

The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

JULY 2003

Chairman's Corner

by Terry Hollrah

Is it just me, or are the years getting shorter? I can't believe it's time to move on and let chairman George IV take over. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the short annual HoD meeting in Salt Lake City. I apologize for not having coffee at the break and I apologize for the short reception time on Saturday night. I'm sure George will take care of this in Dallas next year.

At the annual meeting, the constitutional and bylaws amendments were all passed. Subject to approval by two-thirds majority vote of the AAPG members responding, future voting on nominees and amendments may soon be done electronically.

The "Selection Integrity Amendment" was passed in order to promote fairness and impartiality in the AAPG officer nomination and the honors and awards process by eliminating members of the governing bodies from consideration for those offices and awards.

Finally, the number of members serving on the Ethics Committee was increased from three to five to allow for one or more members to recuse themselves if a conflict of interest should occur.

The Rules and Procedures Committee proposed six changes to HoD rules and procedures. The Rules and Procedures, Constitution and Bylaws, and the Resolution Committees will now be allowed to have seven members on each committee as opposed to four previously. This will allow for better representation from the various Sections and Regions on these committees.

A change in the Nomination and Election Committee rules will call for each HoD officer candidate to have their biographical data in the hands of the HoD Chairman by September 30th of each year so it may be timely published in *The Delegates' Voice* newsletter. Likewise, the Honors and Awards Committee must have their list of recipients to the HoD Chairman by the same date.

A change in the rules and procedures for granting awards was passed which will now allow for a person who has served as a Delegate within the previous five years to be eligible to receive an award.

Finally, the HoD voted to remove the Future of Earth Scientists Committee from the HoD Rules and Procedures. This committee is expected to be moved to the AAPG committee system with the chairman reporting to the HoD at the annual meeting.

The Resolutions Committee presented applications by the Association of Petroleum Technicians and Professionals (France), the Atyrau Petroleum Geologists Association Kazakhstan, and the Sociedad Geologica del Peru, for affiliation as an Affiliated Society to AAPG. Each group was represented at the meeting and a summary of each association was presented to the HoD.

The Resolutions Committee also presented applications by the Association for Women Geoscientists and the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists for affiliation as Associated Societies to AAPG.

All of the applications for association and affiliation were approved unanimously by the HoD.

The Honors and Awards Committee presented the following recipients of HoD awards: Tom Mairs, Honorary Member of the House; Ed Heath and Bob

Chair-Elect's Corner

by George Eynon

2003-2004 House Business

The upcoming session of the House will get underway formally on July 1 and, as Terry Hollrah commented in the full delegates meeting in Salt Lake City, there is always something to be done regarding the AAPG constitution and bylaws, the House rules and procedures, or some special issue that arises. This year is no exception. The views of individual delegates, more especially if you skillfully avoided getting stuck with committee work, are not just welcome, but are hereby requested. If you have an opinion or a comment, please contact any of the House officers or the Chair or members of the responsible committee.

The Constitution and Bylaws committee has several items to review and for which to recommend changes. They are in no particular order.

Membership dues. The ceiling needs to be raised to provide some flexibility in the future. The constitution & bylaws limit annual membership dues at US\$75.00, and we are currently at US\$72.00.

Various membership issues. Should we increase the period permitted for a member to maintain Student status, since the time taken by students in post-graduate studies has increased considerably over the years? Should we do away with Associate membership or

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HoD Officers for 2003-2004

Effective July 1, 2003, the HoD board will be comprised of the following officers:

George Eynon, Chairman

Valary L. Schulz, Chair-Elect

Steven M. Goolsby, Secretary/Editor

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Secretary/Editor's Corner

Lee Avary

I would like to thank the committee members for all their efforts in editing *The Delegates' Voice* this year. Three issues have been published so far, and this is the final issue, summarizing the annual meeting. We had a little trouble with the mailing of the first issue in September, but that seems to have been taken care of now. Issues are posted on the AAPG Web site, in both .pdf and searchable .html formats, so they can be easily accessed by any member.

The 2002-2003 Newsletter Committee members are: Pat Gratton, George Eynon, Martin Cassidy, and Debra Osborne. I truly appreciate their efforts in providing the extra sets of eyes to proof read various editions of each newsletter. The publication schedule is often compressed and their willingness to read and return material to me has made my job much easier.

Most importantly, I want to acknowledge the efforts of Linda Ramsey at AAPG Headquarters for doing all the article layout and composition. I appreciate Linda's patience and cooperation, even over holidays following me around via email as I visited various family members. I also appreciate Janet Brister's work in getting each edition of the *DV* on the AAPG web site, in both .pdf and .html formats. Linda and Janet are invaluable in getting the *DV* published and available on the Web site. Also, I appreciate all the help I have received from Donna Riggs. Donna is my starting point of contact for so many things at AAPG headquarters and she always is able to help me.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with Terry Hollrah, George Eynon and all of the HoD committee chairs to conduct the business of the HoD this year. It's been a real pleasure to work with all

of these individuals as well as the members of the House.

Finally, I want to congratulate the awardees on their contributions and accomplishments. I have two suggestions to pass on to the incoming Secretary/Editor. I suggest putting some additional resources for the HoD on the AAPG Web site for easy reference. I suggest putting up the HoD Rules and Procedures. For me, sometimes it's much easier to go to my computer to find a document than look for a piece of paper in my office. I also suggest placing the list of committees there as well as the list of deadlines. The latter two are published in each issue of *The Delegates' Voice*, but I think it would be nice to be able to go directly to these sorts of reference material.

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Countryman, Distinguished Members of the House; Pete Gray and Jeff Greenawalt, House Long Service Award. The committee also recognized the past Recording Secretaries and the past Secretary/Editors with House Recognition of Service Awards. These individuals include: Jeanne Harris, Jeff Greenawalt, Jean Lemon, Deborah Sacrey, Sandi Barber, Marty Hewitt and Lee Avary. The HoD gavel tie was presented to George Eynon.

The Nomination and Election Committee presented the new officers to join George Eynon effective July 1, 2003. Valary Schulz and Steve Goolsby were elected Chairman-Elect and Secretary/Editor, respectively.

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restrict it to a maximum of two years before automatically moving up to full Active membership? Should we change the requirement for sponsors to two, with an additional reference?

Admonishment for breaches of ethics. We have been asked by the Executive Committee to recommend changes to provide some choices in admonishment of a member found guilty of a breach of ethics.

In closing, so many individuals need to be thanked for their tireless efforts in making all of the House activities run so smoothly. George Eynon, Lee Avary, thanks for your help through the year. You both made it so much easier. Committee Chairmen Valary Schulz, Don Clarke, Deborah Sacrey, Bob Cowdery, Sandi Barber, and Marilyn Cisar and all of your committee members were truly appreciated.

Also, special thanks to Marilyn Tagg Cisar (for supplying the corsages to the female Delegates in recognition of Mother's Day), to Mary Bahde, the Parliamentarian, and to Donna Riggs, for all of her help in coordinating everything. Thank you all, it's been an honor to serve as your chairman.

EC and AC comments on issues. The EC and AC must be sent notice of any items that might affect them and "may" comment back to the House. We would like to change that to "shall" comment.

EC meetings and votes. The EC routinely conducts meetings or votes by phone, fax, e-mail or other such means that could be in breach of the constitution & bylaws, which currently only allow face to face meetings and votes. The committee will be asked to recommend any changes necessary to obviate this problem and to permit the EC to

conduct the Association's business effectively and legally.

House at large membership rights. Can a House "at-large" member who is not a voting Delegate (an AAPG past president or a House past chair, for example) make amendments on the floor of the House?

On these and any other issues that might arise, the committee will seek the advice of the Delegates to the House, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Council, and headquarters staff in order to bring a recommendation to the House in Dallas.

The Resolutions Committee will be reviewing two issues.

Procedures for admitting societies for association or affiliation, as well as for disassociation and disaffiliation, need addressing. This arose from the applications for Associated Society status by the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) and the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG)—both of which were unanimously approved in the House meeting in Salt Lake City, but not without some debate beforehand. We need to publish the applications and get Delegates' input during the year—well before the House annual meeting—so that we can properly check societies and expedite their applications.

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Tom Mairs – Honorary Member of the House Award

CITATION: To Thomas Mairs, dedicated lifelong geologist, for exemplary contributions to the House of Delegates, to the profession of geology, and to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.



Mairs

No higher honor can be bestowed upon a member of the House of Delegates than that of Honorary Member. Though only a few have been so honored in the past, Tom Mairs certainly deserves to be among those few.

A native Kansan, Tom migrated south following graduation from high school in El Dorado, ending up in Norman where he earned both bachelor and master of science degrees in geology in 1959 and 1962, respectively. He began his

geology career with Humble in east Texas. In 1973, he joined Alamo Petroleum in Dallas as vice president of exploration. At Alamo he had responsibility for all of Rosario Resources United States and international exploration and development. Rosario was sold to Amax in 1980, at which time he became senior vice president of Carlson Petroleum. In 1985, Tom joined the ranks of independents as a consulting geologist specializing in the Gulf Coast region, particularly the Cretaceous-Jurassic trend.

Throughout his career, Tom has always made time to apply his many talents to his profession by assuming leading roles in the Dallas Geological Society and in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. In the former, he held several offices before becoming president in 1979-80, and was subsequently made an honorary member. His AAPG activities are too numerous to list completely, but do include general chairman 1997 Convention, past member Executive Committee and Advisory Council, trustee associate member, 2001 Distinguished Service awardee, and is currently serving as president of the Division of Professional Affairs.

However, it is Tom Mairs' unwavering dedication to the House of Delegates that we are recognizing at this time. He began serving the House in 1982 as an elected delegate, and has never slowed down since. Tom has served as either a member or chairman of many of the House's committees culminating with his election as chairman 1998-99. In 1997, while serving as chairman elect, he agreed to chair an ad-hoc committee to resolve the long-contentious issue of Elected Editor. Through his patience, negotiating skills and diligence, he successfully brought about changes in the by-laws which require two candidates for non-successive, three year term as editor. While chairman, he orchestrated significant improvements in how AAPG business is conducted, with changes in the Credentials Committee, suggested meeting agendas, international representation, ethics rules, membership categories, and House awards. Mairs has previously been awarded the honor of Distinguished Member of the House.

Honorary Member of the House is awarded "in recognition of a record of consistent, dedicated, and exemplary service to the House of Delegates through committee work and officer

service." Tom Mairs' service to the House exceeds these qualifications for this award.

– Ed W. Heath



Heath

Edward W. Heath – Distinguished Member of the House Award

CITATION: To Ed Heath, gentleman, indefatigable contributor, trusted leader.

Indefatigable, a member for 48 years, and during that time Ed has contributed his time and efforts to enumerable committees and causes, yet always rising to positions of leadership.

Ed was born and raised in Dallas, with exposure from an early age to the science and community of geology through his father, Francis E. Heath, chief geologist for Sun Oil Company. He was expansively educated at the University of the South, Colorado School of Mines, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His professional career spans many facets of the industry, reflective of his broad training. Magnolia Petroleum sent him to Wyoming where he honed his field skills and his love of the outdoors. Later, with Sun Oil Company, he worked in both exploration and exploitation in south and west Texas, and rose to become a manager of exploration research at their Dallas headquarters. Ed left Sun in 1973, and worked with a number of independents before going out on his own in 1989. In 1999, Ed retired from full time consulting; he and Libby, his wife of 47 years, relocated to Durango Colorado.

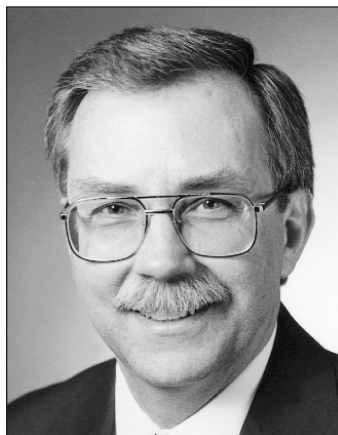
Through those many postings, Ed consistently and willingly gave to his community of peers. In addition to his 30 year association with the Dallas Geological Society where he served as president, he was an officer of the Corpus Christi Geological Society, the Texas Section of AIPG, and the Four Corners Geological Society where is a current officer and delegate. Ed received the AAPG Distinguished Service Award in 1999, in recognition of his resourceful, thoughtful, and effective leadership, and he continues to work on many committees.

While Ed's service to the Association has been extensive, his contributions to the House of Delegates have been exhaustive. Serving as a delegate from 1974-76, 1986-89, and 1992-2003, (for a total of 17 years), and he's not finished yet. He has been on the Credentials Committee, Rules and Procedures Committee, Ad hoc Operating Efficiency Committee, Ad hoc Ethics Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chair of the Nomination and Election Committee, chair of the Dallas delegation, and from 1994 to 1995, chairman of the House.

Enhanced participation by international members and advancement of younger members were initiatives achieved during his term. It is in recognition of his effective leadership and exemplary service in the House, where under his stew-

ardship, changes were effected which greatly strengthened this representative body, that this award is conferred.

– Valery L. Schulz



Countryman

Robert L. Countryman – Distinguished Member of the House Award

CITATION: To Robert L. Countryman for continuing, dedicated and propitious service in the House of Delegates as a representative, not only of the San Joaquin Geological Society and Pacific Section, but also of all AAPG.

Robert L. Countryman was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and at the age of ten his family moved to Los Angeles. After graduation from Venice High School, he entered California State University, Northridge (CSUN). His original academic studies were in electronic engineering based on an early high school career (part time and lucrative) of repairing television sets. In his third year he heard the word geology and after a few classes followed by the CSUN field trip to Death Valley, Bob knew then he was 'hooked' on the subject and graduated with a B.S. degree in geology in 1973.

His first job was with Tenneco Oil Co. in their Industrial Minerals branch. After a few years located in Death Valley, California, Bob entered the University of California at Los Angeles and received his M.S. degree in geology in 1977. Following graduation, he worked as a research geophysicist near the South Pole in Antarctica. In 1979 he found his niche in the 'oil patch' as an exploration and production geologist for Gulf Oil in Bakersfield. In 1984 Chevron was fortunate to acquire Bob's geologic talent and expertise through the Gulf Oil merger. He worked for Chevron until 1999, followed by consulting work, and in 2001 he accepted a position with Occidental Oil of Elk Hills as geological advisor in the Elk Hills field.

Bob joined AAPG in 1973 and first began to participate in Association-related activities in the San Joaquin Geological Society (SJGS). He progressed through the offices of the Society and was president in 1986. In the Pacific Section, Bob again progressed through its offices and was president in 1995. Importantly, he was the Section's representative to the AAPG Advisory Council, 1997-2000, and was given the Pacific Section's highest award, Honorary Life Member, in 2000.

For AAPG on the national level, Bob has again given time and exemplary effort in a number of ways through committee appointments and as participant on several ad-hoc committees. In 1995 and 1999 he was awarded the Certificate of Merit and in 2001 received the Distinguished Service Award. Perhaps his strongest contribution to AAPG is reflected by his service to the HoD. He has been a delegate from the SJGS since 1991. Over these past 12 years he has served on a number of committees, including Membership, Resolutions, Credentials, and Nominations and Election. Bob was vice-chair of HoD in 1996-97. During all of his many

tasks for the HoD, his quiet, steady and effective manner was ever present, which led to successfully addressing many concerns.

– Robert G. Lindblom



Gray

Peter G. Gray – House Long Service Award

Pete was born in Houston and moved to West Texas as a teenager. After graduation from Abilene High School in 1950, he served in the United States Navy for two years, including a year as a Midshipman at the University of Idaho. Following his military service, he entered Texas Western College in El Paso where he received a B.S. degree in geology in 1956.

Pete began his professional career that same year with the Pure Oil Company in Houston. He continued working for Pure in New Orleans, Lafayette and Midland, and returned to New Orleans in October 1964 to join Leslie Bowling, a prominent geological consultant. After four years with Bowling, he went back to work for companies in New Orleans, first with An-Son Corporation and then Consolidated Gas Supply Corporation. In July 1973, he joined the newly formed Stone Oil Corporation. He was transferred to Lafayette in March 1977 when Stone relocated its main office. With Stone, he served as both division exploration manager and chief geologist, becoming involved in all phases of the company's activities. In July 1981, he resigned from Stone and opened an office for the Dallas-based Cornell Oil Company. Later that year, because of changes at Cornell, he joined Lyco Energy Company. The following April, Pete opened his own office and became an independent/consulting geologist, which is his current professional status. In his career, Pete has touched on numerous phases of the geological spectrum, including prospect generation and evaluation, field work, unitization and expert witness testimony, and the various administrative duties surrounding oil and gas activities.

Pete has been an active member and dedicated supporter of a number of professional organizations. He became a member of AAPG in 1956, and a Certified Petroleum Geologist (#811) in 1966. Down through the years he has served AAPG on various committees, including the Committee on Committees, of which he became chairman in July 2001. During 1995-98 Pete represented the Gulf Coast Section (GCAGS) on the Advisory Council. He became a member of the House of Delegates in 1981 and is currently in his fifth term. He was vice-chairman in 1982-83 and has recently been a member of several HoD committees, including Nominating, Honors and Awards, and the ad hoc committee that is presently working on possible changes to the Advisory Council. Pete became a trustee associate in 1996, and during 1997-98 he was a candidate for president-elect. His many activities for the Division of Professional Affairs (DPA) included serving on the Advisory Board (1990-92), as president-elect (1992-93), and as president (1993-94). In addition, he worked on the Continuing Education Committee and con-

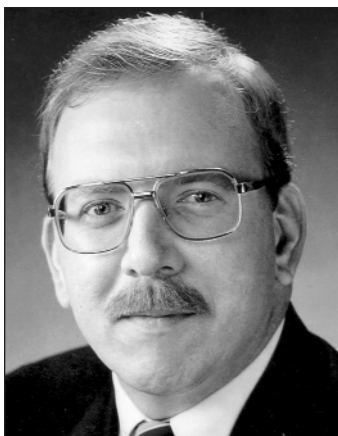
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tributed an article to the DPA publication "Guiding Your Career as a Professional Geologist." As past president, he served on the Honors and Awards and Nominating Committees, and later as a member of the Governmental Affairs (Instant Response), Headquarters, Honors and Awards, and Long Range Planning Committees. While chairing the latter committee during 1994-97, the first DPA Procedures Manual was created. In 1996, Pete was given the DPA Distinguished Service Award.

He has also been active in the GCAGS, serving as treasurer (1970-71), vice president twice (1976-77 and 1988-89), and president (1989-90). For two years (1998-2000) he chaired the Long Range Planning Committee. Pete has received both the GCAGS Distinguished Service and Honorary Membership awards, and at the 1999 annual meeting in Lafayette, Volume 49 of Transactions was dedicated to him. Pete is a member of the Houston, Lafayette (LGS) and New Orleans (NOGS) Geological Societies. He has had the unique honor of serving as president of both NOGS (1975-76) and LGS (1985-86), and has been awarded Honorary Life Membership by each group. He has been a member of SIPES since 1982 and represented the Lafayette Chapter on the national Board of Directors as well as on the SIPES Foundation Board from 1996-2002. At the local level, Pete spent three years on the Board of the Lafayette Petroleum Club (1991-94), and was president during his second year. Outside of these professional activities, Pete spends much time assisting his church, the Episcopal Church of Ascension, where he became treasurer again in 1998.

Pete solidified his ties to Louisiana early on when he met, courted, and married Julaine Roy, a native of Parks, Louisiana. The couple has two grown sons.

Jeffery C. Greenawalt – House Long Service Award



Greenawalt

A native of western Pennsylvania, Jeff's career began and continues to grow in the Appalachian Basin. He is a 22 year member of AAPG and proud to serve and represent the Eastern Section AAPG and his home society; the Pittsburgh Geological Society. His first term in the House of Delegates began in 1985 to 1988 where he served as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee from 1985 to 1987. He has served two additional

House terms from 1993 to 1996 and 1999 to 2002.

In 1995-96, he was elected secretary-editor of the House of Delegates, a position that also chairs the Newsletter Committee responsible for publishing four issues of the Delegates Newsletter (now known as *The Delegates' Voice*). Jeff gratefully acknowledges the decisive leadership, guidance, and mentoring from fellow House Officers: Daniel L. Smith, then House chairman and current AAPG president, and then House chairman-elect Tom Mairs. Working with these fellow House officers was a rewarding experience.

In 1999, Jeff served as a member of the House of Delegates IRC Amendment Resolutions Committee, and for this service received an AAPG Certificate of Merit. During his third House term he also served on the House of Delegates Constitution and By-Laws Committee from 1999-2001, helping to update and improve the foundation documents of the Association. Jeff's service to the House also includes two years service on the Nominations Committee.

Jeff strongly believes that his service to the House and AAPG constantly sources and revitalizes the creative spirit needed to be a successful petroleum geologist. He is grateful for the opportunities to serve and improve the Association. What achievements he has made and will make he knows are directly related to his involvement in AAPG and the House of Delegates.

At the Sectional level Jeff is especially proud of serving all officerships of the Eastern Section and involvement on several Section committees. He is equally proud of serving the officerships of the Pittsburgh Geological Society and various committee assignments and his association with the Pittsburgh Association of Petroleum Geologists.

He also thankfully acknowledges the management teams of Delta Drilling Company, Delta US Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, Shawmut Development Corporation, Power Gas Marketing & Transmission, Inc., and presently Wilmoth-Clark Exploration & Production, LLC who have and are supporting his service to the House of Delegates and AAPG.

Jeff is married to Dee Dee and recently celebrated an anniversary with an eight-day raft trip down the Grand Canyon, a life changing trip every geologist needs to experience. Seeing and feeling the Grand Canyon from the bottom up is the only way to go.



Hollrah

Terry L. Hollrah – House Recognition of Service Award

Terry L. Hollrah is the chairman of the 2002-03 House of Delegates



Avary

Katharine Lee Avary – House Recognition of Service Award

K. Lee Avary is the secretary/editor of the 2002-03 House of Delegates.

House Recognition of Service Award

Martin D. Hewitt – Secretary/Editor 2001-2002

Sandi M. Barber – Secretary/Editor 2000-2001

Deborah K. Sacrey – Secretary/Editor 1999-2000

Jean R. Lemmon – Secretary/Editor 1998-1999

Jeffery C. Greenawalt – Recording Secretary 1997-1998

Jeanne E. Harris – Recording Secretary 1996-1997

American Association of Petroleum Geologists
Minutes
House of Delegates Meeting
Salt Lake City, Utah
May 11, 2003

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the Chairman of the House of Delegates, Terry L. Hollrah. After reminding delegates to turn off cell phone ringers, Chairman Hollrah introduced the officers of the House of Delegates, George R. Eynon, Chairman-Elect and Katharine Lee Avary, Secretary/Editor.

Chairman Hollrah also recognized the AAPG Past Presidents, Past Chairs of the House, Executive Committee, Officer Candidates, Parliamentarian Mary E. Bahde, and the Headquarters staff.

2. Annual Meeting Report

Thomas C. Chidsey, Jr., General Chairman for the 2003 Salt Lake City annual meeting, was introduced and provided a report on the 2003 Salt Lake City Convention.

3. AAPG President's Report

AAPG President Dan L. Smith reported on the Value Program he and the 2002-2003 Executive Committee have undertaken. He reported a summary of results of the All-Member Survey (1461 responses, including 228 on-line). Forty-eight percent of respondents were very satisfied overall. Professionalism, networking, supported activities, and committee participation were all ranked as important. Services ranked in order of importance were the *Explorer*, the *Bulletin*, North American convention, special publications, government affairs, K-12 education, and the website. Changes to the 3-member sponsor requirement were not deemed necessary to 66% of respondents, while 33.4% of respondents supported a reduced fee option with no publication. A detailed summary of all the survey results will be published in an upcoming issue of the *AAPG Explorer*.

4. Executive Director's Report- Richard D. Fritz

The Executive Director's report was presented by Richard D. Fritz.

5. Report of the Chairman of the House of Delegates- Terry L. Hollrah

Chairman Hollrah said that "it's always something" and that the Constitution and Bylaws and HoD rules and procedures are always in need of review. He mentioned some issues that will carry over to the next year of House business, including Advisory Council representation, use of executive session, at large members of the House of Delegates, and some wordsmithing issues of timing and notification related to COCBAP. He thanked committee chairs and members and headquarters staff for their help.

6. Credentials Committee

MOTION: Marilyn Taggi Cisar moved to seat as delegates Rebecca Dodge, Georgia Geological Society; Denise Stone, Houston Geological Society; Malcolm Allan, San Joaquin Geological Society; Dave Applegate, Jane McColloch, and Gayle H. ("Scott") McColloch, Geological Society of

Washington; Al-Sharhan Abdulrahman, Middle East Region; Kumle Adesida, Africa Region; and James Tucker, Middle East Region. **Motion carried.**

Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported that the Credentials Committee cleared 190 voting delegates for the meeting. With only 120 needed for a quorum, a quorum was declared.

7. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Hollrah moved to approve the agenda for the 2003 meeting of the House (Exhibit "A"). **Motion carried.**

8. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Hollrah moved to approve the minutes of the House of Delegates meeting, March 10, 2002, held in Houston, TX with the amendment to delete the apostrophe after Headquarters in the last line of item 1. **Motion carried.**

9. Honors and Awards Committee

Bob Cowdery, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, recognized the committee and announced the following House award recipients for the year 2003:

Honorary Member of the House Award- Thomas Mairs

Distinguished Member of the House Award- Edward W. Heath, and Robert L. Countryman

House Long Service Award-Peter C. Gray and Jeffrey C. Greenawalt.

House Recognition of Service Award- Terry L. Hollrah and Katharine Lee Avary

In accordance with a one-time addendum to the House Rules and Procedures which was approved at the 2002 meeting, the House Recognition of Service award was presented to honor each Recording Secretary and Secretary/Editor who has held either office since July 1, 1996. Those honored included:

Martin D. Hewitt-Secretary/Editor 2001-2002
Sandi M. Barber-Secretary/Editor 2000-2001
Deborah K. Sacrey-Secretary/Editor 1999-2000
Jean R. Lemmon-Secretary/Editor 1998-1999
Jeffrey C. Greenawalt-Recording Secretary 1997-1998
Jeanne E. Harris-Recording Secretary 1996-1997

10. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Valary L. Schulz, Chairman, introduced the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee's final report appears in the March 2003 issue of *The Delegates' Voice* (Exhibit "B").

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Resolution for Amendment to provide for electronic balloting

It was moved to approve and amend the Constitution: Article VIII. Amendments, Section 1. Mail and Section 5. Voting on Amendments as follows:

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.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the constitution as outlined above by general consent.

Motion carried.

It was moved to approve and amend the Bylaws: Article II, Section 10, Election of Officers and Section 11, Vacancies as follows:

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.

Resolution for amendment to procedures for nomination by petition

It was moved to approve and amend the Bylaws, Article II, Officers, Executive Director and Association Positions, Section 10, Election of Officers as follows:

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 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.....

Resolution for Amendment to provide for selection integrity for officer nominations and honors and awards

It was moved to approve and amend the Bylaws, Article II, Officers, Executive Director and Association Positions, by adding a new section, Section 14, Election of Officers as follows:

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.

Resolution for Amendment to provide for an increase in the number of members on the Ethics Committee

It was moved to approve and amend the Bylaws: Article XI, Grievance Proceedings, Section 2. Investigation Procedure as follows:

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.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the bylaws as outlined above by general consent.

11. Rules and Procedures Committee

Deborah K. Sacrey, Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee introduced the committee and reviewed the four proposed changes (Exhibit "C").

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates: III. Committees and their duties. a. and g. as follows indicated by underlining additions and striking through deletions:

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 additional member from each Region or 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 slates or slates of two (2) nominees for each of the offices 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 September 30th of each year for publication in *The Delegates' Voice* ~~sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting for submission to the delegates with the agenda.~~

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. The committee shall forward names of all candidates to the Chairman by September 30th of each year as the recipient of the following:

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates: III. Committees and their duties. c, d, and e as follows indicated by underlining additions and striking through deletions:

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

d. The **Constitution and Bylaws Committee** shall consist of seven (7) ~~four (4)~~ members....

e. The **Resolutions Committee** shall consist of seven (7) ~~four (4)~~ members....

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates: III. Committees and their duties. g. Rules and Procedures for Granting Awards (2) as follows indicated by underlining additions and striking through deletions:

(2) Only a person who has served as a Delegate within the previous five (5) ~~two (2)~~ years may receive an award.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates: III. Committees and their duties. by deleting section h.. as follows indicated by striking through deletions:

~~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.~~

h i. The Minutes Approval Committee...

John Hogg, Canada Region, suggested leaving the time period of service as it is now at two years for consideration for House honors and awards.

Mark Rainer, Dallas Geological Society, called for a point of order regarding the date that had been published in *The Delegates' Voice* as October 31, but should be September 30 as it is printed here, for Section III, 1.a.

Discussion of Future of Earth Scientists Committee: Chuck Caughey, Asia Pacific Region, asked if there was a procedure in place to hand over the FES Committee to be a regular AAPG committee. Chairman Hollrah replied that it would be given to the Executive Committee with the idea that it would be at least an Ad Hoc committee, if not a standing committee. Pat Gratton, Dallas Geological Society, suggested inviting the chair of a newly created (standing) committee to report to the House of Delegates as part of regular House of Delegates business.

All changes to the House of Delegates Rules and Procedures were approved by general consent, except that the change to III. Committees and their duties. g. Rules and Procedures for Granting Awards (2) was approved by a majority vote of the House of Delegates.

12. Nomination and Election Committee

Marty Hewitt, Vice Chair of the Nomination and Election Committee, recognized the committee. The following slate of candidates was introduced to the House and each candidate provided a statement,

Chairman-Elect: Deborah King Sacrey
Valary L. Schulz

Secretary/Editor: Steven M. Goolsby
Dwight "Clint" M. Moore

Chairman Hollrah asked for additional nominations from the floor and none were made.

Ballots were distributed for voting.

13. Resolutions Committee

Don Clarke, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, introduced the committee and reported that most U.S.- based societies that had been under-represented in the House of Delegates now have the number of delegates entitled to the society. Some international societies still are under-represented in the House of Delegates.

Don Clarke also reported that formal application for affiliation has been submitted by the Association of Petroleum Technicians and Professionals (AFTP) France; the Atyrau Petroleum Geologists Association (APGA) Kazakhstan; and the Sociedad Geologica del Peru.

Representatives from each society gave presentations about their respective society's membership, activities and objectives. Jean Marvillet represented the AFTP, Malik

Musagaliyev spoke about the APGA, and Caesar Ardiles described the Sociedad Geologica del Peru.

MOTION: Don Clarke moved to approve the applications for affiliation (Association of Petroleum Technicians and Professionals (AFTP) France, the Atyrau Petroleum Geologists Association (APGA) Kazakhstan; and the Sociedad Geologica del Peru).

Motion approved by general consent.

Formal application has been submitted for associated status by the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) and the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG).

Representatives from each society gave presentations about their respective society's membership, activities and objectives. Jeanne Harris spoke about the AWG and Conrad K. Allen described the NABGG.

MOTION: Don Clarke moved to approve the applications for affiliation (Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) and the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG)).

Motion approved by general consent.

Jim Tucker, Delegate from the Middle Eastern Region requested that the comments made by the society representatives be recorded and retained.

14. Future of Earth Scientists Committee

Terry Hollrah stated that there was no report from the committee, but that the House of Delegates would like to have a report from the new committee as stated earlier. Terry also thanked Pat Gratton, Don Lewis and Tom Alhbrandt for their past efforts on this committee.

15. Newsletter Committee

Katharine Lee Avary, Newsletter Committee Chair, introduced the committee and thanked them for their help in producing three issues to date. She also thanked Linda Ramsey and Janet Brister at AAPG headquarters for their help in getting the newsletter assembled and put on the website. Also, she thanked Donna Riggs for her help.

16. Other Reports

Delegates heard reports from the AAPG Treasurer, AAPG Editor, Chairman of the Foundation and the EMD and DPA Presidents (Exhibit D).

17. New Business

Chair-Elect George Eynon requested volunteers to populate committees for next year.

Chair Terry Hollrah mentioned the need to form a committee to suggest procedures for disassociation or disaffiliation of societies should the need arise.

Also, Chair Hollrah mentioned that the "Proportional Representation on the Advisory Council Ad Hoc Committee" reached a 2-2-2 vote.

No additional new business was brought up from the floor.

18. Results of House Officer Elections

Martin D. Hewitt, Vice Chair of the Nomination and Election Committee, announced the results of the election for the 2003-2004 House Officers as follows: Chair-Elect, Valary Schulz, and Secretary/Editor, Steve Goolsby.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Hollrah adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Katharine Lee Avary, Secretary/Editor

House of Delegates Resolutions Committee Term End Report

Don Clarke, Chairman

May 11, 2003 was a "Red Letter Day" for the House of Delegates. AAPG was petitioned by the National Association of Black Geologists and Geophysicists (NABGG) and the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) for affiliation as Associated Societies. The House of Delegates voted to approve these affiliations as Associated Societies. These societies will not be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates. Welcome to the NABGG and the AWG. Each of these petitions was preceded by stirring speeches of unity. Jeanne Harris spoke for the AWG and Conrad Allen spoke for the NABGG.

AAPG was petitioned by the French Association of Petroleum Technicians (AFTP), Atyrau Petroleum Geologists Association (APGA) in Kazakhstan and the Sociedad Geologica del Peru for affiliation as Affiliated Societies. Jean Marvillet spoke for the AFTP, Malik Musagaliyev for the APGA and Cesar Ardiles for the Sociedad Geologica del Peru. The House of Delegates voted to approve these affiliations as Affiliated Societies. These societies will now be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates. We welcome these new societies to ours.

The Committee has focused on building HoD delegate representation in the affiliated societies of North America. We were very successful. Most societies have their complete complement of delegates. Only a few societies have one vacancy. Internationally the situation is more difficult; there are many societies who are under-represented or even have no delegates. Some affiliated societies have no delegates because it is not practical for the delegate to travel to the annual AAPG meeting. Times have changed, and with the advances in communications, there are many ways for the delegates to add valuable input into how AAPG conducts its business. Service on committees such as this one is an excellent way to bring ideas forward to the House.

I wish to thank my fellow committee members for their help. These include Sharie Sartain of Houston, Gulf Coast Section; Doug Patchen of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, Eastern Section; and Steve Goolsby, President of Goolsby Brothers and Associates Inc., Rocky Mountain Section.

Ad Hoc Committee on Advisory Council Proportional Representation

Richard G. Green
Ad Hoc Committee Chair

The Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) Board of Directors endorsed a plan in October, 2001 to restructure the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Advisory Council (AC) and forwarded this proposal to you. This proposal calls for a change in the current formula for representation on the AC from 5000 members per AC seat to 1000 members (and major part thereof). At current census, this would increase the Gulf Coast Section from 2 to 6 members and Rocky Mountain Section and Southwest Section from 1 to 2 AC seats each. The GCAGS proposal would then support a combination of observer status (non-voting) sections, or regions, to voting seats provided their combined census was 501 members or more. The AC seat for Divisions would also be reduced to 501 in this proposal from the current 750 members. A further stipulation was that proportional representation would apply within sections such that no local society could have more than their proportional share of the section elected to the AC seats.

At your request, I chaired an Ad Hoc Committee of the House of Delegates to debate and ultimately recommend or reject this proposal to the House leadership, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBL) of the HoD. The committee consists of Jim Rogers of the Rocky Mountain Section (RMS), Pete Gray and Clint Moore of the Gulf Coast Section (GCS), Carl Smith of the Eastern Section (ES), Marty Hewitt from Canada Region (Canada) with Will Green and Richard Green from the Southwest Section (SWS). The committee was formed in August and debated via Email until final votes were taken in December, 2002. Carl Smith chose to abstain due to a family death, but all other members voted and participated.

The final vote was 4 to 2 in favor of recommending the GCAGS proposal to you.

The committee was clearly split geographically and a compromise proposed by Will Green modifying the GCAGS proposal to 2000 members (versus 1000) was originally considered as a third alternative to acceptance or rejection of the GCAGS proposal. This resulted in a 2 to 2 to 2 vote with Canada and RMS for no change to the formula, GCS for the change and SWS for the compromise. Of note is the committee still was 4 to 2 for some sort of revision to the AC formula. When the revote was limited to yes or no regarding just the GCAGS proposal, the final vote was obtained with both SWS members moving to the GCAGS position.

The arguments for change center on fairness and proportional representation on the AC since 55 percent of our membership is concentrated in just three sections and over 33 percent is in the GCS. To a lesser extent some recent unusual AC award and candidate recommendation patterns also argued for change as did realization that the DPA uses a similar system of proportional representation for the DPA Board. Most arguments for retention of the current formula and AC focused on the potential for the AC to become more unwieldy due to size, the fear of GCS domination, and the need for continued "independence" of the AC. Arguments on both sides had considerable merit. I believe the committee did an excellent job debating a very important issue and I applaud each of them for their work and for reaching a recommendation.

Editor's Note: The original GCAGS motion and graphs showing the present and proposed distribution of AC seats were not printed in this issue due to space limitations. If anyone would like a copy of the material, please request it from one of the HoD officers and it will be sent via email or mail.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Valary Schulz
Chair, 2002-2003

The revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws were completed in apparent record time last Mother's Day. An informed and well-prepared House of Delegates passed one amendment to the Constitution and four revisions to the Bylaws unanimously. Thanks are well due to a studied and thoughtful committee: Ed Heath - Rockies, Paul English - Canada, and Tom Ewing - Gulf Coast.

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European Region under-representation in the House. This is an ongoing situation that needs to be addressed somehow, and the committee will work with headquarters staff to address.

An Ad hoc committee on AC representation, constituted for the 2002-2003 session and chaired by Rich Green, is publishing its report in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*. The issue is by no means decided; the ad hoc committee did not make a specific recommendation and requested that more time be taken to address the issue. Accordingly, we are again striking an ad hoc House committee, this time with the specific mandate to recommend changes, if necessary, to the AC representation model. If changes are necessary, they will be brought to the House annual meeting in Dallas as a resolution that, if approved, would be considered by the House annual meeting the following year. To refresh your minds, as published in previous issues of the *DV*, there are two fundamentally different views:

First, the one brought to the floor of the House as new business in Denver 2001, which proposes proportional representation, and results in numerical domination of the AC by the Gulf Coast section, which has the most members. The House of Delegates in Denver rejected this recommendation.

Second, the solution that all Divisions, Sections, and Regions, regardless of size of membership—but grand-fathering the two current Gulf Coast AC seats—deserve single-seat representation with the full voting privileges they do not all currently have.

There could well be other issues that arise during the year, but this is what we have recognized to date.

Once again we encourage all delegates who have opinions or questions on—or possible solutions to—any of these issues to speak up. Please contact any of the House leadership, or the chairs or individual members of the appropriate committees. The list with phone numbers and e-mail contact information is published in previous issues, so you have no excuses. We look forward to your participation.

George Eynon, Chair 2003-2004

Just 6 Years Ago! HoD Restructured

Meeting in Dallas on 6 April 1997 under the chairmanship of Pat Gratton, the House adopted Bylaws and Rules changes which significantly altered HoD leadership structure.

We changed from Chairman and Secretary to Chair, Chairman-Elect and Secretary/Editor. Net result: one job got easier and another got tougher!

Today we see the continuing benefit of the learning process on Chair-Elects and the assistance provided the Chairs by the understudies. As readers we enjoy the benefit of *The Delegates' Voice* produced by hard working Secretary/Editors assisted by other members of the Newsletter Committee.

The meeting also resulted in an HoD Honors and Awards Committee, production of a HoD History compilation, recommendations for changes in officer candidate campaign practices (including the first reimbursement of candidates) and forwarding of the important International Representation Committee recommendations (later largely adopted).

Anonymous



Deadlines for House of Delegates Business

REMAINING DEADLINES FOR 2002-2003

- June 30, 2003** 4th issue of *The Delegates Voice* published.
- July 1, 2003** New HoD officers take over.
- July 10, 2003** Final minutes of HoD Annual Meeting must be in the hands of the Chairman of the House of Delegates.
(60 days) Last day to mail ballot to Active Members regarding Constitution Changes: Article VIII, Sections 1 and 5.

DEADLINES FOR 2003-2004

- July 31, 2003** List of HoD committees published on the website.
- Sept. 30, 2003** Slate of officer candidates in the hands of the HoD Chairman. Names of the honors and awards winners in the hands of the HoD Chairman.
1st issue of *The Delegates' Voice* published.
- Oct. 31, 2003** Bios and photos of officer candidates and honors and awards winners in the hands of the Chairman. Comments from the EC, AC, Delegates, and any designees regarding proposed Amendments to the Bylaws must be in the hands of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- Nov. 15, 2003** Bios and photographs of awardees submitted to Donna Riggs at AAPG Headquarters for publication in 2004 convention program book.
- Dec. 30, 2003** Proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution and/or Bylaws submitted to the Chairman.
2nd issue of *The Delegates' Voice* published.
- Jan. 1, 2004** Proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution and/or Bylaws submitted to HQ for publication in the February issue of the *Explorer*.
- Jan. 9, 2004** Mid-year meeting of officers, committee chairs, and invitees held on or before this date.
(100 days)
- Jan. 19, 2004** Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House in the hands of the Chairman. Officer, committee and other reports in the hands of the Chairman.
(90 days) If the *Explorer* publication deadline was missed, proposed changes to the AAPG Bylaws mailed to Active Members.
- Feb. 18, 2004** Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House mailed to Delegates.
(60 days) If the *Explorer* publication deadline was missed, proposed changes to the AAPG Constitution mailed to Active Members.
- March 8, 2004** Annual meeting agenda and officer, committee and other reports submitted to Donna Riggs for printing.
3rd issue of *The Delegates' Voice* published.
- March 14, 2004** Last day for mailing meeting agenda, reports and any other pertinent.
(35 days) enclosures to Delegates.
- March 19, 2004** Last day for mailing comments regarding proposed amendments to Delegates.
(30 days)
- April 2, 2004** Names of appointed delegates must be in Headquarters office.
(15 days)
- April 18, 2004** **Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates: Dallas, Texas**
- June 18, 2004** Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting reviewed and approved by Minutes Approval Committee.
(60 days) Last day to mail ballot to Active Members regarding Constitution changes, if any.
- June 30, 2004** 4th issue of *The Delegates' Voice* published.

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