

The Delegates' Voice

Newsletter for the House of Delegates of AAPG

MARCH 2008

Thomas Mairs, in memory



CITATION: To Thomas Mairs for outstanding leadership during challenging times and for exemplary service to the House of Delegates.

Patrick J.F. Gratton, 2002

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

Ed W. Heath, 2003

distinguished members contributed to the significant organic changes to the structure of AAPG over the past decade, it was Tom's fair and even hand which presided over the Annual Meeting on 11 May of 1999, the longest of memory at 6 hours 33 minutes. Prior to then there was no seat on the Advisory Council for the House of Delegates. Prior to then there were no International Regions with representation in the Advisory Council or within the AAPG. Prior to then there were no term limits for Chairs of Committees. Prior to then our Editor was appointed, not elected; this change was voted upon at the meeting one year later. We have evolved into a much more global and representative organization – not without angst, but we survived undivided, a testament to Tom's tempered and democratic nature as well as his sense of humor.

Tom Mairs, past Chair of the House of Delegates, 1998 – 1999, passed away at the end of October last year. His significant service to the AAPG but most particularly to the House of Delegates has been recognized through his many awards, including those cited above for Distinguished Member of the House and Honorary Member of the House. Although many

To Thomas Mairs, friend to all, generous of time and spirit, dedicated servant to his family, to his profession, and to his God. He touched so many lives, and made us all better people. We miss you.

Valary Schulz, 2008

Letter from the Chair

Marty Hewitt, Chair



As you know, the House of Delegates will be holding its annual meeting on Sunday, April 20, 2008 in San Antonio, TX at the AAPG Annual Convention. The meeting will be the culmination of the hard work that your

House leadership, Committee Chairs and their teams have been focused on for the past 9 months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank this group of close to 50 Delegates for their service to the House and AAPG. A special thanks also to Donna Riggs, Regina Gill, Janice Scott, and Linda Ramsey at AAPG HQ for their help throughout the year.

Let's take a look at what the committees have been working on and what we'll be discussing in San Antonio.

The Credentials Committee chaired by Patrick Gooding (Eastern Section) has been active in contacting society Presi-

Letter from the Chair-Elect

by George Bole



On February 6, 2008, I attended the local Houston Delegate's luncheon and was pleased to hear some comments about the Association from our President Will Green. I take this opportunity to

pass on some of this information, made possible because Denise Stone, our Houston Delegate Forman, took some excellent notes.

AAPG is doing well. Our membership is up by 2100 (from December 2006 to December 2007) with a "now" total of more than 33,000. For the same time period, the number of Active Members went down by 260, while the number of Associate Members increased by 1780.

Graduated dues took effect on July 1, 2007, and HQ is waiting to see what effect this will have on increasing international, as well as, domestic membership.

Letter from the Secretary/Editor

By Robert Webster



As we approach the time for the Annual Meeting of the HoD in San Antonio on April 20th, I have been searching for some relevant topic on which to expound in my role as Editor (and to fill the

white space of this column!). This year, unlike many in the past, the House will face a relatively benign agenda. True, there are some items to address regarding changes to the Bylaws and to the Rules and Procedures of the House, which are published elsewhere in this issue of the DV, but these are absent the controversy that surrounded issues such as last year's graduated dues proposal. In a sense, this makes the Editor's job easier, because there are less Letters to the Editor and conflicting opinions to deal with, but it also means that there is less red meat for journalistic opinionating.

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dents and Delegation Chairmen to ensure that Delegates are properly selected and documented prior to the annual meeting. Please make every effort to attend the annual meeting. Over the past 5 annual meetings, an average of only 72% of eligible Delegates has attended the annual meeting.

The Honors and Awards Committee chaired by Jim McGhay (Mid-Continent Section) has selected the following individuals as House of Delegates awardees for the year 2007-2008:

Honorary Member of the House – No awardee

Distinguished Members of the House - John Brooks (European Region), Alan DeGood (Mid-Continent Section), Patrick Gooding (Eastern Section)

House Long Service Award – Jeannie Mallick (Gulf Coast Section)

In addition, Delegates reaching 9 and 15 year service milestones will be recognized with Certificates of Service

The Rules and Procedures Committee chaired by Steve Sonnenberg (Rocky Mountain Section) is proposing one amendment to the House of Delegates Rules and Procedures:

The committee is proposing an amendment to Article I. B which deals with the way in which the number of delegates is determined for US affiliated Societies versus International Regions. The amendment is being proposed to bring the Rules and Procedures in compliance with the AAPG's Constitution and Bylaws.

In addition, the committee is proposing minor typographical edits to Article III. A.

Amendments to the HoD Rules and Procedures require approval of a majority of the Delegates present and voting at the meeting.

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An AAPG Bylaws amendment requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting at the meeting.

The Nominations and Elections Committee chaired by Ed Dolly (Rocky Mountain Section) selected the following House of Delegates Officer candidates:

Deborah Sacrey (Gulf Coast Section) and Steve Sonnenberg (Rocky Mountain Section) are standing for Chair-Elect

Sigrunn Johnsen (European Region) and Erik Mason (Gulf Coast Section) are standing for Secretary/Editor

One year terms for the officers begin July 1, 2008 with the Chair-Elect assuming the Chair July 1, 2009.

The Resolutions Committee chaired by Paul Britt (Gulf Coast Section) reports that no action needs to be taken under their

auspices this past year. The Committee has been busy, however, reviewing affiliated societies that are in danger of disaffiliation due to non-representation at the past two HoD annual meetings. The Committee is in contact with these societies to reactivate their participation.

The Newsletter Committee chaired by Secretary/Editor Robert Webster (Southwest Section) has published three (3) issues of *The Delegates' Voice* to date; in September and December, 2007 as well as the current March 2008 issue. The final issue of this term will be published in June 2008. The publication continues to be an excellent mechanism for communications with Delegates. The Committee is evaluating going to a digital .pdf version of *The Delegates' Voice* that will be e-mailed to Delegates and posted to the AAPG website. A straw poll will be taken at the annual meeting.

The Minutes Approval Committee chaired by Secretary/Editor Robert Webster (Southwest Section) will finalize and approve the minutes of the annual meeting within 60 days following the meeting.

I look forward to meeting each of you at our Delegates Reception Saturday evening in San Antonio and at our meeting on Sunday.

P.S. My apologies to Delegates from the Southwest Section. I was unable to attend our breakfast on Tuesday February 26 due to a work commitment. My thanks to Chair-Elect George Bole and Secretary/Editor Robert Webster for pinch hitting. ♦

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I'm optimistic that graduated dues will help our membership grow.

Some support for membership growth is coming from corporations. For example, Petrochina has offered to sponsor 200 qualified new members. About 160 applications have been received for processing. Other potential corporate sponsors include Petronas, Indian National Oil Company, PetRom of Romania and Turkish Petroleum (TPAO). Kudos go to these corporations for supporting Association membership growth.

In April, many of us will be in San Antonio attending the annual AAPG Convention. Thus far, early registration is quite strong with ca. 3800+ registrants. One year ago at this time, we had about 800+ registered for the Long Beach meeting. Two years ago at this time, there were 975 registered for the Houston meeting. I encourage you to take the time to attend the annual meeting if you are at all able, or to try to find an alternate delegate from your respective society to attend the convention, and attend the House of Delegates (HoD) meeting on Sunday, April 20th. We need strong representation from both the Sections and Regions. At the HoD meeting we will consider a by-laws change that will give the Executive Committee the authority to expel members who falsify their membership applications.

This would relieve the ethics committee of having to go through the arduous process of an inquiry and investigation. There will also be some proposed, yet minor, changes to the HoD Rules and Procedures that will keep it in lock-step with the AAPG Constitution and By-Laws. Please come prepared to review, comment and then vote on the proposed changes.

I look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio. ♦

Distinguished Member Award

Citation: To John R. V. Brooks recognizing his leadership and service to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the European Region and the House of Delegates.



John Brooks was born in Richmond, Surrey, England. He graduated from the University of London in 1963 receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mineralogy and Petrology. He immediately began his professional career as a petroleum geologist working for Robert H. Ray Ltd., Amoco and Gas Council Exploration, before joining the UK Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in 1973. John retired from the DTI in 2000 as Director of Exploration and Licensing—Oil and Gas Directorate. During his tenure with the DTI, he held many responsibilities including Oil and Gas licensing policy and regulation of licenses for exploration and production onshore United Kingdom and offshore on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf. A key responsibility John held was the negotiation of work programs during licensing rounds and advice to Ministers on a wide range of licensing issues.

He was author and co-author of several publications, and became a well-known and respected figure not only in the industry but also in public. As a result of his relentless efforts to promote and market UK oil and gas opportunities he received several awards including the Petroleum Group Medal from The Geological Society, the Distinguished Achievement Award and Honorary Membership from AAPG and the Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) from the UK government. In 1997 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Kingston.

Following retirement from the DTI, John founded his own company, Brookwood Petroleum Advisors, to provide geological and licensing advice to host governments wishing to launch acreage offers. He was PETEX 2002 Chairman and was a member of the Council of the Institute of Petroleum (now Energy Institute). He is a member of the UK Committee of the World Petroleum Council and serves on the Ad Hoc Committee for Reserves and Reserves Reporting at the UNECE in Geneva. He is a senior research fellow at the University of Southampton/Southampton Oceanography Centre.

John has served as president of the AAPG European Region, as joint co-chair of the International Conference and Exhibits Committee, and as a Steering Committee member of the 2007 Athens International Conference. He first served in the HoD in 1979 and has been a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He is currently a Delegate for the AAPG European Region.

—Michael B. Hauck

Distinguished Member Award

Citation: To Alan L. DeGood, in special recognition for his continuous, dedication and distinguished service to the House of Delegates and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.



Alan was born in Goodland, Kansas and grew up in St. Francis, Kansas. He attended Fort Hays State University and graduated with a B. S. in Geology.

Alan's first job out of college was with Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas in Lake-wood, Colorado. He worked as a district geologist working the D-J Basin, Rocky Mountains and the Mid-Continent. Working for KN, along with Alan's love for the out of doors, resulted in a transfer to KN's engineering department as a drilling and completion engineer in the Hugoton Field and Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle fields. After five years with KN, Alan went to work for Texas Oil & Gas in Wichita, Kansas as a staff geologist, advancing to area geologist then the exploration geologist for the Kansas district. Alan went to work for American Energies Corporation as a district geologist in 1981 and is now president. The company has grown from four employees to 40, and from 40 operated wells to more than 400. American Energies has added two LLC's, American Energies Pipeline LLC to gather gas, and American Energies Gas Service LLC, which is a gas utility.

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In 1976, Alan became an active member in AAPG and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1985 and has represented the Kansas Geological Society since. He has served on several committees for the House of Delegates, including the Honors and Awards committee, the Resolution committee and Youth and Education Activities. The AAPG Public Service Award was awarded to him in 1996 for the work he has done and is doing, by working with the public on educating them in geology and leading fieldtrips. Alan has spoken to more than 200 organizations, directly touching more than 9,000 people. The work Alan is most proud of is his work with the Kansas teachers. Alan and six other Kansas Geological Society members conduct one-day workshops for Kansas's teachers. The workshop consists of 6 hours of presentation and is packed with "hands-on" learning activities. The teachers leave with more than 40 different specimens of rocks and minerals and a CD covering the topics that were covered during the workshop. The specimens, workshop literature and CD can then be used in the teacher's lesson plans.

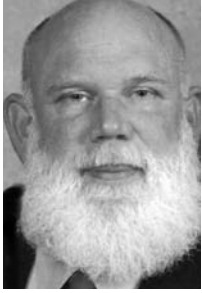
Alan has been active in the Mid-Continent Section of AAPG by serving in the following officer's positions: secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. He also served as general chairman of the 1999 Mid-Continent Convention. He received the Robey H. Clark Award in 2003.

On the local level, Alan has been very active and supportive of the Kansas Geological Society and the Kansas Geological Foundation, having served on most of KGS's committees, and as vice president and president.

— Douglas V. Davis Jr.

Distinguished Member Award

Citation: To Patrick J. Gooding in recognition of his dedicated and exemplary service and leadership to the House of Delegates and his contributions to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in attaining their goals.



Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Patrick is descended from Scottish, English, and Irish immigrants who came to the Caribbean in the 1730s. He was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago National Track and Field Team and was the national champion and record holder in shot put, discus, and hammer throw. He was awarded the World Sports Commonwealth Plaque for record-setting performances. He came to America in 1971 on a track and field scholarship and became a

United States citizen in 1987.

As a young boy, Patrick liked to explore. He led his brother, cousins and friends on expeditions by boat, traveling on rivers and streams, and hiking along mountain trails, looking for gold and diamonds. As he grew older, he spent more time exploring the beaches and coral reefs. His two older brothers both worked for BP and introduced him to the oil fields.

Patrick received a B.A. in physical geography and a B.S. in geology in 1975 from Eastern Kentucky University. He returned to Eastern Kentucky University to complete his M.S. in petroleum geology in 1983. He has continued to work on his Ph.D. in geology at the University of Kentucky.

He began his professional career with the Kentucky Geological Survey at the University of Kentucky in Lexington in 1977. During his 30-year tenure as a research geologist, Patrick has conducted research and given presentations on a number of varied geologic projects. Some research projects were Reservoir Characterization and Depositional Environments of the Middle-Lower Ordovician and Cambrian; Geochemical Analysis of Well Cuttings; Characterization and Classification of Crude Oils; Investigation of Tar Sands; and Resource Assessment of Devonian Oil Shales. As manager of the KGS Well Sample and Core Library, Patrick has worked diligently and has contributed significantly in making the facility one of the finest in the country. He has been the recipient of the University of Kentucky Outstanding Staff Award and the Kentucky Geological Survey Dedicated Service Award.

Patrick has served as president of the Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists and has represented the society as a delegate to the AAPG House of Delegates for the past 5 years. He has been an active member of AAPG for more than 20 years and is presently completing his fourth term as chair of the Credentials Committee in the House of Delegates. He also serves as the chair of the AAPG Preservation of Geoscience Data Committee, and is a member of the GeoTour Committee.

—James C. Cobb

House Long Service Award

Jeannie Fisher Mallick



A licensed Texas geologist, Jeannie Fisher Mallick has 28 years experience in geological/geophysical exploration and development. She is a senior explorationist specializing in workstation interpretation and integration of well data, with seismic and production data, to identify new reservoirs in the domestic U.S. and international arenas.

Currently, she works as a prospect generator for Milagro Exploration in Houston, focusing on South Texas. Jeannie received an M.S. and B.S. in geology in 1981 and 1979, respectively, from Michigan State University, and a B.S. in Botany in 1978 from the University of Michigan. She began her career in the oil industry in 1979, with Hunt Energy in Michigan. Moving to Texas in 1980, Jeannie began Gulf Coast exploration for Tenneco Oil Company. She continued her career with other companies, including Texas Gas Exploration, CSX Oil and Gas, Pogo Producing Company, Pohlman and Associates, CAEX Services and Petrohawk Energy.

She joined AAPG as a student member, and upgraded her membership, as soon as possible, to full Active status in 1983. Joining the Houston House of Delegates in 1989, Jeannie became its foreman in 2002-2003, and served on the House Honors and Awards committee from 2000-2006, during the last two years as its chair. She was very proud to have been elected 2006-2007 secretary/editor of the House of Delegates, and currently serves on the AAPG Membership Enhancement committee. Jeannie served the GCAGS as short course chair for the Annual Convention in 2000, and is the nominations and awards chair for 2005-2008. She is a DPA certified petroleum geologist #5871.

Active in the Houston Geological Society, she is currently on the HGS Membership Growth committee, ad hoc, and has served on the HGS Board as treasurer, treasurer elect and secretary. Her other activities include the SIPES organization, where she has served the local Houston Chapter as secretary/editor, Continuing Education chair and Membership chairman. She has also worked on their Active Deal Buyer's List.

Jeannie is also a member of the AIPG, CPG #7540, the New Orleans Geological Society, the Geophysical Society of Houston, the SEG and the SPWLA. ♦

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In the end, it all comes back to membership. Chair Marty Hewitt has already defined his program for a grass-roots approach to building the membership base of AAPG through the HoD, which I believe will be a significant contributor to growth. Why should we make an issue of increasing membership? It's a free country; why not just let geologists join if they want to, or not join if they don't? Quite apart from any benefit to the society from having a stronger membership base, the real reason most people will join and stay members has to do with personal benefits to them. Different individuals will have different priorities, and there is a list of benefits on the AAPG website- courses, publications, conventions, and networking.

I can best speak from personal experience, however. I have already shared some personal experiences with you in my previous columns, such as riding the Hotter'n Hell bike rally in August, and doing field work in northern Iraq in December. Let me now share another. At the end of February, I retired from my company after twenty years of service. My goal in "retiring" was to re-start my old consulting business and to link up with a new start-up venture. Also in February, I attended the Dallas Geological Society luncheon meeting and the AAPG South-

west Section convention in Abilene. At both meetings, I ran into numerous friends and associates from years past, as well as meeting some new ones. In the course of casual conversation, I was surprised to find that I suddenly had eight to ten valid leads or offers for future work.

Granted, we are in a boom cycle in the business, with oil currently slightly over \$100 per barrel, and it is a far cry from the depressed environment of the mid-1980's during my previous consulting experience. But what kept me alive during the '80s, and what led to the opportunities that suddenly appeared last month? It was my network, pure and simple. Contacts that were made through working in both the local and national societies were, and will be, invaluable in finding work, placing prospects, and operating efficiently in the industry. Those geoscientists who chose not to join AAPG, or who limit their network to that within their company, are limiting both their outlook and their opportunities for the future. For this reason alone, if not for all the others, I feel it is imperative for us to encourage our peers to join us as members of AAPG. You will have done a favor to any geologist who joins as a result of your efforts. ♦

Editor's Note: Proposed changes to the HoD Rules and Procedures and to the AAPG Bylaws were published in the December issue of The Delegates' Voice. However, in early January, following consultation with AAPG Council Craig Blackstock, the Executive Committee of the House voted to make recommended changes to both proposals. Delegates have already received notice of the corrected proposals, but they are printed again here for review prior to the 2008 annual meeting of the House.

Rules and Procedures Committee Report

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

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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, however, 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.

III. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

A. Standing Committees

1. g. The Honors and Awards Committee shall consist of one (1) member from each Region and Section with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) members and one (1) additional member from each Region and Section with more than five thousand (5,000) members. The Committee Chairman shall be appointed from among the members. The members and the Committee Chairman shall serve staggered two (2) year terms. This committee shall forward names of all candidates to the Chairman of the House of Delegates for consideration by October 31st of each year as the recipient of the following:

Honorary Member of the House — The highest award of the House, presented at the annual meeting in recognition of a record of consistent, dedicated, and exemplary service to the House of Delegates through committee work and officer service (not required). Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients. Past recipients shall be invited to and publicly recognized at the annual meeting.

Distinguished Member of the House — Presented in recognition of the unique or exemplary service to the House through committee work. Chairing of committees and service as an officer will be considered, but not required. Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients.

House Long Service Award — Presented in recognition of persons who have served as Delegates for a minimum of four terms and have, in addition, taken an active role in the affairs of the House. Annual presentation is not required and there shall be no limitation of the number of annual recipients.

House Recognition of Service — Presented yearly to the outgoing Chairman of the House of Delegates and Secretary/Editor at the end of their term of office.

The Chairman, Chairman-Elect, and the Secretary/Editor of the

[~~strikeouts~~ – deletions; underlining – additions]

House of Delegates shall by majority vote approve or disapprove each candidate as the recipient of the award for which he or she is named as the candidate. Only candidates selected by this committee may receive awards. The Distinguished Member of the House and Honorary Member of the House Awards shall be presented at the awards ceremony at the AAPG annual meeting. Presentation of the House Long Service Awards and the House Recognition of Service Awards will be made at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

Certificates of Service — Presented in recognition of 9 years and 15 years service as a Delegate are to be automatically issued annually to Delegates reaching those milestones. The years of service are cumulative and do not have to be consecutive terms or full 3-year terms. All years of service as a Delegate will count toward these milestones including partial terms. Certificates of Service are not subject to the “Rules and Procedures for Granting Awards.”

Rules and Procedures for Granting Awards

1. All awards shall be given only to recognize persons for their service to the House of Delegates.

2. Current membership in the House of Delegates is not required.

3. The Honors and Awards Committee shall prepare the title and description of, and qualifications for, an award proposed by the committee to be established and shall forward the same to the Rules and Procedures Committee of the House of Delegates to be processed as set forth in subsection A.1.c of this Section III. An award will be presented in the years after the year the award is established.

4. All awards shall be established by amendment to these Rules and Procedures.

5. No HoD Honors and Awards Committee member shall receive ~~an~~ a HoD award while serving on that Committee.

6. No AAPG member shall receive more than one House award in any one year. A member being voted two or more such awards in the same year shall retain the highest award and relinquish the lower one(s). The award ranking shall be 1) Honorary Member, 2) Distinguished Member, and 3) Long Service. This shall not preclude that member from receiving one or more of the other awards at a later time.

7. No candidate for any of the offices listed in Article II, Section 13, subsection (a), of the AAPG Bylaws can be nominated for ~~an~~ a HoD award in the same year.

8. Each year the Committee shall submit a confidential report to the Chairman-Elect listing the individuals considered that year for an award by the Committee but who were unavailable or ineligible for such award. The report shall be provided by the Chairman-Elect, upon his or her becoming Chairman, to the Honors and Awards Committee serving during his or her term of office; provided, however, that the report shall at all times be kept confidential. ♦

Proposed AAPG Bylaws Amendment for Consideration

This proposal will be an agenda item at the House of Delegates meeting April 20, 2008 at the AAPG Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Please contact your delegate with your comments or questions.

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 underline):

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. ♦*

Credentials Committee Report

By Patrick J. Gooding, Chair

Editor's Note: *The following report by Patrick Gooding explains the purpose and procedure for checking in Delegates at the annual meeting. Please review to insure that you, the delegate, understand the procedure, are properly registered, and know what to do if you are either a last minute substitute or are unable to attend.*

?? Questions I have always wanted answered. ??

Who are the members of the credentials committee?

The Credentials Committee consists of five members including a chairman who serve one-year terms. Members of the Credentials Committee consist of the two candidates for chairman-elect, Deborah Sacrey and Steve Sonnenberg, the two candidates for secretary/editor, Sigrunn Johnsen and Eric Mason and a chairman, Patrick J. Gooding. If any members must relinquish their seats for any reason, the Chairman of the House has the authority to appoint replacements. Officers of the House may not serve on this committee.

What are the responsibilities of the committee?

- (1) Checking in and verifying all elected delegates, elected alternates, and appointed alternates to the House of Delegates for the meeting
- (2) Presenting to the House for seating any representatives that were not cleared 15 days before the meeting, and
- (3) Submitting to the Chairman of the House an attested roll of delegates, alternate delegates, and appointed alternate delegates who are qualified and present, and the number needed for a quorum.

What are the individual duties of committee members on the day of the meeting?

Two members of the Credentials Committee other than the chairman will greet delegates at the entrance to the meeting room, present a ribbon to them, and direct them to the registration desk. The other two members of the committee will staff the registration desk. At 7:30 a.m., committee members who have been greeting delegates will switch duties with the committee members at the registration desk. The chair will be near the registration desk, working with AAPG staff to solve any problems that may arise.

When called upon by the Chairman of the House, the Credentials Committee chair will report the number of delegates that were cleared. In addition, the chairman will report the number of persons who did not get their documentation in on time and requested to be seated in the House. The names and organizations that they represent will be read aloud by the Credentials Committee chairman. The Chair of the House will then make a motion to the members to seat those persons in the House. If the motion is accepted, the Credentials chairman will then report the total number of delegates seated in the House and the number needed for a quorum. Each member of the Credentials Committee will then sign off on the report and submit it to AAPG headquarters as part of the record.

Where and when is the House of Delegates Meeting this year?

The House of Delegates meeting will be held Sunday, April 20, 2008, in the Texas Ballroom (A, B, C), Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will be called to order by the Chairman of the House at 8:00 a.m. and will end when house business is concluded. The registration table will open at 7:00 a.m., and delegates are encouraged to check in early.

How will the committee members know that I am registered as a delegate?

Documentation will be provided by AAPG headquarters to the committee. This official list of representatives by society and region includes the names of all the elected delegates, elected alternates, and appointed alternates received before the deadline. After clearance by the Credentials Committee, the hand of each delegate will be stamped, which will allow the delegates to be seated in the voting section. The stamp ensures that delegates will be permitted back into the voting area without having to be checked again, should they leave for any reason.

Eligible appointed alternates whose documentation was not submitted on time, or who have come to the meeting with a request (written or verbal) to serve, must remain outside the voting area of the House until they are officially seated by a vote of the other delegates. They will then have their hands stamped and may join the voting delegates. In the event of a dispute over credentials, the Credentials chairman shall place the matter before the House. In this case, the committee will submit to the House its reason for withholding accreditation, verbally and in writing. Immediately thereafter, the designating society as well as the nominated delegate or alternate may submit reasons to support accreditation, verbally and in writing. The House will then vote on the dispute, with a majority vote governing.

Who is considered as a qualified delegate?

Only delegates chosen by means given in article IV of the association bylaws may be considered qualified. A qualified delegate must be a full voting member in good standing of the association, as defined by the constitution and bylaws at the time of designation and during tenure in the House of Delegates. Qualified society delegates shall be members of the affiliated society they represent. Delegates cannot represent other societies that have vacancies.

Appointed alternate delegates whose names are not received in writing by the headquarters office of the association at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates for which they are appointed to serve are not qualified to serve as delegates at such meeting unless seated by the house. Only active members in good standing may serve as delegates. Members who are not active will not be permitted onto the floor of the House of Delegates to vote.

What about ineligible appointees?

Ineligible appointees are welcome to stay for the proceedings in order to report back to their societies; however, they cannot be seated in the voting area. Anyone may attend the House of Delegates meeting; in fact, all AAPG members are invited to do so, and there are chairs outside the voting area for visitors.

What should I do if I am not attending the annual meeting?

Delegates should notify their society or region president if unable to attend the House of Delegates meeting. The society or region president should then contact the elected alternate, and if the alternate cannot attend, the president may appoint an alternate for the purpose of representation at the annual meeting only. The president must notify Regina Gill at AAPG headquarters, rgill@aapg.org, in writing, 15 days prior to the meeting of any appointed alternates who may be representing their society or region. Delegates are encouraged to take the initiative and contact their presidents to ensure that credentialed representatives attend the meeting. It is important that your society or region have representation. ♦

This is your newsletter!

Use it to sound off, or tell your story. Your contributions are needed. Please consider writing an article for the "One Delegate's Voice" column, with your commentary on an issue or a story on how you do your job as a delegate.

Deadline for the June issue is June 6, 2008. Send contributions to the editor, rwebster@gte.net.



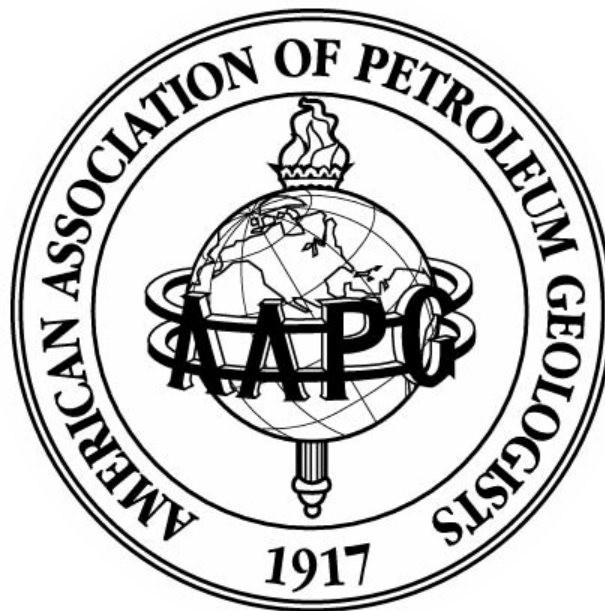
Will Green, AAPG President, Jeff Jones, Southwest Section President, and Darrell Maudlin, General Chair of the 2008 Southwest Section convention, look on as HoD Past Chair Valary Schultz speaks after receiving the John Emery Adams Distinguished Service Award at the Southwest Section Convention opening session on Feb. 26, 2008.

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.
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, 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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