

The Delegates' Voice



Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

AUGUST 2005

Welcome to My House

Don Clarke, Chair of the House of Delegates

I am very excited about this year with the House of Delegates. But first I would like to thank Val Schulz for the great job that she did last year chairing the House. I would also like to thank all of the HoD committee members for their generous support of AAPG. The committee chairs did an excellent job moving the work through their committees and bringing excellent people and ideas to the forefront. I look forward to working with AAPG President Pete Rose and the Executive Committee to make AAPG stronger.

We have many tasks to perform prior to the 2006 AAPG Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas that is just nine months away! I am building the House of Delegates committees. David Hawk of Boise, Idaho has accepted the Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. There are several pressing items for David and his committee. The Resolutions Committee will be chaired by Sigrunn Johnsen of Oslo, Norway. Sigrunn will lead the effort to bring sister societies and AAPG together. I am very excited about this and look forward to some wonderful results. The Honors and Awards Committee will be chaired by Jeannie Mallick of Houston, Texas. Jeannie's proactive work will again bring us a list of deserving honorees. Ed Dolly will head up the Nomination and Election Committee to bring officer candidates forward. Please give Ed some names of Delegates who would be willing to serve. Patrick Gooding of Paint-Lick, Kentucky will again chair the Credentials Committee. Bob Cowdery of the Mid-continent Section will chair the Rules and Procedures Committee.

Can you improve these committees? Yes! The best way is to get active and offer to join a committee. By doing this you will make AAPG better at serving our needs and the needs of other geologists. The House of Delegates is a great place for local leaders to bring

their ideas to the greater AAPG. It is also a great place to make new friends and get to know the inner workings of AAPG. Please use this opportunity to introduce new items for consideration.

At first glance the House is overwhelming to a new delegate. That is because there are a large number of people involved. Every member has something in common. They are all activists who seek to improve the AAPG. Because of this you will find kindred spirits. Committee work allows you to work with others who have widely varying views. Some are meticulous and want every little thing to be perfect while others work for broader concepts and don't need the specifics. Much of the committee work is done via the telephone or the e-mail. This is the place where many of the future leaders and innovators rub elbows with the diverse and international group. The experience is very rewarding.

I plan to attend most of the sectional meetings and the International Meeting this year. Please feel free to share your ideas with me at those meetings. Specifically I will be at the International Meeting in Paris, France, the Eastern Section Meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia, The Rocky Mountain Section Meeting in Jackson, Wyoming, the Gulf Coast Section Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana and the Pacific Section Meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. Please take the time to talk with me either at a Delegates breakfast or sometime during the sessions. I would like to hear what you have to say.

Over the next nine months I would like to profile some of the HoD committee chairs. You will see that these wonderful people are much like yourself. This will also help you to know them personally.

One of the problems still facing the House of Delegates is how to get inter-

Presidential Goals for AAPG, FY 2005-06

Peter R. Rose, AAPG President

As AAPG's 89th President, I welcome HOD Secretary Bob Shoup's invitation to write about my FY 2005-2006 goals for AAPG in *The Delegate's Voice*. Having the HoD's support for those goals will greatly facilitate our chances of achieving them.

First, some historical perspective: AAPG has come a long way in the past ten years, and AAPG's House of Delegates figured prominently in this progress:

1. Stemming from bold and far-seeing leadership in the House of Delegates, we established that our International members were to be directly involved in AAPG governance, with their own geotechnical communities — the six new International Regions.
2. More important, the HoD established that, as the body representing the membership, it was the ultimate authority, not the Executive Committee, and not the Executive Director and the Tulsa Headquarters organization. The HoD also strengthened the Advisory Council in its roles in nominating officer candidates and honorees for awards. Subsequent ECs have accepted the new order.
3. Following the departure of a long-serving (24 years) Executive Director in 1996, the Association went through a turbulent few years. In 1999 we chose the present Executive Director, Rick Fritz, a long-time AAPG member, who was sympathetic to the reforms that had been instituted by the HoD.
4. In retrospect, we can now see that the "wheels nearly came off" of our administrative function, the Tulsa Headquarters organization, in 1997-1999. The past six successive Presidents, their Executive Committees, and Executive

Director Fritz all deserve great credit (and our thanks) for making steady progress ever since.

5. Today, AAPG is financially secure, with increasing sources of revenue, an expanding presence in the world E&P professional community, and substantial international membership. AAPG is the foremost professional geological association in the world, with members in 115 countries.
6. Pat Gratton, one of the leaders who had guided the rise of the House of Delegates during 1995-1999, was AAPG's 88th President. Pat laid out an extensive agenda and accomplished almost all his goals (for a summary read his Presidential letter in the June *Explorer*). His never-wavering commitment to the interests of the membership are legendary, and inspiring to those who served with him. The value that AAPG members now receive for their annual dues is simply phenomenal. However, the pace of Pat's presidential agenda left the Tulsa headquarters organization (as well as his Executive Committee) breathless by the end of June, 2005. And that sets the stage for my goals for 2005/06.
 - a. In order to continue and build upon this record of progress, our first task is to digest and consolidate the many administrative changes brought to the Tulsa HQ operation during Pat's year, so they are in future utilized routinely and their value is widely recognized.
 - b. Creative and productive committees are responsible for much of AAPG's progress as a growing and vibrant association. We have many committees whose dedicated volunteers function effectively, and contribute to the broad professional tapestry that is AAPG. Unfortunately, there are also some committees whose mission has now been accomplished, or that have lost their way. We need to be sure all committees have an appropriate charge which they are responding to. And we need to identify new leadership for some committees. We will, starting in fall 2005, provide complimentary training in how to run a committee effectively and get results. All committee chairs and vice-chairs will be encouraged to undertake this training. Finally, we must involve younger AAPG members in committee work. I am committed to meeting these goals in FY 2005/06.
 - c. For many years, Tulsa headquarters was a "top-down", "silo-ed" organization, operating within long-standing and often rigid guidelines. Often it was not very responsive to members' requests and needs. Even though there have been substantial and beneficial changes in Tulsa management and staff since 1999, and performance is much improved, it still has a ways to go before it can be described as a "bottom-up", integrated, staff-empowered, flexible, service-oriented and initiative-seeking organization. We are blessed with a great many dedicated and experienced staff members in Tulsa; Rick Fritz and the 2005/06 EC are committed to providing them with the training, vision, incentives, and leadership to complete this 7-year transition, and staff are receptive.
 - d. AAPG's three Divisions — Professional Affairs, Energy Minerals, and Environmental Geosciences

— need various kinds of help. We will undertake workshops and training to encourage membership growth, financial health and visionary new programs and projects. The first Divisional workshop was held in Dallas on August 5. All Division leadership participated.

- e. A fifth goal is to get AAPG's new GEO-DC office, housed with the American Geological Institute (AGI) in Alexandria, Virginia, up and going. We will shortly announce the Board of Governors, as well as the new Director of GEO-DC, and I look forward to substantial and constructive new involvement of AAPG in various activities in Washington D.C. that involve energy and geoscience.
- f. There are a number of other initiatives that I intend to address in the coming year — the declining number of voting members, the need for additional sources of revenues, increasing contributions to the Foundation and to AAPG's investment portfolio, and expanded participation with sister societies in offering joint conferences and conventions.
- g. Finally, I am concerned that our International membership seems to have leveled off, and some of our International Regions do not seem to be actively progressing towards becoming functioning geotechnical communities. Two that are making real progress are the European and Asia-Pacific regions, and I am planning extensive speaking tours in both Regions during the coming year, as a way of recognizing progress that is already evident, and encouraging new members there.
- h. At the same time, I want to be sure that we pay careful attention to our Domestic Sections. I will attend and speak at about a dozen society and section meetings during 2005/06, and am looking for new technical programs that speak to emerging U.S. geotechnologies and applications especially geared toward the Domestic scene.

It is an ambitious program, but the 2005/06 Executive Committee and I are committed to these goals. We will appreciate greatly the support of the House of Delegates in our efforts to achieve them, and I will let you know how we did in my final report to you next year. In any case, we genuinely look forward to working with the House in our joint ongoing efforts to make AAPG a better organization for the benefit of all members.

Onward!



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national representatives more involved. We need this so that our international members can bring their ideas forward to help improve the Association. Travel to North America can make it difficult for international members. The cost and time needed to travel can be prohibitive. We need some creative ideas on how to do this.

My House is your House. The House of Delegates **is** our House. ◆

Annual Report of the House of Delegates 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

Valary Schulz, HoD Past Chairperson

The House of Delegates represents the membership of AAPG and has jurisdiction over the legislative function of the AAPG. The number of Delegates in the HoD is based on a regional, geographic, and quasi-proportional membership representation. Delegates have multiple responsibilities, chief among which is the certification of applicants for membership. Delegates are also responsible for keeping their constituencies advised of AAPG's current policies and programs, and for attending the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the officers of the House of Delegates, Chair Valary Schulz, Secretary/Editor Ron Grubbs, and Chair-Elect Don Clarke, hosted breakfast meetings at all of the Sectional Convention Meetings: Columbus - Eastern Section, Denver - Rocky Mountain Section, San Antonio - GCAGS, Fredericksburg - Southwest Section, and San Jose - Pacific Section, as well as in Cancun for the International Meeting. A Mid-year meeting of House officers, candidates, and all committee chairs was held in Dallas on 22 January, 2005. Delegates were also represented by the Chair at the AAPG Leadership Days in Tulsa, and at 17 Executive Committee meetings. The annual meeting, held on 19th June, 2005 in Calgary, was the culmination of a years' activity for multiple house committees. A summary of the accomplishments follows:

- The Honors and Awards Committee chaired by Jeannie Mallick (Houston Geological Society), selected and recognized delegates to receive special awards for service to the House. The 2005 honorees were:

Daniel L. Smith, Honorary Member of the House
Sigrunn Johnsen, Distinguished Member of the House
Bria n D. Keith, Distinguished Member of the House
William B. Harrison III, House Long Service Award
Edmund Stuart Hastings, House Long Service Award
Marvin L. Smith, House Long Service Award

Additionally, the committee made recommendations which were voted upon and approved by the House, to preserve names of individuals who are deserving of awards and yet ineligible at the moment. To standardize the nomination process, recommendation forms were created which will provide a consistent nomination framework for consideration by Honors and Awards Committee members. These forms will be posted on the website and made available to members,

- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee chaired by Paul Britt, (Houston Geological Society) considered legislative actions to enhance the operations and functionality of the organization. After due consideration in committee, the following bylaws were proposed to the delegates at the Annual meeting and approved by the requisite 2/3 majority vote:

An amendment to Article I, Section 11, of the bylaws to coordinate its provisions with existing Article XI, Section 7 of the bylaws to allow reinstatement of members by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

An amendment to Article II, Section 10, to provide 'instant run-off' voting procedures in the event of

more than two candidates for an Association office, and to require a majority vote for election.

An amendment to Article II, Section 11, to change the methods of filling vacancies in the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, or Editor to allow the unsuccessful candidate to fill the vacancy, and in the event of a vacancy in the offices of President-Elect or Vice President to provide for a special election.

An amendment to Article IV, Section 8, to delete language no longer required due to prior amendments.

An amendment to Article V, Section 12, of the AAPG Bylaws to provide a method to appoint an alternate representative for an absent Advisory Council member from a Region, Section, or Division if the current member's predecessor is unwilling or unable to attend an Advisory Council meeting.

A proposed amendment to limit nomination of officers of Divisions from holding more than one Association position, and an amendment to prohibit nominating standing officers for election was defeated.

- The Rules and Procedures Committee led by Chair Jay Henthorne (Ohio Geological Society) proposed six changes to the Rules and Procedures of the House. The changes approved by the House at the Annual meeting are:

A new Section B to Article I to codify the record date used to determine the number of delegates each Affiliated Society and International Region is entitled to. The date was changed from 31 October to 30 November.

A new Section C to Article I to require the Chairman-Elect of the House to prepare a budget for the house and to present this budget at the first Executive Committee meeting of each fiscal year.

An addition to Article III, Section A, subsection 1.a. to require the Nomination and Election Committee to submit a confidential report to the Chairman-Elect citing individuals considered for nomination but not selected. This will provide a mechanism to capture those delegates who are prohibited by circumstances from standing, but who may in the future be qualified nominees.

An amendment to Article III, Section A, subsection 1.g. to change the date by which names of candidates for Honors and Awards are to be submitted from Committee to the Chairman of the House, from 30 September to 31st October.

An amendment to Article III, Section A, subsection 1.g.(7) to expand the prohibition of nominating House officers for a House award to preclude any Association officers from being nominated for a House award.

An addition to Article III, Section A, subsection 1.g (8) to require the Honors and Awards Committee to submit a confidential report to the Chairman-Elect citing individuals considered for an award but not selected.

This will provide a mechanism to capture those delegates who are prohibited by circumstances from receiving an award, but who may in the future be qualified.

- The Nomination and Election Committee, chaired by Brian Keith (Indiana Kentucky Geological Society) presented the slate of House Officer Candidates. The nominees for Chair Elect were Alan DeGood, Kansas Geological Society, and Larry Jones, Houston Geological Society. The nominees for Secretary Editor were Jay Henthorne, Ohio Geological Society, and Bob Shoup, Houston Geological Society. Background information on each candidate was published in *The Delegates' Voice*, and each of the candidates addressed the Annual meeting of the House where the delegates voted to elect Larry Jones (Chair-Elect) and Bob Shoup (Secretary/Editor) for the 2005-2006 term.
- At the annual meeting, the Credential Committee, chaired by Patrick Gooding, Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists, qualified a quorum of 179 delegates of the total 230 delegates, or 78% (See related committee report).
- The ad hoc Committee on Advisory Council Representation, chaired by Tim Rynott (Lafayette Geological Society) presented the final results of their extensive investigations over a two year period. This seven member committee researched the make up and voting record of the Advisory Council to attempt to determine if the Sections and Regions are equitably represented by the current composition of the Advisory Council, and whether the distribution of the Sectional/Regional representatives ought to be more proportional. It was determined that the current composition which was formulated in 1998, and thus has merely 4 years of voting history from which to draw conclusions, has no evidence of geographic bias or discrimination toward any Section/Region. It was recommended that this situation be monitored for any evidence of bias in the future and that the voting record be evaluated every 5 to 6 years. It was also recommended by this Committee that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House evaluate whether the Past Presidents on the Advisory Council should serve two years rather than the current three.
- An ad hoc Committee on Executive Session, chaired by John Hogg (Canada Region) was formed with diverse membership which included current and past House Candidates, Executive Committee Officers and Advisory Council members. This committee was created to consider the use of Executive Session in Advisory Council meetings and to investigate possible solutions to reports of past abuse of members' rights under

cloak of executive session. All committee members agreed that the privilege of Executive Session is not intended to allow for unsubstantiated or unsupportable negative remarks, and that the protection of members' rights during executive session should be rigorously protected. The unanimous resolution from this committee was presented to the Annual Meeting of delegates, and an informal expression of interest by the delegates supported the following proposal for the Advisory Council Guidelines:

Advisory Council Executive Sessions shall include an external Parliamentarian, either one used by the House of Delegates, or one from any other state where the Advisory council is meeting, at both the Nominations and Honors and Awards Committee meetings (not to exceed a maximum cost of ~\$2000 per year). The responsibility of the Parliamentarian shall be to ensure that the AAPG Code of Ethics, Constitution, and Bylaws of the organization are upheld during discussions concerning the qualifications of potential officer nominees and honorees. If, in the opinion of the external Parliamentarian, any comments or remarks are not appropriate, then the Parliamentarian will interrupt and stop the speaker's remarks, and admonish the speaker for breach of the Code of Ethics, the Constitution, or Bylaws of AAPG.

- The Secretary/Editor Ron Grubbs (Dallas Geological Society) published three editions of the *Delegates' Voice*: January, March, and June. Two of these were print editions, mailed out to all delegates, and one was a digital release, posted on the website. These records are all available on the House website at: http://www.aapg.org/business/hod/dv_index.cfm. Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting were approved by outgoing Secretary/Editor Steve Goolsby and his committee. Minutes of the 2005 Annual meeting have not yet been prepared and reviewed.
- Along with considerable help from AAPG staffer, Janet Bristler, the House website was enhanced to serve as a current resource as well as a record of history for the House. New postings this year include listings of past Officers and past Awardees of the House, links to the Code of Ethics, the Constitution and Bylaws, and to the Rules and Procedures.

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve the House of Delegates for the past year. Thank you for your confidence and for the opportunity to contribute to our great association with so many fine colleagues.

Saludos, ♦

AAPG 2005 Convention in Calgary

The 2005 Annual Convention of the AAPG was a great success for all. The incredible technical program, outstanding social events and the Exhibit Hall offered delegates a host of outstanding opportunities.

With a final attendee count of 7799 this was the largest convention that AAPG has held since 1981 in San Francisco, we should all be proud. Field Trips and Short Courses were mostly full to over-subscribed and the social programs were wonderful.

I would like to thank the Organizing Committee for their outstanding efforts and for the time they contributed over the past two years that we have worked together. I would also like to thank the AAPG and CSPG staff for their work and the profes-

sional manner in which many obstacles were overcome. I would also like to thank the sponsors. Without the sponsors, the cost of the convention would be considerably higher. Finally, I would like to thank all of you who attended the convention – we truly hope you enjoyed it as much as we did

John Hogg
Canada Region Delegate
General Chairman, AAPG 2005 Annual Meeting

Editors Note: As one of those convention attendees, I would like to extend my congratulations to John, Marty, and the whole convention team for putting on an outstanding convention. They even kept the lights on – eh! ♦

HOUSE Keeping

Delegates, this section of the Delegates' Voice will help keep you informed of various issues pertaining to the House and House business. There are two items included in this section, notification of the headcount deadline and the deadlines for this years House business.

Headcount Notice

On November 30, a count will be taken of the voting members of AAPG by U.S Society and International Region. *This total determines the number of delegates your society or region is*

entitled to for the term beginning July 1, 2006. Voting members are Active, Life, Honorary, and Emeritus members with dues paid for this fiscal year 2005-06. In some cases just one unpaid member can prevent a society or region from having an additional delegate (and vote) in the HoD. Encourage members to get their AAPG dues current before this date. Perhaps run a reminder in your first newsletter or make announcements at your fall meetings. If you want to know the status of your society's headcount at any time, please contact Donna Riggs, driggs@aapg.org or 918-560-2612.

Deadlines for 2005 - 2006 House of Delegates Business

Aug. 18, 2005 (60 days)	*Minutes Approval Committee should have completed review and approval of 2005 minutes.
Sep. 30, 2005	*Candidates list to the HoD Chair.
Oct. 31, 2005	*Awardees list to the HoD Chair. **Comments from EC, AC, Delegates and any designees regarding Bylaws amendments by resolution of the HoD. (Note: None for 2005) Bios and photos of candidates and awardees need to be at Headquarters.
Nov. 30, 2005	Delegate Headcount (see above)
Dec. 01, 2005	Proposed Constitution and/or Bylaws changes, if published in the Explorer, need to be submitted for the <u>January</u> issue.
Dec. 30, 2005 (100 days)	*Mid-Year meeting of officers, chairs and invitees on <u>or before</u> this date.
Jan. 09, 2006 (90 days)	**Proposed changes to the AAPG Bylaws must be with the HoD Chair. *If Explorer publication deadline was missed, an alternate means of publication must be made to the voting membership. *Proposed changes to the Rules & Procedures of the House must be in the hands of the Chair, HoD.
Feb. 08, 2005 (60 Days)	*Proposed changes to the Rules & Procedures of the House must be mailed to the Delegates. **If previous publication and mailing deadlines were missed, proposed changes to the Constitution must be sent to the voting membership.
Feb. 24, 2006	Committee and Officer written reports need to be at Headquarters for printing.
Mar. 03, 2006 (35 days)	**Last day for mailing meeting agenda and pertinent enclosures to the Delegates.
Mar. 10, 2006 (30 days)	**Last day for mailing comments re proposed amendments to Delegates.
Mar. 24, 2006 (15 days)	* & **Names of appointed alternate delegates should be in Headquarters office.
April 8, 2006	Delegates Reception: Houston, Texas US
April 9, 2006	Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates: Houston, Texas US
Jun. 08, 2006 (60 days)	*Minutes Approval Committee should have completed review and approval of 2006 minutes. ***Last day to mail ballot to members re Constitution changes.

Note: *Bylaws changes approved by the HoD are effective immediately and do not require a vote of the membership.*

* HoD Rules & Procedures

** AAPG Bylaws

*** AAPG Constitution

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Section and Region News

Delegates, this section of the *Delegates' Voice* will help you see what is going on around the Association. Check the AAPG Website for more information.

Please Add links to the appropriate web sites - thanks

Gulf Coast Section

Geological Gumbo – A Recipe For Success



September 25-27, 2005

New Orleans, the Crescent City, home to vast cultural and culinary delights, welcomes you to the 2005 Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies 55th Annual Meeting hosted by the New Orleans Geological Society. Our theme this year is "Gulf

Coast Geological Gumbo – A Recipe For Success".

Sunday's opening luncheon will be preceded by a keynote address from Bobby Ryan, ChevronTexaco Global Exploration Manager. In addition, Sunday afternoon, a special session hosted by Louisiana State University will honor Arnold Bouma and his significant contributions to the geologic community. David Kersting, President and CEO of Helix Oil and Gas will give the All Convention Luncheon talk Monday on the successful revitalization of an independent oil company.

For more information: www.gcags.org

Delegates Breakfast: Monday, Sept. 26, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Prytania Rm, Hyatt Regency, 500 Poydras Plaza
New Orleans, LA

Tom Bergeon
GCAGS President 2005

Rocky Mountain Section

Rocky Mountain Rendezvous – Rising to the Challenge



September 24 – 26, 2005

Start off by attending Saturday afternoon's forum on Federal land use. There are four sessions dedicated to "Increasing the Supply of Rocky Mountain Natural Gas", along with a number of other technical sessions

addressing contemporary topics for the Rocky Mountain Region. The All Convention Luncheon on Sunday features Bob Smith from the University of Utah's Seismology and Active Tectonics Research Group presenting the story behind the evolution of the Yellowstone hotspot. At the Division's Luncheon on Monday will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about how the Divisions serve you.

For more information: www.rmag.org

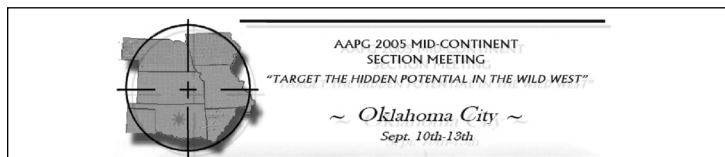
Delegates Breakfast: Sunday, Sept. 25, 6:45-8:00 a.m.
Summit Two Rm, Snow King Resort
400 E. Snow King Ave., Jackson Hole, WY
New Orleans, LA

Donna Anderson
Rocky Mountain Section President 2005

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Mid-Continent Section

Target the Hidden Potential in the Wild West **September 8-13, 2005**



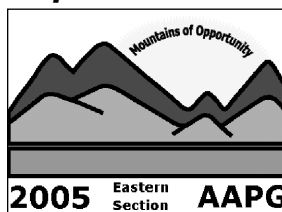
Cox Business Services
Convention Center
1 Myriad Gardens, Okla. City, OK

For more information: www.ocgs.org

Delegates Breakfast: Monday, Sept. 12, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Egbert Rm, 2nd Flr, east end, Renaissance Hotel
10 North Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK

Eastern Section

Mountains of Opportunity **September 18-20, 2005**



Radisson Waterfront Hotel and
Conference Center
Two Waterfront Place, Morgantown,
WV

For more information: www.wvgs.wvnet.edu/www/esaapg05/
Delegates Breakfast: Monday,

Sept. 19, 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Wharf A & B Rm, Radisson Waterfront Hotel
Morgantown, WV

AAPG International

New Tracks to New Heights



September 11-14, 2005,
Paris, France

For more information:
www.aapg.org/paris/

Delegates Breakfast: Monday, Sept.
12, 7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Dante Room, CNIT, Level D2, Place de

La Defense, Paris, France

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Where the Worlds of Gas & Oil Come Together



AAPG/EAGE/SEG/SPE

November 21-23,
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Conference Center, Doha, Qatar

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Nominations and Elections Committee

Brian D. Keith (Eastern Section), Chair

Committee members: Maurice Birdwell (Gulf Coast Section), Karen Blake (Pacific Section), Bob Cowdery (Midcontinent Section), George Eynon (Canadian Region), Pete Gray (Gulf Coast Section), Will Green (Southwest Section), Wolfgang Nachtmann (European Region), Jewell Wellborn (Rocky Mountain Section)

The first part of the committee report consisted of the slate of candidates and an overview of the selection process, which appeared in January 2005 Delegate's Voice. The election was held at the House meeting in Calgary. Elected by paper ballot by members of the House in attendance were Larry Jones (Gulf Coast Section) as Chair-Elect and Bob Shoup (Gulf Coast Section) as Secretary-Editor.

I would like to thank all the preliminary and final candidates for their willingness to allow their names to be put on the slate, and more importantly for making the commitment to serve, if elected. In these busy times, it is especially difficult to find people willing and able to make the commitment.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee for all their help in putting together an outstanding slate for the House officers. ♦

Credentials Committee's Report

Patrick J. Gooding, Chair

*Alan DeGood, Larry J. Jones, Jay G. Henthorne,
and Robert C. Shoup*

At the 2005 annual meeting, 169 delegates were initially cleared by the Credentials Committee. In addition, there were six (6) persons who did not get their documentation in on time and requested to be seated in the House. The names and organizations that they represented were read aloud by Chairman Gooding and the Chair of the House made a motion to the members to seat the six individuals in the House. The motion was accepted. The Credentials Chairman then reported that 175 delegates were seated in the House and there was a quorum. The total number of elected delegates to the House is 230. Total needed for a quorum was 116. After the report was made, three (3) additional delegates were cleared by the Credentials Committee. One eligible delegate seated herself without checking in. The total number of delegates present at the 2005 Annual Convention, House of Delegates Meeting, was 179. This represented 78% of the total eligible delegates. Every section was represented, as was every region, except Latin America. There were 18 U.S. Affiliated Societies who had no representation. ♦

Honors & Awards Committee

Jeannie Fisher Mallick, Chair, Gulf Coast Section

Committee purpose and recommendations

The Honors & Awards Committee recommends members of the House to receive special awards for service to the House of Delegates. The Committee supplies names, considers nominee qualifications, and selects by vote those members to be recommended to the HoD Chair for approval. If approved, they are honored at the next AAPG Annual meeting.

During the 2004-2005 term, the Honors & Awards Committee made recommendations to improve the process of award selection. These recommendations included the establishment of HoD award forms and their posting online and changes to the HoD Rules & Procedures. Changes to the Rules & Procedures were presented and approved at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates in Calgary and are as follows:

1. The deadline to submit recommendations was extended from September 30th to October 31st. The additional month allows for improved participation and allows more time for communication between committee members, particularly those serving in International Regions.
2. The H & A Committee sought to expand the stipulation in the Rules & Procedures that, no delegate running for a HoD office was eligible to receive a HoD award, to include candidates running for any office within AAPG.

However- ***let no qualified award candidate be left behind!***

3. A formal reporting procedure was established in the Rules & Procedures for the outgoing Honors & Awards Chair to convey to the incoming Chair of the House, a list of those dele-

gates that were qualified for or were considered for awards but not chosen by the Honors & Awards Committee. This creates a means of preserving the names of qualified honorees for future consideration and ensures that no delegate deserving of an award is left behind.

HoD Award Recommendation Forms Online

It is an enjoyable task to formally recognize delegates with records of service to the AAPG House of Delegates. Toward the goal of making the award process more accessible to all delegates and better understood, for the first time, the committee has established nomination forms for the three award categories. These awards are **Honorary Member of the House, Distinguished Member of the House, and the House Long Service Award**. Patterned after the AAPG award nomination forms which have long been available online, these forms serve to clarify eligibility for an award and enables the committee to more readily evaluate a delegate's history of service.

These official forms are now available online as interactive forms or PDFs on the AAPG HoD web page at link: <http://www.aapg.org/business/hod/awards/index.cfm> or you may request paper forms via mail, from Donna Riggs at 918-560-2612.

Completed nomination forms may be mailed to: Ms. Donna Riggs, AAPG, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK, 74101-0979, USA, or sent by Fax to: 1- 918-560-9418. Upon receipt, the forms will be forwarded to the current Honors & Awards Committee Chair. ♦

The Honors & Awards Committee Members

The H & A Committee has 11 members from 10 areas or regions. If you know of a delegate with a record of service to the House of Delegates, please contact any committee representative with your suggestions. The participation of all delegates in this process is welcome and encouraged. The committee members are:

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The AAPG Feature Staffer

Editors Note: There are two groups of people without whom AAPG would cease to exist; volunteers and AAPG staff. The first group are the key to making the Association the success that it is. However, it is the second group that facilitates the work of the volunteers.

The AAPG staff are the grease and oil that keeps the Association running. I choose that metaphor purposely, as the staff are the people who do the day to day dirty work that keep the Association running smoothly. All too often their work goes unappreciated by the membership, so, in an effort to help bring them the recognition they so richly deserve, I am introducing a new feature to the Delegates' Voice, the AAPG Feature Staffer.

The feature staffer of this issue is, of course, Donna Riggs. Now most of you will say that you know Donna, but do you really know her?

Introducing Donna Riggs

Donna Riggs has worked with and for the House of Delegates almost its entire existence. She initially came to AAPG in the mid 1960's having just returned from Europe and Korea with her husband, Sam, who was in the military. This "overseas experience" was a factor in the job offer because one of the concerns of the Association at that time was outsourcing (a word we did not use back then) its membership mail list to a computer service using key punched cards and tape storage. There were questions about our many international addresses.

At that time the Executive Director and Office Manager were bringing into Headquarters Office several functions which had been carried out by committees. She was assigned to work on two of these, Distinguished Lecture and Short Courses which she did for the next three years.

Around 1969-70 Donna left AAPG to work with Sam in their own business and to care for their daughter, Poppy. It was during this time that the House of Delegates was formed replacing what was previously the Business Committee. Returning to AAPG in 1973 to work for Maxine Phillips in the Membership Department placed her in the department with staff support responsibility for the House of Delegates. She assisted Ms. Phillips several years in all aspects of the department but more and more of the HoD work fell to Donna. Don O'Nesky replaced Maxine Phillips in late 1978 with Donna continuing as the HoD liaison. In 1980 she became manager of the department with full responsibility for supporting the HoD.

She has attended most of the 35 meetings of the House having missed only a few of the very first ones. She says that working with the delegates from around the world is always interesting and having a new Chairman of the House each year is refreshing because you never know exactly what to expect.

We all know that taking care of the HoD is not a one-person job. It requires contributions from many on the staff, all of whom offer Donna their assistance and expertise when called upon to "help with the HOUSEwork"! ♦

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists Delegate Job Description

1. The U.S. Affiliated Society Delegate or the International Region Delegate is an Active AAPG Member elected by Active AAPG Members in an affiliated society or international region.
2. Delegates serve for a term of three years. When an affiliated society or international region is eligible for more than one delegate (one delegate for each 70 members) they should serve staggered terms. Any Delegate elected as a House Officer during the last year of Delegate's term automatically becomes a voting At-Large Member of the House for the term as Officer.
3. All legislative affairs within the scope of the Constitution and Bylaws of AAPG are vested in the House of Delegates. Matters involving the external affairs of AAPG shall be referred to the AAPG Executive Committee. Bylaws are the responsibility of the House and the House must pass constitutional amendments before they are referred to the vote of the membership.
4. Delegates serve as representatives of all AAPG members in a society area or international region whether or not the AAPG members are official members of any local or regional organization. Delegates are the appropriate channel through which individual members can bring influence to bear on the affairs of the Association.
5. The Delegate is a member of the AAPG House of Delegates. The Chairman of the House is elected by its members. The Chairman presides at meetings of the House and serves on the AAPG Executive Committee as a voting member.
6. The Delegate conveys to the society or region all-important acts of the House and of the Executive Committee. The Delegate reports the reactions and views of members to the House and to the Executive Committee through the Chairman of the House. Thus, each member of the Association is represented in the House and in the Executive Committee by the Delegate.
7. To carry out the duties of a Delegate, the Delegate must be familiar with the Rules and Procedures of the House of Delegates and with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The Delegate should be knowledgeable of the Association's current policies and programs as well as its customs and traditions.
8. Delegates shall actively solicit applications from eligible geoscientists and those in related fields for membership in the Association.
9. The Delegates pass upon the personal, professional, and moral qualifications of applicants from their area for AAPG membership and also process Certification information when requested. A Delegate should make appropriate inquiries of knowledgeable persons other than sponsors, compare opinions with other delegates from the same society and, if possible, get acquainted with each new applicant – thus insuring a high level of ability and integrity in the membership of our professional organization.
10. The Delegate should be present at each House meeting and vote upon all Association business that comes before the House. If unable to attend, a duly elected Alternate may rep-

Letter from the Editor

Bob Shoup, Editor

As many of you know, I have been living in Malaysia for the last year. Aside from being able to buy really neat shirts, there are several things about life in Malaysia that members of AAPG can learn from. Before understanding how we can learn from Malaysia, one needs to know a little about Malaysia.

In the early 1400's the Portuguese established a colony in Malacca, Malaysia, to serve as a base for the spice trade, most notably pepper. Portuguese rule was followed by Dutch rule, which was followed by English rule, which except for a brief and brutal interruption during WWII, continued to the 1960's. As you can see, Malaysians have had to deal with other people and races for almost 600 years. I suspect that that is one reason that the Malay people are so friendly and accommodating.

Today, Malaysia is a country comprised of a diverse group of people. Chinese and Malay make up the majority. Indians, Pakistani, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Thai, Pilipino, Japanese, Korean, and Arab are all present, as are a handful of Europeans and Americans. More significantly these diverse groups get along together while at the same time preserving their cultural identity. That blend makes Malaysia a very exciting place to live. It is possible to sample many of the various Asian cultures by simply walking a few blocks.

As for religion, Malaysia is equally tolerant. Although the official religion is Muslim, everyone except native Malay, who are Muslim (The tribal Dayak's from Borneo, however, can be Christian), are free to practice as they choose. So, in addition to Mosques, there are beautiful Hindu and Buddhist temples here, as well as a number of assorted Christian churches.

One reason Malaysia so successful at tolerating this diversity is the fact that the government here strives to serve the best interest of the people and the Country. Many of the nearby countries are ruled by strict dictators or the government is overtly corrupt. Singapore for example, has many of the same characteristics as Malaysia. However, the government is a very strict dictatorship with steep penalties for even minor infractions such as gum chewing or criticizing the government, and the residents of Singapore always seem to be looking over their shoulders. In fact, were I a resident of Singapore, I

could not have written that last sentence without risk of a fine, jail or expulsion.

Indonesia on the other hand, has suffered for years from a corrupt government. Again, here is a country that has many of the same characteristics and history as Malaysia. Yet some groups, like the Chinese, are periodically persecuted, and terrorist groups frequently disrupt life as usual. That said, the farther one gets from Jakarta, the more peaceful and tolerant it gets, and Bali is still pretty much a tropical paradise where everyone is welcome.

So what lessons can AAPG learn from Malaysia? I see two things, one is tolerance, the other is serving the best interests of the Association. In regards to serving the best interests of the Association, most volunteers do just that. But occasionally, an individual or a committee will push a personal agenda. Although it is almost always rationalized as being best for the Association, it typically results in some animosity between one or more groups within AAPG. I will not mention any specifics in order to protect the innocent, however, I suspect that many of you are aware of one or more incidents where that has occurred. One of our responsibilities as Delegates (see the Delegates job description included in this issue of the *Delegates' Voice*) is to find out what our members want, and make sure we represent the interests of the majority. In so doing, we will make for a better Association.

The other lesson from Malaysia is tolerance. As the international membership of the Association continues to grow, the Association must continue its tradition of tolerance. In my opinion, we have done pretty well with that, which is one reason that international members now comprise almost a third of AAPG's membership. I do not advocate major changes in the way AAPG does things, however, in the spirit of tolerance, when we are considering proposals that affect one group or another, both domestic and international, we should consider how we would feel if we were on the other side of the issue. If all of us could do that when we consider proposals, then we will all be better Delegates for the Association.

Selamat Datang. ♦

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resent the society or region. In case an Alternate is not available, the society or region may appoint a substitute alternate, whose name must be received at AAPG Headquarters 15 days prior to the meeting of the House.

11. In societies or regions having more than two Delegates, the Delegates should organize and select a foreman or chairman. Frequent meetings should be held to consider membership applications to avoid any delay in processing. The review committee relies heavily on the opinions submitted by Delegates.

12. Meetings of Delegates to discuss Association affairs are encouraged especially prior to the annual convention. Region and society officials should be invited to attend. ♦



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Calgary, AB, Canada June 19, 2005*

DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY IN APPLICATION PROCESSING

AAPG MEMBERSHIP:

Delegates are sent an inquiry sheet pertaining to Active and in some cases, Associate applicants from their respective area. Also, Active members that wish to reinstate their membership, who have been out of the Association for at least three years, will require a delegate's review. The Executive Committee relies heavily on this confidential information in determining the eligibility of membership. Because of this, each Delegate should be familiar with the review methods:

Processing Guidelines:

- Review the applicant's training and experience
- Provide your Opinion

This can be first hand knowledge or information obtained from other sources; i.e. colleagues, associates, sponsors. It is important to remember that sponsors of the applicant have already provided their endorsement and should only be contacted as a last resort.
- Supply information regarding applicant's work (particularly the extent to which involves the application of geology
- Ascertain the applicant is guided by the high standards of honor, integrity and professional ethics required of members.
- Complete and return the form to AAPG HQ within 30 days. Applications cannot be finalized without the delegate's report; thus the need for urgency.

If your society or region has appointed a foreman or chairman, all inquiries will be forwarded to that person for distribution to other delegates in the society of region for screening.

The Delegate's report is one of the most important aspects for the Executive Committee in determining an applicant's eligibility for membership and is greatly appreciated by all involved in the application process. If you have any questions concerning your responsibility, please contact Vicki Beighle, Manager, Member Services Department, AAPG, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101 email: vbeighle@aapg.org voice: 800-364-2274 (US & Canada) or

918-560-2615 fax: (918) 560-2694

CERTIFICATION:

Certified Delegates and Alternates are also asked to review applications for membership in the Division of Professional Affairs. You are asked to pass upon the personal, professional and moral qualifications of the applicant. After reviewing the applicant's record of experience, an evaluation should be returned to Norma Newby, Administrative Manager, DPA-AAPG,

P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101 email: nnewby@aapg.org voice: 800-364-2274 (US & Canada) or 918-560-2613 fax: (918) 560-2694

The Board of Certification relies heavily on information the certified Delegate or Alternate furnishes; therefore, it is important to return the evaluation with more than just "OK". Please outline your review steps and conclusion. ♦



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