

The Delegates' Voice

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Letter from the Chair

Marty Hewitt, Chair



Dear Delegates:

I hope that you've had a peaceful and happy holiday season with family and friends.

We're now halfway through the 2007-2008 term and I've enjoyed the first six months in my role as Chair of the House. It has been especially rewarding getting to speak with many of you at Delegates' Breakfasts in Wichita, Lexington, Snowbird, Corpus Christi and Athens and I look forward to having the opportunity to meet with Delegates from the SW Section in Abilene February 26, 2008 and Pacific Section in Bakersfield March 31, 2008.

In early December, your House Leadership met with House Committee Chairs and invited guests at the annual HoD Mid-Year meeting in Houston. I was joined by Chair-Elect George Bole (Gulf Coast Section), Secretary/Editor Bob Webster (SW Section), Constitution & By-Laws Chair Paul Hoffman (Gulf Coast Section), Resolutions Chair Paul Britt (Gulf Coast Section), Rules & Procedures Chair Steve Sonnenberg (Rocky Mountain Section) who is also a candidate for Chair-Elect, Chair-Elect candidate Deborah Sacrey (Gulf Coast Section), Secretary/Editor candidate Erik Mason (Gulf Coast Section), AAPG Editor and Executive Committee representative Gretchen Gillis (Gulf Coast Section), AAPG Advisory Council representative Pat Gratton (SW Section) who also assisted in an advisory capacity and as parliamentarian and AAPG Membership Planning Chair Jeff Lund (Gulf Coast Section). Unfortunately, Nomination & Election Chair Ed Dolly (Rocky Mountain Section), Honors & Awards Chair Jim McGray (Mid-Continent Section), Credentials Chair Patrick Gooding (Eastern Section) and Secretary/Editor Candidate Sigrunn Johnsen (European Region) were unable to attend.

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Letter from the Chair-Elect

by George Bole



I was privileged to attend the mid-year meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD) in Houston, TX on Saturday, December 1st. We convened at the Westin Galleria.

Those in attendance included

Officers: Marty Hewitt, Chair; George Bole, Chair-Elect and Bob Webster, Secretary/Editor

Committee Chairs: Paul Hoffman, Constitution and Bylaws; Paul Britt, Resolutions; Steve Sonnenberg, Rules and Procedures and Candidate for Chair-Elect, HoD; and Bob Webster, Newsletter and Minutes Approval

AAPG Officers, Delegates, Candidates, and Committee Members: Gretchen Gillis, AAPG Editor; Pat Gratton, Past-President AAPG and AC Representative; Jeff Lund, Membership Planning, AAPG; Deborah Sacrey, Candidate for Chair-Elect, HoD; and Erik Mason, Candidate for Secretary/Editor, HoD

Absent but Represented by Proxy: Ed Dolly, Nomination and Election; Jim McGray, Honors & Awards; Patrick Gooding, Credentials; and Sigrunn Johnson, Candidate for Secretary/Editor, HoD

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Letter from the Secretary/Editor

By Robert Webster



Barely twenty four hours following the wrap-up of the December 1st Mid-Year Meeting of the HoD Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen, I found myself boarding a plane for Iraq.

Thanks to a combination of being in the right place at the right time with a company starting an exploration program in the Kurdish Autonomous Region, and being the only geologist available with a combination of field mapping and combat experience, I was charged with conducting a field geologic program there. This involved ground-truthing an aerial photogeologic interpretation, sampling for biostrat and geochemical control, and obtaining structural information along 2D seismic lines that cross some prominent surface structures.

In truth, this was a dream assignment for a geologist- a chance to go to the field, do some original work on the leading edge of a significant exploration program while leaving the home office in the rear view mirror for awhile, and to have the added spice of working in one of the classic petroleum provinces in the world, not far from the giant Kirkuk oil field. Contrary to the popular conception of Iraq today, the Kurdish area is an island of stability, and the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) is making real progress in developing a positive business climate.

While in Iraq, I had the opportunity to work with several Kurdish geologists, both from the private sector and from the KRG Geologic Survey. None had significant petroleum geologic experience, but I was impressed by their knowledge of the local geology and by their eagerness to learn more of the petroleum exploration process. Despite Iraq's rich petroleum history, the Kurdish people were largely excluded from the industry during the regime of Saddam Hussein, so now they are trying hard to catch up. There are a

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I would like to summarize the key initiatives that each committee is working on for the 2007-2008 term. Details of each committee's work are highlighted in separate reports elsewhere in this issue of *The Delegates' Voice*.

Ed Dolly's Nomination & Election Committee finished their work in September by selecting an excellent slate of candidates to join Chair-Elect George Bole on the 2008-2009 House Leadership. Photos and bios of our candidates are included elsewhere in this issue.

Paul Hoffman's C&BL Committee was very busy this year reviewing approximately ten potential amendments. After significant debate, one proposed amendment will come forward to the House for consideration dealing with alternative procedures for grievances lodged against members of the Association. Paul's report summarizes all amendments that were discussed in his committee.

Steve Sonnenberg's Rules and Procedures Committee has two amendments for our consideration in San Antonio that can be classified as "housekeeping" in nature. The first deals with clarification on how Delegates are assigned in the Sections versus Regions. The second amendment is required to bring our R&P in accordance with our C&BL regarding publication deadlines for proposed amendments to our C&BL. There are also three minor typographical errors in our R&P that must be corrected. See Steve's report which provides further detail around these proposed amendments.

Paul Britt's Resolutions Committee reported that eleven domestic affiliated societies are in jeopardy of disaffiliation due to non-representation at the past two AGM's. Internationally, one affiliated society was disaffiliated by government mandate, one has fallen inactive and one society has expressed interest in affiliation but no action is required by the HoD at this time.

Jim McGhay was unable to attend the Mid-Year meeting but his Honors & Awards Committee has selected four deserving awardees that we will recognize in San Antonio. In addition, approximately 70 long serving Delegates will be recognized at our AGM for achieving 9 and 15 year service milestones.

Patrick Gooding's Credentials Committee has been active in contacting society Presidents and Delegation Chairs to ensure that Delegates are properly documented and fully represented at the House Annual General Meeting (AGM). Of course, the hard work for Patrick's committee really begins on Sunday April 20, 2008 at our House AGM where Patrick and his committee (our House Chair-Elect and Secretary/Editor candidates) will greet you and sign you in for the meeting.

This is the second of four issues of *The Delegates' Voice* you will be receiving in 2007-2008. Secretary/Editor Bob Webster discussed transitioning to digital publication and distribution of *The Delegates' Voice* starting in 2008-2009. This will result in annual savings of approximately \$10K. We will discuss this at the San Antonio AGM.

Jeff Lund, Chair of the Membership Planning Committee reviewed a proposed model to modify and simplify AAPG's membership process. The model will be vetted amongst AAPG headquarters staff, AAPG's Executive Committee and Advisory Council. No changes will be proposed to the House at the San Antonio meeting.

Speaking of membership, in the September issue of *The Delegates' Voice*, I referred to a grassroots membership drive through the HoD where a point Delegate in each local affiliated society would be appointed as a membership ambassador with the prime responsibility of promoting AAPG membership

surprising number of degreed geologists in the region, mostly in positions where they would be considered under-employed. Even the wife of the hotel desk clerk had a Bachelors degree from the University of Sulymaniya.

In keeping with the theme of membership being emphasized by the AAPG Executive Committee this year, and the special charge of the HoD to promote grass-roots recruitment, I took advantage of this Iraqi trip to try to expand the membership of the Middle East Region. With a local geologist looking over my shoulder, I was able access the AAPG website from my hotel, using my trusty laptop and a local wireless network. The website was easy to use, and I could quickly demonstrate many of the benefits of membership, such as our publications and meetings. In the membership area, he was able to fill in an on-line application, and I could download a sponsor's form. The explanation of the new graduated dues policy was helpful.

My only complaint is that it was not possible to download an application form, which would have been useful. The on-line application is easy to use, but it suffers from having to fill out five web pages in sequence rather than being able to see the entire application in advance. I would suggest that an application form in PDF format be added to the website. In any case, we got the process going, and I am helping to find more sponsors. In regions like this, where AAPG members are few and far between, the requirement of having three sponsors can be frustrating and discouraging to new applicants. Short of revising the Constitution and Bylaws, however, I see no way of alleviating this problem.

As I headed home for Christmas, I felt confident that I had done some good work, both for the company and for AAPG. But back to the Mid-Year Meeting- many issues were addressed and debated, and several will be brought forward at the 2008 annual meeting in San Antonio. Of particular interest in my purview as Editor of *The Delegates' Voice* is the idea of going to digital distribution of the DV in PDF format. Back issues are already accessible in the HoD area of the AAPG website, and going to digital rather than paper distribution would save some \$13,000/year in printing and postage expense. Think about this, and we will take a straw pole at the annual meeting to take the pulse of the House on the issue.

Here's to a happy and prosperous New Year for us all! ♦



Steve Sonnenberg, Eric Mason, Paul Britt, and George Bole discuss issues at the Dec. 2nd Mid-Year Meeting.

at the local society level. Look for details on this program over the next few weeks.

Thanks again to each of you for serving the House and AAPG and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Delegates' Breakfasts and our reception and annual meeting in San Antonio. ♦

Many topics were discussed including eight Committee Reports, two Invited Guest Reports, Review and Action Items and New Business. Except for a list of the Action Items, following, I'll not go into detail; I leave that up to Marty, our Chair.

I will comment though on the thoroughness with which each topic was discussed then resolved. Kudos go to Sonnenberg, Britt and Hoffman as they led us through Rules & Procedures, Resolutions and Constitution & Bylaws, respectively. Their comments were "to-the-point" and thoughtful. They solicited and received valuable input, and their patience was outstanding.

Of no less importance were the discussions led, and comments made, by the other members of the HoD representatives at this meeting. Lund reviewed a process by which we eventually may simplify membership categories, while Gratton reported on the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Council.

The Action Items resulting from this meeting follow.

1. Webster will do a pole on interest in having a digital DV at the annual meeting.
2. Honors & Awards- Marty will get with Jim McGhay to make sure citations get done in time.
3. Marty will set up an ad hoc committee to re-evaluate assignment of delegates to regions and sections.
4. The Rules and Procedures Committee is to work on suggested changes for next year as described during the meeting.
5. Legality issues need to be addressed with AAPG council regarding proposed changes to AAPG Constitution and Bylaws and Rules & Procedures.
6. The Resolutions Committee Chair is to try to contact individual delegates assigned to the sections, rather than to the non-responsive chairmen with the affiliated societies in danger of being disaffiliated. The appropriate AAPG EC Vice President should also be involved .
7. The concept of sponsoring faculty members at universities, as described during the meeting, should be followed up by the Executive Committee, Constitution and Bylaws and the Membership Committees.
8. Marty will seek to get clarity from John Hogg regarding his recommendation for the Regions names issue.
9. Results of the joint Membership Committee/AAPG Tulsa staff meeting and recommendations will be reviewed with delegates in the annual meeting.

I continue to be impressed by the quality of volunteer leadership the HoD has to work with, and especially with the support we receive from headquarters.

With best regards, I hope to see many of you delegates in San Antonio next April. ♦

er, that no International Region shall have fewer Delegates than one (1) Delegate for each Affiliated Society within the Region.

The reason for the modification of the Rules and Procedures is to be in accordance with the Bylaw. The way that the number of delegates is determined for U.S. Affiliated Societies and International Region is different.

The Rules and Procedures Committee Report was amended to omit the following change: (in red)

III. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

A.1.d.

2. Any amendments that they wish to propose after making an annual review of the Constitution and Bylaws. Such proposals shall be submitted ~~at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting~~ to the Chairman of the House for placement on the agenda **and to the AAPG Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall cause proposed amendments to be published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. They The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be prepared to explain the purpose, function, and significance of such proposed amendments.**

Discussion:

The applicable AAPG bylaw states:

Article XIV. AMENDMENTS

Section 3. Publication of Amendments

The Executive Committee shall cause proposed amendments to be published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

The reason for the modification is that the Executive Committee is charged by the Bylaws to have proposed amendments published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means. ♦

Rules and Procedures Committee Report

Stephen A. Sonnenberg, Chair



The 2007-2008 Rules and Procedures committee consisted of Stephen A. Sonnenberg, chair; Bob Suydam, vice chair; Beverly DeJarnett; Chris Heath; Royce Carr; Rebecca Dodge; and Edith Wilson.

The following changes are recommended for the rules and procedures to update them and keep them in accordance to the bylaws.

Proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures, 2008 (deleted language in strike-out and new language in bold).

I. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

B. The number of Active Members of the Association in each United States Affiliated Society ~~and in each International Region~~ as of November 30 of each year shall determine the number of Delegates to which each United States Affiliated Society ~~and each International Region~~ is entitled for the three year term beginning July 1 of the year following the November 30 deadline. **The number of Active Members of the Association and number of Affiliated Societies in each International Region as of November 30 of each year shall determine the number of Delegates to which each International Region is entitled for the three year term beginning July 1 of the year following the November 30 deadline.**

Discussion:

The applicable AAPG bylaw states:

Article IV. House of Delegates

Section 2. Apportionment of United States Affiliated Society Delegates and International Region Delegates

Each United States Affiliated Society shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate for up to seventy (70) members of the Association and to one (1) additional Delegate for each additional seventy (70) members, or major fraction thereof, allocated to that society for voting purposes. Each International Region shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate for up to seventy (70) members of the Association and to one (1) additional Delegate for each additional seventy (70) members, or major fraction thereof, allocated to that Region for voting purposes; provided, howev-



Attendees at the HoD Mid-Year Meeting at the Westin Galeria Hotel, Houston, on Dec. 2, 2007: left to right Deborah Sacrey, Paul Hoffman, Marty Hewitt, George Bole, Bob Webster, Steve Sonnenberg, and Gretchen Gillis

Candidates for HoD Chair-Elect



Deborah King Sacrey
CPG #4014 –CPGphy #2 - SIPES #1271

Education:

University of Oklahoma, BS Geology, 1976;
Accumulated 20 hrs. toward MS Geophysics

Experience:

Jan., 1992 - Present - Consultant, specializing in regional geological evaluations, exploitation geology and 2D/3D seismic imaging and interpretation in the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast, West Texas and Mid-Continent regions. Current clients include Mosbacher Energy Corporation, J. L. Allen Exploration Ventures L. L. C., Discovery Energy, Inc, Fidelity Exploration, Hamman Oil, POGO Producing Company and Cadence Oil & Gas Corporation.

Oct., 1990 to Jan., 1992 - Geological consultant with Vulcan Exploration (a subsidiary company to Paramount Petroleum). Worked with James Allen and partners on regional Miocene, Frio and Yegua trends throughout Districts 2, 3 and 4 of the Texas Gulf Coast. Managed packaging of prospects from inception of exhibits through assemblage of finished product.

Oct., 1988 to Oct., 1990 - Exploration Geologist with Weeks Exploration, Houston, Texas. Worked primarily Smackover projects in East Texas and Mississippi. Conceptualized and produced exhibits for 15,000 acre Paleozoic prospect in North Texas.

March, 1987 to Oct., 1988 - Chief Geologist for Peko Oil, USA, Dallas (a sister company to Weeks). Helped initiate joint venture with Texaco in the Arkoma Basin to drill 72 wells in the Frontal Thrust Zone of the Ouachita Mountains and developmental work in western Arkansas. The first well was operated by Amoco and had an AOF of 152 MMcfg/d.

Oct., 1981 to March, 1987 - Consultant in Oklahoma City. Responsible for several successful exploration and development prospects within the mid-continent. Provided considerable amount of well-site evaluation. Responsible for preparation, drafting of exhibits, and expert testimony for three major court cases in Federal Court

June, 1976 to Oct., 1981- Prior to becoming a consultant, the majority of time was spent exploiting southern Oklahoma, the Arkoma Basin, and the Appalachian Basin with Gulf Energy and Minerals (1976-1978) , Michigan-Wisconsin Pipeline (1978-1980) and Old Dominion Oil Corp. (1980-1981). At Michigan-Wisconsin Pipeline and Old Dominion, was Regional Geologist over the Arkoma Basin.

Professional Affiliations:

1976 AAPG-CPG #4014
1983 SIPES #1271
1981 Society of Exploration Geophysicists
1976 Oklahoma City Geological Society
1989 Houston Geological Society
1996 Geophysical Society of Houston

Professional Activities:

American Association of Petroleum Geologists:(House of Delegates activities in bold)

1984-86 Delegate-Alternate AAPG (Oklahoma City Geological Society)
1992-94 AAPG Public Information Committee Chairman
1992-99 AAPG Public Information Committee Member
1994-98 Instant Response Committee - DPA
1994 AAPG Meritorious Service Award
1997-08 AAPG Delegate – Houston

1999-00 Secretary/Editor to House of Delegates
1999-0 AAPG – Co-Chair of Summit on Committees
2001 Chairman Nomination and Election Committee – House of Delegates
2001-02 DPA Vice President
2001-06 Member Committee on Committees
2001-06 AAPG Convention Committee member
2001-03 APPEX Steering Committee
2001-04 Member Mentoring Committee
2002 AAPG National Convention Co-Vice Chair
2002-03 DPA Secretary (remainder of Brenda Cunningham's term)
2002-03 APPEX Co-Chairman for 2003 show
2002-04 Chairman Rules and Procedures Committee – House of Delegates
2003-04 Candidate for President-Elect of DPA
2003-04 Chairman, ad hoc Credentials Recognition Committee – DPA
2004 Certificate of Merit Award – Heritage Publication – DPA
2004 Distinguished Service Award – AAPG
2004-5 President-Elect, Division of Professional Affairs
2005 President, Division of Professional Affairs
2006 AAPG National Convention Co-Vice Chair-2006 Convention

Houston Geological Society

1992-96 HGS Public Relations Committee Chairman
1995-96 HGS Political Affairs Committee Chairman
1996-97 HGS Treasurer-Elect
1997-98 HGS Treasurer
1997 HGS President's Award
1998 Officer Candidate HGS President Elect
1999 HGS Distinguished Service Award
2004-05 HGS Office Committee Chairman
2005 Honorary Membership Award

Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies

1999-00 Treasurer – GCAGS – Houston 2000 Convention
1999-02 Finance Committee Member

Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists

1983-85 Oklahoma City Chapter Chairman
1984 Oklahoma City Chapter Award
1993-94 Houston Chapter Treasurer
1994-97 Houston Chapter Membership Committee Chairman
1994-97 Houston Chapter Public Relations Committee Chairman
1995-97 SIPES Representative to Interdisciplinary Coordinating Council (IDCC)
1995-96 Houston Chapter Secretary
1996 Officer Candidate for Houston Chapter Chairman
1997-02 National Director from Houston Chapter
1998-99 Vice-President SIPES National Foundation
1999-01 President SIPES National Foundation
2000 General Chairman SIPES National Convention
2001-02 SIPES National President
2007 SIPES Distinguished Service Award



Stephen A. Sonnenberg

Professor of Geology and Charles Boettcher Distinguished Chair in Petroleum Geology, Colorado School of Mines

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Phone: 303-384-2182

Education:

1974 B.Sc., Geology, Texas A&M University,
1975 M.Sc., Geology, Texas A&M University
1981 Ph.D., Geology, Colorado School of Mines

Experience:

Aug. 2007-P Colorado School of Mines; Sonnenberg & Associates, LLC; Anadarko Petroleum; Kerr McGee; Westport Resources; EnCana; Pan-Canadian; North America Resources; Bass Enterprises; Exxon Company, USA

Professional Organizations:

American Association of Petroleum Geologists

1983 Certified Petroleum Geologist #2558
2003-2004 President
2002-2003 President Elect
1995-96 Vice President
1997-99 Advisory Council
2004-07 Advisory Council
2004-05 Chairman
1987-1990 Division of Professional Affairs Council
1990-91 Division of Professional Affairs Vice President
1997-98 Division of Professional Affairs President Elect
1998-99 Division of Professional Affairs President
1999-2000 Division of Professional Affairs Past President
2005-P Chairman of the Board, AAPG International Pavilion LLC
1983-86; 1989-91; 1991-95; 1998-2001; 2002-06; 2007-10 House of Delegates:
Rules and Procedures Committee (1984-86; 2006-P; Vice Chair 05-07 and Chair 07-08)
1999-2000 Honors and Awards
1989-91 Constitution and Bylaws Committee
1991-92 Resolutions Committee
2000-01 Future of Earth Scientists
1994 Credentials Committee
1991-95 RMAG Group Delegate Chairman
2001 General Chairman AAPG Annual Convention
2009 Technical Program Chair, Annual Convention
1989-92 Distinguished Lecture Committee
1992-01 Education Committee
Treatise of Petroleum Geology Committee
1997-03 Sample Preservation Committee
1999-02 Visiting Geologist
1999-02 Convention Coordination
2004-2010 Committee Oversight Committee
Budget & Finance Committee (1998-00; 2002-03)
1999-2002 Mentoring Committee, Chairman
2000-03 Ethics Committee, Chairman
2005- P Chairman International Pavilion, LLC
2007-10 Resource Evaluation Committee
2007-10 100th Anniversary Committee
2000 Trustee Associate AAPG Foundation

Rocky Mountain Section AAPG

1993 President Elect Rocky Mountain Section AAPG
1994 President Rocky Mountain Section AAPG
1990 General Chairman, RMS-AAPG Meeting
1997 General Chairman, RMS-AAPG Meeting

Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists

1991 President
1990 President Elect
1984 Secretary
1983 Program Chairman
1985-94; 1996-P Associate Editor, The Mountain Geologist
1994-95 Executive Editor, The Mountain Geologist
1988 On the Rocks Field Trip Chairman
1988 Long Range Planning Committee
1987-89 Continuing Education Committee
1990 Senior Editor, Guidebook, Morrow Sandstone
1995 Co-editor, 3-D Seismic Guidebook
Co-editor, Geology of the Front Range Guidebook
2006 General Chair RMAG DGS COGA Conference

AIPG, SIPES, SEPM, Rocky Mountain Section SEPM (President, 1987-88), Colorado Scientific Society (President, 1992), Geological Society of America, Houston Geological Society, Wyoming Geological Association, Sigma Xi, Sigma Gamma Epsilon

Registrations and Certifications:

Certified Professional Geologists #6201 (AIPG)
Certified Petroleum Geologist #2558 (AAPG)
Certified Professional Earth Scientist #2158 (SIPES)
Registered Professional Geologist (# 288, State of Wyoming)
Registered Professional Geoscientist (# 1284, State of Texas)
Licensed Professional Geologist (#5375639-2250, State of Utah)

Awards

1989 Young Alumnus Award, Colorado School of Mines Alumni Assoc.
1998 Outstanding Alumnus Award, Colorado School of Mines Alumni Assoc.
1998 Life Member, Colorado School of Mines Alumni Assoc.
1998 Mines Medal, Colorado School of Mines
2001 Distinguished Achievement Medal, Geoscience and Earth Resource Council, Texas A&M University
1992 RMAG Distinguished Service Award
1996 RMAG Honorary Member
1998 RMAG 75th Anniversary Special Service Award
2003 RMAG Public Service Award
1993 Colorado Scientific Society Honorary Member
1999 AAPG Distinguished Service Award
2008 AAPG Honorary Membership
2001 DPA-AAPG Distinguished Service Award
2002 DPA-AAPG Exemplary Service Award
2003 Fellow Geological Society of America
1994 AAPG Certificate of Merit (RMS-AAPG President)
1999-2001 AAPG Certificate of Merit (Convention Coordinating Committee)
2001 AAPG Certificate of Merit (Mentoring Committee)
2002 AAPG Certificate of Merit (General Chair Annual Meeting)
2000-02 AAPG Certificate of Merit (Ethics Committee)
2003 AAPG Certificate of Merit (Budget Finance Committee)
1997 AAPG Certificate of Appreciation, AAPG

Publications:

Interpretation of Cotton Valley depositional environment; Tectonic, sedimentation, and petroleum potential of Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata, northern Denver basin; Lanyard field, a structural-stratigraphic trap; Codell Sandstone, new exploration play Denver basin; Pierce field structure; Tectonic and sedimentation model for Morrow sandstone deposition Sorrento field area; Northwest Denver basin/Southeast Hartville

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uplift seismic example; Tectonic, sedimentary, and seismic models for D Sandstone, Zenith field area, Denver basin; Exploration strategies of Deep Cretaceous Reservoirs in Rocky Mountain basins; Regional structure and stratigraphy of the Morrowan Series, southeast Colorado and adjacent

areas; Upper Morrow Purdy Sandstone, Interstate field, Morton county, Kansas; Morrow gas composition in SE Colorado; Oil production from the Niobrara formation, Silo Field, Wyoming; a possible wrench fault; Professionalism in Geology

Candidates for HoD Secretary/Editor



Sigrunn Johnsen
Senior Geologist
Field Development
North Africa and Middle East
Hamburg, Germany

Sigrunn Johnsen is currently Senior Geologist in the North Africa and Middle East Department for RWE Dea in Hamburg, Germany. She was transferred from RWE Dea's office in Oslo to the headquarters in

Hamburg summer 2007.

Sigrunn has been an active AAPG member since 1983 at which time she worked for Amoco Oil Company in Stavanger, Norway. She has been a HOD delegate since 1994, first for Norway and later for the European Region.

She was President of the AAPG European Region from 2003 to 2005. From 2005 to 2007 she has been a member of the European Region Council as Past-President. In her work in the European Region she has had focus on creating and maintaining a regional structure of active committees, to involve members from the many countries of different cultures all over Europe and organizing conferences regularly in Europe.

In 1992, together with Mr Robert Johannessen in Elf, she started the NAPG (Norwegian Association of Petroleum Geologists). The members are Active AAPG members in Norway. NAPG became affiliated with AAPG in 1995. She held the position as President of NAPG from 1996 to 2006.

She worked for Amoco Oil C. in Stavanger between 1981 to 1984 as an Exploration Geologist. Later she worked as Senior Geologist in the Exploration Department for Amoco Europe and West Africa in London, UK, from 1984 to 1986. From 1987 to 1999 she worked as a Senior Geologist for DEMINEX Norge AS in Oslo. Late, when DEMINEX's Oslo branch was taken over 100 % by RWE Dea, she continued to work with the company.

Sigrunn is a graduate of the University of Oslo, Norway, with a Master's degree in Geology. She did her field work for her thesis in sedimentology of the Triassic sequence at Svalbard, Spitsbergen. She graduated in 1981.

Academic:

Graduated from University of Oslo; Norway, with a Master degree in Geology

Professional Experience:

- 1981-84 Amoco Norway Oil Co., Stavanger, Norway as Exploration Geologist
- Amoco Europe and West Africa, London, UK, as Senior Geologist
- DEMINEX Norge AS, Oslo, Norway as Senior Geologist
- 1999-2007 RWE Dea Norge AS, Oslo, Norway as Senior Geologist
- 2007- RWE Dea AG, Hamburg, Germany as Senior Geologist

AAPG Experience

Became Active AAPG member

- Established NAPG (Norwegian Association of Petroleum Geologists) together with a geologist in Elf, Stavanger.
- 1994-2000 NAPG HOD Delegate
- 1995 NAPG became affiliated with AAPG
- 1996-2006 President of NAPG
- 1997-2001 Member of the Steering Committee for AAPG Regional International Conference, St Petersburg, Russia
- July 2001 Started the process of getting AAPG International Conference to Oslo, Norway, year 1997 2003.
- 1997 Became General Chair for the year 2003 conference in Oslo and established a conference Steering Committee. Participated in discussions regarding co-operation with EAGE in Europe and USA.
- 1999-00 Member of AAPG HOD Nominating Committee
- 1999-00 Member of European Region Nominating Committee
- 2000- HOD Delegate for European Region
- 2000-02 Member of AAPG HOD Honors and Awards Committee.
- 2003-05 Member of AAPG Honors and Awards Committee
- 2005-06 Chair of Resolution Committee
- 2003-05 President AAPG European Region
- 2005-07 Past President AAPG European Region
- 2007-2008 Member of AAPG HOD Credentials Committee
- 2007-2008 Member of AAPG HOD Minutes Approval committee



Erik P. Mason

Education

BA Geology, Principia College
MS Geology, Oklahoma State University

Experience

- 2006-pres. Shell E&P, Houston, Manager New Ventures West, Gulf of Mexico
- 2005-2006 Shell E&P, Houston, Gulf of Mexico Exploration Strategy and Planning Manager
- 2002-2005 Shell E&P, Houston, Exploration Team Leader, Western Deepwater Gulf of Mexico
- 1988-2002 Shell E&P, New Orleans
- 2001-2002 Area Exploration Manager, Western Shelf Gulf of Mexico
- 1996-2001 Staff and Senior Staff Geologist, Western and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Exploration
- 1988-1996 Senior and Staff Geologist, Production
- 1982-1988 Phillips Petroleum, Houston, Bartlesville

Professional Affiliations:

HGS, AAPG, NOGS, AAPG Certified Petroleum Geologist

Honors and Awards

2006-2007 AAPG Distinguished Service Award

2000	AAPG Certificate of Merit (Hedberg Conference co-convenor),
2000	AAPG Certificate of Merit (general chairman, AAPG Convention in New Orleans)
1999-2000	New Orleans Geological Society Outstanding Service Award
1998	AAPG Certificate of Merit (Reservoir Development Committee chairman)
1995	New Orleans Geological Society President's Award
1994-1995	Houston Geological Society "Best Speaker"
1992-1993	New Orleans Geological Society "Best Paper"
1987	Houston Geological Society Presidents Award

Professional Activities

HGS (member since 1984)	
2005-2007	HGS Director
2003	APPEX Advisory committee chairman, Continuing Education Committee
1986-1987	Continuing Education Committee
1984-1987	Continuing Education Committee
New Orleans Geological Society (member since 1989)	
1996-1999	AAPG delegate representing NOGS
1997-1998	Vice President
1995-1997	Continuing Education Committee, chairman
AAPG (member since 1981, CPG, EMD, DEG, DPA)	
2007-present	International Conventions Committee (ICE) Co-Chairman
2003-2004	AAPG Vice President
2000-2001	Budget Review and Finance Committee
1999-2000	General chairman, Convention and Annual Meeting, New Orleans
1999	Hedberg Conference co-convenor, Horizontal Wells – Focus on the Reservoir
1998-2004	Convention Coordinating Committee, (committee chairman 2001 – 2004)
1996-2001	Technical Program Committee
1993-2000	Reservoir Development Committee, (committee chairman 1997-1998)

AAPG delegate from New Orleans and Houston at various times since the mid 1990s

Technical session co-chair at Annual meetings in San Diego (1996), Dallas (1997), Denver (2001), Houston (2002) and the International Conferences in Birmingham (1999) and Cancun (2004)

1996 GCSEPM Research Conference Program Advisory Committee Member

Editor's Note: The proposed changes to the AAPG Bylaws, detailed in Paul Hoffman's report, and the proposed changes to the HoD Rules and Procedures, detailed in Steve Sonnenberg's report, are published to meet the requirements of notifying Delegates of these proposals within 90 and 60 days, respectively, of the date of the Annual Meeting of the House.

One Delegate's Voice

The purpose of the column, "One Delegate's Voice", is to promote understanding of what it is like to be an AAPG delegate in different sections and regions. The duties of a delegate are the same for us all, but learning how other delegates face the challenges of carrying out their duties under unique circumstances benefits every one of us. It offers a voice to those outside the traditional HoD leadership roles, who have kindly agreed to share their experiences and strategies for recruiting new members and how they may have become an AAPG ambassador to their community.

Voice of One Delegate

By Lee Higgins



"Absolutely gorgeous" is all I can say about the weather in the Rockies this past August where I attended my second annual AAPG Leadership conference. Last year I attended as a Delegate to the AAPG, and this year I attended as President of the Dallas Geological Society. Each year I come away from this meeting with armfuls of new ideas, possibilities and programs that could enrich the professional careers of not only the AAPG members that I represent, but the whole of the Dallas Geological Society which has over 600 members. I attended several breakout sessions, including "Petroleum Resources – Peaked or Not Peaked" which outlined the not to distant future oil supply shortage, and "Workforce - Exploring for Future Geoscientist". Although all of the talks and presentations were very informative, the subject of "Future Geoscientist" got my attention, in part, because my youngest daughter is currently studying to become a geoscientist.

Every geologist in the business knows that our workforce is ageing, and it is difficult to find entry level professionals. As I listened intently to all the discussion regarding recruitment efforts, teacher of the year awards, scholarships and grants for students, visiting geoscientist program, the K-12 educational programs, distinguished lecturers and other public outreach programs it seems to me that the biggest issue that our profession faces is actually a marketing issue. We "geologists" don't advertise. Nowhere in the public media does one see information or advertisements about careers in the energy industry. I am constantly amazed at the lack of understanding that the general public has regarding the oil and gas industry and how geologist help to produce oil and gas and to help solve the energy supply issues that America will face in the coming decades. There is absolutely a workforce crisis looming for the geoscience profession.

How will we face this challenge? How will the AAPG and affiliated societies face this challenge? How will the American oil and gas industry face this challenge? Do the American people even care? Two of these questions I can answer relatively concisely: 1) The major oil companies are importing geoscience and engineering resources from other countries and 2) the American public doesn't care. You might ask why the importation of geoscience talent is not a positive thing for the American oil and gas industry, and I would answer that, in itself, it is a good thing. However, if I had a crystal ball and was able to look ten or twenty years into the future and see our industry, I believe I would see that American companies have lost their places as the world's leaders in oil and gas science, engineering and technology. We may already have lost it.

AAPG is addressing the workforce issue. One of the presentations at the Leadership conference outlined a "Workforce in

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Energy” program to be implemented by AAPG with a purpose to advocate energy workforce solutions to government, industry and academia and with unique objectives which include reaching out to students, of all ages, to educate them about geoscience, technology and energy. This program will also be tied to a research fund for energy related fields and is sure to be a successful program.

Although the AAPG and the affiliated societies have numerous educational and outreach programs that could have a positive affect on our future workforce needs, there seems to be no comprehensive effort to insure that all of these programs are working together. I propose that the AAPG executive committee form an ad hoc committee to determine if a standing “Marketing Committee” would be beneficial to the workforce cause. As I see it, the ad hoc committee would work with all other committees, outreach and educational pro-

grams that are involved in recruitment or workforce needs to determine how a dedicated marketing program would help get our message out. That message might look like this, “HELP... AMERICA NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR WAY OF LIFE,” but I am not a marketing expert and our industry needs professional marketing help. The ad hoc committee should also be able to work with other societies like SPE, AGI, and SEG to form something like an advertising co-op, not to advertise the importance of the industry, but rather the importance of individual careers and achievement in energy related professional careers. This would naturally lead the ad hoc committee to determine the costs of the marketing program verses the benefits of the program and ultimately to determine if there is a need for a standing committee.

These ideas and opinions are but one delegates’ voice. If you have any ideas, suggestions, comments or concerns, please, by all means, contact me at lee@lynxco.biz. ♦

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Summary of Committee Discussion

By Paul Hoffman and Marty Hewitt

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee have discussed several possible amendments this term. The following article summarizes that discussion.

First discussed was a suggestion received by the Committee that the Graduated Dues provision of the Bylaws (Article XIII, Section 3), which was enacted at the 2007 Annual Meeting, be amended to provide an additional subdivision of the current levels of annual dues with the intent of allowing all members who are employed in academia to pay lower dues. Members acknowledged a desire to encourage more faculty members in our universities to join, with the belief that strengthening AAPG’s presence on our college campuses is one of the best ways to reach newly educated geologists. However, particularly in light of the fact that the Graduated Dues structure had not been in place for even one year, all agreed that other means of encouraging faculty to join could be simpler and more effective.

The Committee next considered a proposal to add to the present AAPG organizational structure a five-member Board of Directors with staggered 5 year terms. This suggestion was intended as a means of assuring continuity of programs. But within the Committee a consensus emerged almost immediately that the present organization provided adequately for management of AAPG’s programs. Further, any shortcomings in the continuity of any AAPG initiatives or programs should be corrected by greater attention by the leadership (both officers and committee chairs) at any given time.

Two initiatives were considered having to do with notices regarding potential amendments to the AAPG Constitution and Bylaws. The first was a suggestion to require a date 15 days earlier than the presently required ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, for publication of proposed amendments “in the Bulletin or by other suitable means”. The Committee felt that based on their recollection of the consideration of many prior proposed amendments, that the period of ninety (90) days now provided in Article XIV, Section 3 is adequate.

The second such initiative involved altering Article XIV, Section 2.c. to require a date fifteen (15) days earlier than the presently required thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, by which time the Executive Committee may submit comments regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Once

again, the Committee expressed confidence that such a change was not needed.

The Committee next considered a proposal to require the appointment of co-chairs in AAPG committees. Article VIII, Section 2 presently provides “Except as provided in Article XI of these Bylaws, the President shall appoint all committee chairmen, vice chairmen and other committee members...” All agreed that this provision fully and effectively provided for the structuring of AAPG committees with adequate leadership. All agreed that to provide additionally for co-chairs was unnecessary.

The Committee discussed an initiative offered by the Membership Planning Committee. The primary goal of this initiative was to eliminate instances in which individuals who are fully qualified for Active Membership, or who will in the course of no more than three years of ordinary career experience become fully qualified for Active Membership, are accepted into AAPG as Associates. A very large number of Associates are believed to be fully qualified for Active Membership, and for these professionals to remain as Associates rather than to advance to Active, as they are entitled to do, likely deprives both them and the Association as a whole of potential benefit through the possibility of greater member involvement. A consensus emerged among the Committee in favor of tabling action on this matter for the present time to seek input as to potential remedies other than by amendment of the Bylaws. The Membership Planning Committee will be meeting with AAPG HQ staff in the New Year to have ongoing dialogue on this issue.

The Committee discussed three specific ideas pertaining to petition candidacy. One issue was whether the process for obtaining the “written petition of fifty (50) or more members” should be modified, or perhaps codified in the Bylaws. A second issue was whether a change was warranted in the deadline (currently October 15th) by which a member may file as a candidate by written petition. The third issue was whether a member seeking to become a candidate for office should be required to declare formally that intent, with a deadline for such declaration. These issues were thoroughly discussed and debated. A motion was made that petition candidates should adhere to a deadline for filing that was no different than the date on which candidates nominated by the Advisory Council are announced; however, the motion died for lack

Deadlines for 2007 - 2008 House of Delegates Business

Floating	** Bylaws amendments proposed by resolution of the EC; HoD Officers and Chair, C&B Com.; or 50 Members shall within 30 days be distributed to the EC, AC, Delegates, and any EC designees.
Jan. 11, 2008 (100 days)	*Mid-Year meeting of officers, chairs and invitees on <u>or before</u> this date.
Jan. 21, 2008 (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. 8-9, 2008	EC Meeting – Abilene, TX
Feb. 20, 2008 (60 Days)	*Proposed changes to the Rules & Procedures of the House must be mailed to the Delegates if not previously published in the DV. **If not included in a previous mailing or publication, proposed changes to the Constitution must be sent to the voting membership.
Feb. 26, 2008	Delegates Breakfast – SW Section Annual Meeting – Abilene, TX
Mar. 7, 2008	Committee and Officer written reports need to be at Headquarters for printing.
Mar. 16, 2008 (35 days)	*Last day for mailing meeting agenda and pertinent enclosures to the Delegates.
Mar. 21, 2008 (30 days)	**Last day for mailing comments re proposed amendments to Delegates.
Mar. 31, 2008	Delegates Breakfast – Pacific Section Annual Meeting – Bakersfield, CA
Apr. 5, 2008 (15 days)	* & **Names of appointed alternate delegates should be in Headquarters office.
Apr. 19, 2008	EC Meeting – San Antonio, TX
Apr. 19, 2008	Delegates Reception: AAPG Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas
Apr. 20, 2008	Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates: San Antonio, Texas
Apr. 23, 2008	EC Meeting – San Antonio, TX
Jun. 19, 2008 (60 days)	*Minutes Approval Committee should have completed review and approval of 2008 minutes. ***Last day to mail ballot to members re Constitution changes.
Jun. 27 – 29, 2008	EC Meeting – Tulsa, OK

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 (May 2007/dr)

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of second. As discussion of these issues concluded, a clear Committee consensus was apparent that favored no change in the provisions governing petition candidacy. Among the reasons given for preserving the existing provisions included the importance of maintaining access to the ballot through direct grass roots democratic action and the fact that most of these issues had been thoroughly considered by the previous C&BL Committee.

Another initiative presented to the C&BL Committee for consideration was a suggestion to change the language governing degree requirements for Active membership from “geological science” to “geosciences and geological engineering”. The consensus of the Committee was that it has been common practice in delegate screening of applications to regard the term “geological science” in a somewhat general sense, and that geological engineering has been routinely accepted for the degree requirement. The Committee felt that if this provision has been applied inconsistently, better communication to the delegates could remedy the situation.

Regarding grievance procedures, a concern was expressed that with less stringent standards for admittance of Associates than for Active members, requiring grievance procedures equally onerous for all categories of membership was overly burdensome in some cases on the Ethics Committee and the Executive Committee. A proposal was discussed recommending simplification of the grievance procedures as they would apply to Associates. The Committee felt unanimously that the process should not vary by category of membership, and no amendment was supported. The Committee is recommending a streamlining the grievance procedures in instances where an application is later learned to contain falsification of any qualifications for acceptance, irrespective of category of membership. See proposed amendment in a separate article.

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that some Regions refer to themselves by a name other than the name by which they were initially identified, and by which they are referred in the Bylaws. This Committee supports modification where needed to achieve consistency. Region Leaderships are being canvassed to determine any instances for which amendment of the Bylaws might be appropriate. ♦

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Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report Amended

Paul F. Hoffman, Chair

Editor's Note: The following proposed amendment was finalized after the *Delegates' Voice* was printed. This is the final, correct version to be voted on at the HoD annual Meeting.



The 2007-2008 Constitution and Bylaws committee consisted of Paul Hoffman, chair; Terry Hollrah, vice chair; Edie Allison; George Bole; John Brooks; David Farmer; and Pat Gordon. Proposed changes to the AAPG Bylaws are set out below (deleted language in strike-out and new language in bold):

A proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 8, of the AAPG Bylaws to provide for the AAPG Executive Committee to have authority to expel a member who falsely stated his or her qualifications on an application for AAPG membership.

Article XI. Grievance Proceedings; Section 8. Alternative Procedure

Any member (a) who pleads guilty to a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or to any felony, ~~or~~ (b) who admits to the violation of any governmental statute, regulation, rule, or code of ethics relating to the practice of geology, or (c) who the Executive Committee determines falsely stated qualifications for membership in an application for Association membership may be expelled from membership in the Association upon a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Any member who does not plead guilty to but is convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or of any felony or who is found by a governmental body to have violated any governmental statute, regulation, rule, or code of ethics relating to the practice of geology may be suspended from membership in the Association upon a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association. If such a conviction or finding is reversed on appeal, the member shall be reinstated to membership. If such a conviction or finding is not appealed or is upheld on final appeal, the member may be expelled from membership in the Association upon a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association. If such a conviction or finding is the subject of an executive pardon, the member shall be reinstated to membership upon a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

In the event that (a) expulsion of a member so pleading guilty or so admitting violation is proposed, (b) expulsion of a member for so falsely stating qualifications is proposed, or (c) suspension or expulsion of a member so convicted or so found is proposed, a date shall be set for a hearing thereon and for consideration by the Executive Committee of such proposed suspension or expulsion. The member shall be

given notice in writing of the date and place for the hearing, mailed to the member by registered mail to the member's last-known mailing address not less than thirty (30) days before said date, accompanied by, as applicable, a copy of a court document or other official document indicating such plea of guilty or admission of violation, ~~or~~ a copy of the judgment or other document indicating such conviction or finding, and a copy of any applicable order of an appellate court or other appellate body, or a statement explaining such charge of falsely stating qualifications for membership, and a copy of this section. At the hearing the member may appear before the Executive Committee with legal counsel, may submit oral or written statements to the Executive Committee, may present written evidence to the Executive Committee, and may present witnesses to testify on the member's behalf before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the right to cross-examine the member and any witnesses presented by the member on the member's behalf. At the member's option, the member may, by registered letter addressed to the President of the Association at Association headquarters, postmarked not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, request the Executive Committee to consider the matter on the basis of a written statement by the member accompanying such a letter without the personal appearance of the member before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, if such oral or written statements, written evidence, or testimony of witnesses are presented, shall consider said statements, evidence, and testimony prior to voting on the suspension or expulsion of the member.

A member expelled from the Association under the procedure stated above shall be ineligible for reinstatement to membership unless reinstated by a unanimous vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Discussion: *This recommended amendment results from consideration of concerns expressed by the Executive Director that in some instances the burdens placed on members of the Ethics Committee and of the Advisory Council, who have responsibility to adjudicate grievances, are unduly onerous and time consuming. In response to this Committee's request for clarification and examples, one example that was judged to warrant amendment was the discovery of falsification of stated qualifications in an application for AAPG membership. The Committee felt unanimously that such a grievance could be addressed more efficiently within the process stipulated in Section 8, Alternative Procedure, while maintaining reasonable due process protection. The Committee therefore recommends adoption of this amendment. ♦*