express ideas and achievements through peer-reviewed scientific publications, and offering members avenues for networking with fellow scientists through newsletters and conferences.

To fulfill these functions, AAPG must continue to be an active scientific society responsive to the needs of its members. This is only possible when individuals take the time and effort to give something back to the society. By serving as an officer candidate for the HoD, I feel that I am helping AAPG to remain a healthy and active scientific society. I feel I advance the science of geology.

I have always had a fascination with science and nature. This fascination began with rock and fossil collections as a boy, continued with earth science in high school, and a college geology major. After college, I found that the petroleum industry is accomplishing some of the best science being done in geology. I pursued a career in petroleum geology and continue to enjoy the challenges and opportunities that petroleum geology provides.

I have pursued a PhD in Geology for the last few years. This degree program and my consulting work have left me little outside time to pursue other interests. I enjoy hiking, skiing, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Dwight "Clint" Moore

To be nominated for Secretary/Editor, is a fine honor, but more important, it represents a tremendous opportunity to better serve my fellow HoD members, and the membership we all represent. It would be a great chance to help enhance communication, and contribute to a greater understanding of the issues important to the HoD. Toward that end, I'd like to further energize the DV to recruit more discussion on important issues, as well as initiate a series of articles where HoD members discuss how the AAPG might play a further role in the lives of its members, 10-25 years from now. This forward look provides a real chance for some of our more visionary members to "paint on a fresh canvas" outside the confines of a committee. "Let the words flow!" will be my credo.

As the son of a 40-year "hard luck" wildcatter, I grew up as a child seeing my father's excitement at unraveling the secrets of the rocks, and his zest for drilling for oil & gas. Still, it took a prep school senior-year Geology course, and the Arab Oil embargo that same fall of 1973, to cause me to give up my childhood dream of running for Congress, to come to Texas and attend SMU, so I could become a petroleum geologist.

Scuba diving, land & underwater photography, mineral & fossil collecting, national park rafting & hiking, redbreast & deep sea fishing, IMAX movies, family genealogy-history research, playing ice hockey, andstill a little politics, now and then.

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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. ♦



Societies and Regions with **under-representation** in the HoD

Society/Region Name	Entitlement	Current No.	Difference
Los Angeles Basin Geological Society	4	2	2
Africa International Region	4	1	3
Asia International Region	13	12	1
Europe International Region	19	2	17
Middle East International Region	3	2	1

On June 30, 2002 the Executive Committee voted to approve the affiliations of **Association des Techniciens et Professionnels du Pétrole** (French Association of Petroleum Technicians) (www.aftp.net) and the **Sociedad Geologica del Peru** (Peruvian Geological Society) (sipan.inictel.gob.pe/spp). We plan to bring the affiliations of both of these societies to the House of Delegates for a vote at the annual meeting in May in Salt Lake City.

The requests by the **NABGG** (National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists) (www.nabgg.org; website under construction) and the **AWG** (Association of Women Geoscientists) (www.awg.org) for associated society status were approved by the Executive Committee on February 23, 2003. These associations will also be brought to the HoD for a vote in Salt Lake City.

By way of background, below are the pertinent portions of the AAPG Bylaws regarding Affiliated and Associated societies:

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

SECTION 1. Affiliated Societies

This Association may affiliate with duly organized groups or societies which serve the needs of members of the Association in geographically defined areas and which by objects, aims, constitutions, bylaws, or practice are functioning in harmony with the objects and aims of the Association, subject, however, to the recommendations of the Executive Committee and to the affirmative vote of the House of Delegates. Affiliated Societies within the United States (referred to in these Bylaws as "United States Affiliated Societies") and International Regions shall be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Association.

SECTION 2. Associated Societies

This Association may associate with duly organized groups or societies which serve the needs of members of the Association in topically and/or geographically defined areas and which by objects, aims, constitutions, bylaws, or practice are functioning in harmony with the objects and aims of the Association, subject, however, to the recommendations of the Executive Committee and to the affirmative vote of the House of Delegates. Associated Societies shall not be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Association. ♦

11 Years Ago - First Delegates' Dialogue

At the HoD Meeting in Calgary on 21 June 1992, Chairman Will Green recognized Carol Lucas, Recording Secretary "for her efforts in launching and editing the first two issues of Delegates' Dialogue, our newsletter which facilitates communication between Delegates throughout the year."

Carol's efforts became the model several years later in establishing what is now *The Delegates' Voice* as a permanent part of the HoD. Thanks again, Carol!

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		1	2	3	4	5	8-Preregistration deadline Salt Lake City meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	11-Deadline to return AAPG All Member Survey
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25-Appointed Alternates Due in HQ.
27	28	29	30				30-Membership Drive Contest Ends

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11-Annual HoD Meeting 8 a.m. MDT, Salt Lake City Grand American Hotel
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