The American Association of Petroleum Geologists

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists was founded in 1917 during the infancy of the petroleum industry. Today the Association has approximately 30,000 members worldwide. Through its headquarters staff, AAPG provides many membership services and strives to facilitate advancement of knowledge in petroleum geology through publications and education programs.

The monthly AAPG Bulletin is widely considered a leading scientific journal in petroleum geology. The AAPG Explorer, a monthly tabloid, is the Association’s vehicle for timely information and insights into the industry in general. The AAPG Web site, located at www.aapg.org, provides association and professional information.

The Association also publishes special scientific publications and research data, provides student scholarships, presents highly regarded education programs and schools for professional geologists, and offers a program of distinguished lecturers to organizations and communities.

AAPG was founded, and continues, as a scientific organization dedicated to:

- Advancing the science of geology, especially as it relates to petroleum, natural gas, other subsurface fluids, and mineral resources
- Promoting technology for exploring for, finding, and producing these materials in an economically and environmentally sound manner
- Fostering the spirit of scientific research throughout its membership
- Disseminating information relating to the geology and associated technology of petroleum, natural gas, other subsurface fluids, and mineral resources
- Inspiring and maintaining a high standard of professional conduct on the part of its members
- Providing the public with means of recognition of adequately trained and professionally responsible petroleum geologists
- Advancing the professional well-being of its members

AAPG does not “speak” for the oil industry, but for its individual members—explorationists who seek and find hydrocarbon resources.

Founders of AAPG

| William F. Absher                        | E. DeGolyer                        | L.L. Hutchison                     |
| Walter J. Allen                          | Alexander Deussen                  | C.E. Hyde                          |
| J.M. Armstrong                           | W.E. Dodge                         | Harry R. Johnson                   |
| F.L. Aurin                               | L.G. Donnelly                      | William Kennedy                   |
| R.F. Baker                               | N.F. Drake                         | Grady Kirby                        |
| John G. Bartram                          | H.D. Easton                        | Charles T. Kirk                    |
| Mowry Bates                              | Charles R. Eckes                   | William C. Kite                    |
| C. Max Bauer                             | A.E. Fath                          | Marvin Lee                         |
| Albert L. Beekly                         | Otto A. Fischer                    | Raymond Leibensperger              |
| Walter R. Berger                         | F. Julius Fohs                     | J. Whitney Lewis                   |
| W. Grant Blanchard                       | Thomas J. Galbraith                | Harve Loomis                       |
| Ed Bloesch                              | James H. Gardner                   | Hugh J. Mackay                     |
| James P. Bowen                           | D.L. Garrett                       | Alex W. McCoy                      |
| Robert Wesley Brown                      | Robert E. Garrett                  | Edgar W. McCrory                   |
| Alan Bruyer                              | H.B. Goodrich                      | A. Stafford McCullough             |
| Frank Bryan                              | Charles N. Gould                   | H. Harper McKee                   |
| H.A. Buehler                             | Frank C. Greene                    | M.G. Mehl                          |
| George E. Burton                         | Dorsey Hager                       | George H. Meyers                   |
| Frank Buttram                            | Chester A. Hammil                  | William J. Millard                |
| W.R. Calvert                             | Burton Hartley                     | V.E. Monnett                      |
| Everett Carpenter                       | Huntsman Haworth                   | Raymond C. Moore                   |
| Albert S. Clinkscale                     | R.S. Hazeltine                     | Francis P. Mulky                   |
| R.A. Conkling                            | K.C. Heald                         | M.J. Munn                         |
| Clifton S. Corbett                       | Bryan Hendon                       | Jerry B. Newby                     |
| G.H. Cox                                | John M. Herald                     | D.W. Ohern                        |
| E.J. Crago                               | Earle P. Hindes                    | E.C. Parker                        |
| A.F. Crider                              | Charles W. Honess                  | Irving Perrine                    |
| C.L. Cumming                             | Joseph S. Hook                     | G.C. Potter                        |
| Edward Hardin Davis                      | J.V. Howell                        | Sidney Powers                      |
| L.R. Dawson                              | Richard Hughes                     | Wallace E. Pratt                   |
| Charles E. Decker                        | V.H. Hughes                        | Sylvan S. Price                   |
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| These names are taken from the bronze plaque in the AAPG Headquarters building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, dedicated on March 20, 1955, to the Founders of the Association—Lawrence Tenney Stevens, sculptor.
President

Personally, my year as president of AAPG was both challenging and rewarding. Challenging because AAPG’s previous two presidents, Patrick J.F. Gratton and Peter R. Rose, devoted a nearly full-time work schedule to association duties. However, I maintained a full-time position as vice-president/exploration for Abraxas Petroleum Corp. I needed a management strategy to suit my situation. My role as president was more like the role of Chairman of the Board in business, and the Executive Committee (EC) served as the Board of Directors. We relied upon AAPG staff to execute our plans and ideas. Almost all of my interaction with staff was directly with Rick Fritz, AAPG’s executive director. We relied heavily on teamwork to accomplish our goals this past year, teamwork both within the EC and between the EC and AAPG staff.

Being president of AAPG is an enjoyable, demanding, and richly rewarding experience. Hopefully, members with the desire and talent will heed the call for nomination, if so chosen.

Many of the actions in 2006–2007 bore fruit because of the fertile ground prepared by the previous year’s leadership of Rose. Hopefully, we likewise have “teed up” several good projects for 2007–2008 under Will Green.

I summarize last year’s activities under the following categories.

Advance the Science

• Committee structure—reviewed all committee mission statements, organized into groups with a committee manager for each group.
• Corporate Advisory Board (CAB)—revised charge and procedure for the former Corporate Advisory Committee. EC will proactively request advisory action on a variety of topics that will be submitted to CAB. Topics submitted this year are:
  • Petroleum research grants—funding for graduate students, administered by AAPG, jointly funded by corporations, foundations and AAPG.
  • Petroleum professors of practice—connecting qualified non-academic members with short-term academic assignments.
  • Faculty endowments—endowed financial support, administered by AAPG Foundation and supported by industrial funds.
• Imperial Barrel Award—recommended by Steve Veal (past vice-president), international competition among students at annual convention, utilizes 3-D seismic and other subsurface data, team presentation on complete assessment of hydrocarbon potential.
• E&P Notes—approved new guidelines for appointment of “scouts” in various AAPG Sections and Regions, scouts serve as associate editors to find potential authors or data on topics of interest for the E&P Notes series, appointed special editor for E&P Notes.

Statement of Income and Expenses

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BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

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• Petroleum Technology Transfer Council (PTTC)—after considerable review and discussion, AAPG submitted a proposal to become the manager for PTTC. This program has potential to expand AAPG.

**Continued Professional Development and Global Expansion**

• Distinguished Lecture program—expanded offerings, initiated a Distinguished Instructor for one or two day short courses (initial tour in Latin America and Europe).
• Annual Meetings
  • Perth international meeting—well attended, financially successful, effective partnership with local society, well recognized as an AAPG-branded event.
  • Long Beach convention—well attended, financially successful, beautiful venue, innovative programs (Imperial Barrel Award).
  • APPEX meeting in London—well received, but weak attendance, not financially successful, changes in venue and marketing for next year.
• Endorsement and support for several upcoming, regional meetings next year (Columbia, Peru, Morocco, Russia, Halifax)
• London office—opened office with full and part time staff, coordinated APPEX, planned future events in Europe.
• Continuing Education—new courses offered, increased attendance at courses, improving financial model, but still a small financial deficit.

**Public Awareness and Understanding**

• Position Paper Policy—In cooperation with DPA, the EC approved a written policy on AAPG position papers and posted it on AAPG website.
• Position Papers—EC reviewed all existing papers, and after review and revision by Government Affairs Committee (GAC) of DPA, approved updated format and versions of all papers. Position Papers will have a consistent, shortened form.
• Global Climate Change Standing Committee—appointed ad hoc committee to review AAPG position, committee unanimously recommended a revised statement, posted statement on AAPG Web site for 30 days for member comment, reviewed comments, revised and shortened new statement (as recommended by member postings), submitted to GAC of DPA for review, GAC re-submitted changes, and EC approved revised statement.
• Global Climate Change Standing Committee—submitted mission statement for permanent committee, part of committee charge will be to develop FAQ format for disseminating wide range of facts on the topic.
• GEO-DC—mobilized several action alerts to members via e-mail, members responded with important written opinions to U.S. government agencies in support of hydrocarbon development, appointed ad hoc committee to prepare background information to a Congressional committee, coordinated attendance by several AAPG leaders at Congressional Visits Day.
• Rocks in Your Head Program—through AAPG Foundation and efforts by Joanne Billingsley, supported teaching the course to educators from an entire San Antonio, Texas school district.

**Membership and Membership Services**

• Membership applications and sponsorship forms—established digital submission.
• Corporate group membership program—began offering membership through companies, full dues paid for each member at corporate level, individual members still must qualify for various levels of membership, companies receive a discount on digital publications, effective means of solving international banking and currency issues.

After spending a busy, immersive year as AAPG president, I am more convinced than ever of the important mission of the Association. AAPG is the most qualified entity to provide the bridge between academia, petroleum industry, government and the public. Within the geoscientific community we also provide the crucial services of: creation and organization of technical information, connection between professionals, and promotion of petroleum geoscience as a profession. Volunteering with AAPG is rewarding on several levels, such as, personal networking, developing leadership skills and “Paying it forward.”

I thank the staff at AAPG, lead by Rick Fritz; our team oriented Executive Committee; the many thoughtful members, and especially my wife, Joanne. She supported my extra time consuming efforts to do my best as president, served as a gracious First (and only) Lady, and contributed to AAPG’s efforts to connect to K-12 students.

**Lee T. Billingsley, President**

**Treasurer**

Copies of the complete financial statement for AAPG and the AAPG Foundation are available to any member upon written request to AAPG Headquarters, P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101–0979.

**Randi S. Martinsen, Treasurer**

**Editor**

AAPG Bulletin

In calendar year 2006, 146 manuscripts were submitted to the Bulletin compared with 197 manuscripts.
submitted in 2005 and 142 manuscripts submitted in 2004. Of the papers received in 2006, 52.1% were accepted for publication with revisions. The average number of days from submittal to decision rendered was 89 days in 2006.

In calendar year 2006, 80 papers were published. Papers published were authored by geoscientists around the world and included 73 (91%) regional studies and 7 (9%) topical (non-geographical) studies. Of the regional studies, 25 (34%) of the papers addressed subjects from areas in the United States, 15 (20%) from Latin America, 14 (19%) from Europe, 10 (14%) from the Asia/Pacific area, 7 (10%) from Canada, and 2 (3%) from Africa. These papers covered a broad array of topics of interest to petroleum geoscientists and emphasized reservoir characterization, sequence stratigraphy, sedimentology, structural geology/tectonics, seismic interpretation, basin analysis and modeling, and petroleum systems/hydrocarbon generation and migration. Emphasis has been placed on publishing more contributions to the E&P Notes section of the Bulletin. In this regard, two theme volumes were published in 2006: one on the Maracaibo Basin and one on hydrothermally altered carbonate reservoirs. A theme volume on the Barnett Shale was published in April 2007. In addition, general geologic papers that have a high potential to assist petroleum geologists with finding and producing more oil and gas were published as contributions to the Geologic Notes section, and papers addressing current technical methodologies that have potential application to reducing petroleum exploration risk, to enhancing hydrocarbon recovery, and to reducing field operation and reservoir production costs were included in the Geohorizons section of the Bulletin.

2006 Publications (17)

Datapages (12)
- Partner Pub, Oklahoma City Geological Society Publications on CD-ROM & DVD
- Partner Pub, Wyoming Geological Society Publications on CD-ROM & DVD
- Partner Pub, Kansas Geological Society Publications on DVD
- Partner Pub, Indonesian Geological Society Publications on DVD
- AAPG, CD-ROM Memoir 82—Thrust Tectonics
- AAPG, CD-ROM Memoir 28—Color Guide to Sandstones
- AAPG, CD-ROM Studies 52—Jonah Field: Case Study of Tight Gas Fluvial Reservoirs

Special Publications (5)
- Archie #1, Petrophysical Evaluation of Hydrocarbon Pore-Thickness in Thinly Bedded Clastic Reservoirs
- Memoir #84, Carpathians and Their Foreland—Geology and Hydrocarbon Resources
- Memoir #88, Giant Hydrocarbon Reservoirs of the World—From Rocks to Reservoir Characterization and Modeling
- Computer Applications #5, Stochastic Modeling and Geostatistics Volume II
- Studies 57, Introduction to Petroleum Geology of Deepwater Settings

Ernest A. Mancini, Editor

Advisory Council

The AAPG Advisory Council experienced a routine year, hence this report will be brief:

1. The greatest single continuing problem faced by the Advisory Council, and the AAPG, is that we need to receive more nominations for AAPG elective office, especially President-elect and Treasurer. We urge all members to consider the real benefits that come with service to the Association, allow their names to be actively considered, and to solicit qualified fellow members to allow their names to be put forward. In addition, we urge all Sections, Regions, Divisions, and affiliated local societies to endorse worthy members for officer-candidates.

2. Without exception, this year’s AC continued the new policies and procedures adopted by the 2005/06 AC under the leadership of Chairman Pat Gratton, and recommend that they become standardized operating procedure for the future.

3. The AC endorsed the Fair Dues Structure for the proposed new Graduated Dues Amendment. This new legislation was endorsed by the leadership of AAPG’s House of Delegates, and submitted to the House at the Annual Meeting in Long Beach, where it passed overwhelmingly.

4. The AC recommended additional changes to the existing rules regarding Petition Candidacy, including (a) requiring more than 50 endorsing signatures; (b) requiring that at least 10% of endorsing signatures be from members from Sections or Regions other than the Petitioner’s home Section or Region; and (c) requiring the Petitioner to gather all endorsing signatures personally. These recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee, but the leadership of the HOD declined to put them forward for the entire House membership to consider. The issue of Petition Candidacy remains an unresolved source of potential contention in AAPG’s governance and affairs.

5. The AC approved an important new annual award, for excellence in petroleum geoscience research, named in honor of the late Robert R. Berg. The first awardee will be named at the 2009 annual meeting.

6. There were no ethics complaints referred to the AC in FY 2006/07.

7. Without exception, the entire 2006/07 Advisory Council worked collegially and constructively to identify worthy officer candidates, and recipients of AAPG Honors and Awards. Their deliberations and discussions were highly professional, focusing on the qualifications of those being considered, and group wisdom was sought, achieved, and honored. As Chair, I thank them all sincerely, and I urge all AAPG members to seek out and thank their respective AC representatives for their excellent work on behalf of the Association.

8. On behalf of the entire 2006/07 Advisory Council, I sincerely thank AAPG staffers Regina Gill and Janice Scott for their diligent and superior work in making the AC’s meetings efficient and its results productive.

Peter R. Rose, Chair
The AAPG Foundation has completed a very successful year with total assets reaching $38,114 million. As a result of a favorable stock market, the investment portfolio increased by $3,714 million to $34,536 million during the past fiscal year.

For the fiscal year, the Foundation had total gross revenues of $1,364,354. Total expenditures of $1,160,261 resulted in a surplus of funds. Considering net realized and unrealized capital gains of a positive $2,044,920 resulted in a net gain for the year of $1,228,866.

Your contributions have made a difference. Total contributions to the Foundation in 2006–2007 were $1,011,278 with 15 percent of the AAPG members contributing voluntarily through their AAPG dues statements.

Total disbursements for grants and program services were $816,054.

The major objectives of the Foundation are to provide funding for programs to encourage better understanding and advancement of the geosciences, and for projects that support the education, training and career enhancement for earth scientists.

Some of the major programs which received funding by the Foundation during the past year included the following: L. Austin Weeks Memorial Fund $45,109, Distinguished Lecture & Visiting Geoscientist Programs, $176,466; AAPG Bulletin, $160,000; Grants-in-Aid, $165,250; L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grant program, $39,500.

The Named Grants-in-Aid program continues to grow with 67 funded grants and six additional grants established but not yet fully funded. This year, three new Named Grants were endowed and provided additional funding by the Eastern Section of AAPG, Lawrence W. Funkhouser, and Edward B. Picou, Jr. Biographies of those honored or memorialized through the grants are included on the AAPG Foundation website at http://foundation.aapg.org/gia/names.cfm. This program provided financial assistance to 100 graduate students both domestic and internationally.

Robert W. Esser was the eighth recipient of the AAPG Foundation Chairman’s Award for exceptional service and support of the Foundation and was recognized at the Trustee Associates Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on October 14, 2006. In addition, Eugene F. Reid was honored posthumously as the ninth recipient of the Chairman’s Award which was graciously accepted by Marge Reid at the Foundation Chairman’s Reception at the AAPG Annual Meeting in Long Beach, April 2, 2007.

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William E. Crain elected to retire June 30, 2007, as Trustee of the Foundation and will join the Trustee Emeritus members, which includes Herbert Davis, Paul Dudley, Lawrence Funkhouser, Jack C. Threet and James E. Wilson. Bill Barrett was elected and Bill Fisher was re-elected as Trustee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2010. Richard Baile, Toby Carleton, Jack Martin and Michael Wisda were re-elected members of the Foundation Corporation and Bob Gunn was elected to succeed Bill Barrett as a member of the Foundation Corporation.

The AAPG Foundation Trustee Associates membership now totals 265. Eleven new members were added during the current year and eight members passed away. The Trustee Associates continue to be an active and vital part of the Foundation, providing financial and advisory support. This year’s annual meeting was held in Maui, Hawaii, in early October.

Each individual contribution is important to the growth and future of AAPG Foundation programs. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the generosity shown by AAPG members for the support of their profession.

William L. Fisher, Chair
Board of Trustees

Reports of the Divisions

Division of Environmental Geosciences

As of March 1, 2007, DEG membership was 1,339, a 7% decrease from the previous year. Of the 1,339, 1,220 paid dues for 2006–2007.

FY 2006–2007 began with a fund balance of $22,587. The statement of income, expense, and change in fund balance as reported by the AAPG accounting department indicated a $639 gain for 1Q, a $1,219 net loss for 2Q, and a $12,831 gain for 3Q. Only 1Q was audited as of February 9, 2007. Net gains in 1Q and 3Q resulted from two AAPG Foundation grants. Accounting information for 4Q is currently unavailable.

DEG received a $16,000 AAPG Foundation grant to partially cover Environmental Geosciences (EG) production costs and EG advertising in geosciences publications. Ads for the DEG Journal–Environmental Geosciences (EG) designed by Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Dorsey were submitted to AAPG Explorer, Geotimes, GSA Today, and Eos. AAPG Divisions Manager Norma Newby facilitated an online version of EG for DEG members and non-member subscribers at the AAPG Web site “Members Only” area. The Executive Committee approved: a one-year continuation of EG in GSW, making EG issues available back to 2000 in GSW; and adding 1997–2002 EG past issues to AAPG Datapages. A DEG/EG dues split, EG as a totally digital publication, and an AEG proposal to merge EG and AEG publications are being evaluated.

Matthias Grobe, EMD/DEG CO2 Book Committee chair and lead editor, reports 45 papers submitted and reviewed for the AAPG Special Publication 

Carbon Dioxide Sequestration in Geological Media–State of the Art. Anticipated submittal date is October 2007. Estimated publishing costs are approximately $70,000. DEG received a $50,000 AAPG Foundation grant to help defray production costs of this special volume, and Bureau of Economic Geology Director Scott Tinker offered $20,000 on behalf of BEG.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Dorsey and I attended the AAPG Divisions workshop on August 25, 2006, in Dallas.
President-elect Charles “Chip” Groat and I attended the Leadership Conference in Tulsa, February 9–11, 2007. Groat was appointed the DEG representative to the AAPG Global Climate Change Ad Hoc Committee.

The DEG Advisory Board recommended and the Executive Committee approved a slate of award recipients. Awards were presented during the DEG Luncheon, April 4, 2007, in Long Beach, Calif.

The Executive Committee approved the 2007–2008(09) officer candidate slate comprised of Rebecca Dodge and Stephen M. Testa for president-elect, Nancy S. Dorsey and Hannes E. Leetaru for vice president, and Nancy J. “Anne” Fix and Barbara D. Houghton for secretary/treasurer. Rebecca Dodge, Hannes E. Leetaru, and Nancy J. “Anne” Fix were elected to the 2007–2008 Executive Committee.

Don Clarke, DEG vice chair/Oral-Poster Sessions co-chair/Awards chair, and Robert Menzie, Oral-Poster Sessions co-chair, organized an excellent DEG program for the 2007 annual meeting in Long Beach. The program included five technical sessions, luncheon, and awards ceremony. Dr. Lee C. Gerhard presented the DEG luncheon address. Tidelands Oil Production Company and D.B. Stephens and Associates sponsored the luncheon.

The following DEG-related programs were held at AAPG Section Meetings:

- Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, September 25–27, 2006. The program included four oral sessions, two poster sessions, and a field trip.
- Eastern Section AAPG meeting, Buffalo, New York, October 7–10, 2006. The program included one oral session and All-Division luncheon.
- Southwest Section meeting, Wichita Falls, Texas, April 22–24, 2007. The program included one presentation and All-Division luncheon.

Cynthia Dinwiddie was appointed DEG vice chair for the 2008 annual meeting in San Antonio. The proposed program includes five technical sessions, five joint technical sessions with EMD or AAPG, a forum with AAPG/EMD/SEPM, three short courses, a field trip, and the DEG luncheon.

Michael Jacobs and Charles Groat are working with Cape Town 2008 AAPG International Convention and Exhibition chairs to solicit technical participation in environmental session talks/programs/forums.

New DEG committees were developed under Vice President Michael Jacobs’ leadership and approved by the Executive Committee: Hydrogeology Committee, Robert Marc, chair; Environmental Geophysics Committee, Bruce D. Smith, chair; CO2 Sequestration Ad Hoc Committee, Hannes E. Leetaru and Matthias Grobe, co-chairs; and Public Outreach Ad Hoc Committee, Dibyendu Sarkar, chair. An alternative fuels/biofuels/waste utilization committee was considered. Revitalization of the Research and Geohazards Ad Hoc Committees was discussed. The Health and Safety Committee is preparing a standard set of procedures to be implemented by all AAPG field trips by 2008. The initial draft “outline of expectation and responsibilities” has been delivered and reviewed. Vicki Harder was appointed Web Site Committee chair. An update, reorganization, and expansion of the web site are underway.

Other items proposed were an EMD/DEG Special Publication about coalbed methane and a one-day environmental symposium in Aberdeen.

Jane S. McCulloch, President

Energy Minerals Division

The Energy Minerals Division (EMD) strives to be the premier organization for professional development in the technical fields of coal, coalbed methane, energy economics and technology, geothermal information and remote sensing, geothermal, oil sands, oil shale, and uranium. EMD provides benefits to AAPG members through publications and sponsored activities at professional meetings. Basic information on technical fields is in the public area of the EMD Web site (http://emd.aapg.org/).

EMD increased its membership by 63 members last year. As of June 1, 2007, EMD had a total of 1,553 members. Fund balance at the end of Q3 FY2007 was $170,180, an increase of $12,341. Publication sales as of Q3 FY2007 were $2,286, mostly from the Coal Atlas. Dues income for EMD last year (FY2006) was $21,595. Projection of annual dues for FY2007 is $22,475—a 4% increase.

EMD officers met in Dallas on August 25, 2006 for an All-Division workshop to refine mission statements and set major goals. EMD’s mission is to advance the science and technology of energy minerals in an environmentally safe manner. EMD’s major goals for 2006–2007 were:

1. Enhance the EMD Web site for each commodity section: play overviews, commodity/committee reports, workshops, presentations, abstracts/publications, calendar, references/Web links, meetings, and technical fields information.

2. Increase EMD’s visibility by offering more sponsored activities.

3. Advance EMD-sponsored publications.

EMD Web site Chair Creties Jenkins created new guidelines for standardizing report content and posted material by committee chairs and councilors. Significant new material was added to the Members Only section of the Web site (http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/).

An informative slide set introducing EMD, by Southwest Section Councilor Jeffrey Levine, and slide sets of EMD-sponsored luncheon talks were posted in the Outreach section.

EMD sessions at the 2006 International AAPG Convention at Perth included geothermal/alternative energy, coalbed methane, oil from coal, and CO2 sequestration. EMD officers gave presentations at the GCAGS meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana, the Eastern Section meeting in Buffalo, New York, and the Southwest Section meeting in Wichita Falls, Texas. Gulf Coast Councilor Mike Wiley arranged a session on uranium at the 2007 GCAGS meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas. Stephen M. Testa was the EMD vice chair for the 2007 AAPG Annual Convention in Long Beach, California, with EMD-sponsored sessions on shale gas, coal (with DEG), heavy oil, and alternative energy. Vince Matthews presented China and India’s Ravenous Appetite for Natural Resources - Their Potential Impact on Colorado at the EMD luncheon, sponsored by Nahama Natural Gas, Signal Hill Petroleum, and Trio Petroleum.

EMD Vice Chair Donna Balin, Technical Chair Mike Wiley, and Field Trip/Workshop Coordinator Amy Sullivan arranged 18 EMD-sponsored or co-sponsored sessions, four forums, three short courses and two field trips for the 2008 AAPG Annual Convention in San Antonio. EMD also is sponsoring a coalbed methane workshop and sessions on coal, coalbed methane, gas hydrates, and oil shale at the 2008 AAPG International Convention in Cape Town. Laura Wray is the EMD vice chair for the 2009 AAPG Annual convention in Denver.

The EMD/DEG Publication, Carbon Dioxide Sequestration in Geological Media-State of the Art, is scheduled for
completion in 2007. Matthias Grobe is EMD committee chairman for the publication, supported by a $20,000 grant from the Bureau of Economic Geology and a $15,000 grant from the AAPG Foundation. Progress continued on the second edition of the Atlas of Coal Geology (AAPG Studies in Geology 45), co-sponsored by The Society for Organic Petrology. Alexander Papp is the EMD editor, and the AAPG Foundation provided a $6,000 grant. Progress continued on Gas Hydrates: Energy Resource Potential and Associated Geologic Hazards, edited by Art Johnson and Tim Collett. The volume is supported by a $12,000 grant from the AAPG Foundation and is scheduled for completion in 2008.

Work continued on the CD-ROM publication Geospatial Technology Applications for Exploration and Production of Petroleum with Samuel Limerick editor. EMD continued to co-sponsor the scientific quarterly journal Natural Resources Research. Douglas Peters served as EMD editor. In late 2007, EMD plans to publish a series of comprehensive energy mineral commodity reports in Natural Resources Research with EMD past President Peter Warwick serving as editor. EMD columns on clean coal, gas shales, EMD activities at the 2007 AAPG annual convention, and uranium appeared in respective issues of August 2006, November 2006, February 2007, and May 2007 AAPG Explorer.

EMD was a sponsor for the 2007 Southwest Section meeting in Wichita Falls, and approved an annual increase of up to $2,000 for the Energy Minerals Grant scholarship fund. EMD expanded its international presence by appointing Barry Goldstein as the new Councilor for the Asia/Pacific Region, Abe Aldardo Sánchez Araiza for Latin America, and John Dolson for Europe. EMD also initiated work on a comprehensive geospatial database of all energy mineral technical fields.

William A. Ambrose, President

Division of Professional Affairs

The Division of Professional Affairs (DPA) remains the largest division in AAPG and financially healthy. The executive committee included President-elect Tom Ewing, Vice President Suzanne Cluff, Secretary Craig Reynolds, Treasurer Mike Canich, and Past President Deborah Sacrey, all of whom did a terrific job. DPA accomplished a number of goals in 2006-2007, which are discussed briefly in this report.

DPA, along with AAPG, sponsors our Washington D.C. office, led by Don Juckett. The mission is to supply information to policy makers and other groups and societies in Washington and keep our membership informed on pending legislation or initiatives that could affect our membership. Considerable effort has been directed this year at restoring funding for fossil fuel research and various outreach efforts to congressional and energy department staffs. Significant legislation considered damaging to the oil industry was introduced in 2006 but, thus far, none have been passed into law.

Juckett coordinated AAPG member visits at Congressional Visits Day (CVD) highlighted by a visit with the White House staff on energy by AAPG President-Elect Will Green. Several DPA members were in attendance at CVD and various senators, congressmen and staffs were contacted. An Interdisciplinary Reserves Conference held in June 2007 co-hosted by AAPG, SPE, SPE and the WPC brought accounting, governmental and industry leaders together to discuss challenges in reserve reporting worldwide. David Curtis has now joined Juckett on a part time basis.

Carl Smith has been very active with our Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and we have revised four Position Papers and are awaiting approval by the EC of these revisions. We also revised our summary versions of these statements as more suitable for handout to policy makers. Smith and Juckett coordinate much of our work in outreach and information dissemination. DPA has proposed revised procedures for reviewing and creating position papers under the leadership of President-elect Tom Ewing.

DPA in conjunction with SPE, SPE, and the WPC is attempting to develop training modules for reserve evaluators. The effort is led by Dan Tearpock on our part and is designed to improve reserve reporting worldwide by increasing the knowledge base of the individual evaluators. This effort will continue for several years and is helping to coordinate the reserves conference in Washington.

DPA recognized our early and longstanding members this winter by mailing the first 500 surviving members a certificate and a pen. Our recognition of them, led by George Boe and Norma Newby, was very well received and overdue.

Three editions of the Correlator were published, including discussion-provoking commentary by Editor Bob Shoup on a variety of subjects. A very valuable summary on Climate Change science is planned for the next edition by Shoup. The Board Certified Level for existing members, which requires continuing education along with our established experience and ethics requirements has begun. This education largely parallels the training requirements adopted for certified geologists in Kansas and Texas. We have established an online site for DPA members to track their education hours and have certified a number of applicants. Certification remains a “gold standard” recognized across all geographic boundaries.

We are sponsoring short courses at the annual and sectional meetings when possible. Several have been offered this year and other courses are planned for upcoming events. We continue to subsidize the cost of our luncheon for members at the annual meeting and we were proud to sponsor AAPG President-elect Scott Tinker and his talk on ethics at the International AAPG convention held in Perth, Australia in November 2006. In an effort to expand our presence internationally, we plan to sponsor a session at the convention in South Africa in 2008. DPA membership is a real value for those who do participate in continuing education and attendance at conventions and we recommend expansion of these services in the future.

DPA membership is decreasing slowly due to the unfavorable demographics also evident in the AAPG as a whole but the rate of decrease has been lessened significantly. Our membership remains largely North American and we will continue to serve their needs while increasing our efforts to attract international membership.

The AAPG in April adopted a revised dues structure based upon ability to pay. DPA has not decided on revising DPA dues but this will be considered in the coming year by the council and executive committee of DPA.

Norma Newby has again been outstanding in her service to the Divisions. The AAPG staff has done a very efficient job in serving our membership.

Richard G. Green, President
Asia Pacific Region

The following is an activity review for the first half of 2007. Distinguished Lecturer Craig Shipp visited West Malaysia, Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Herman Darman, a participant in the Visiting Geoscientists Program (VGP) visited Perth and organized a field trip for University of Malaya, Malaysia. Geovani Christopher (VGP) visited two universities in China; Syed Tariq Hasany (VGP) visited one university in Pakistan; and Peter Lloyd (VGP) in Indonesia visited about nine universities in Indonesia.

In February, Asia Pacific region sponsored Lee Chai Peng, president of the Geological Society of Malaysia, an affiliate society of AAPG, to attend the AAPG Leadership Conference. AP Region President Herman Darman was invited to contribute an opening letter for the PAPG – SPE Pakistan Conference held in March. AAPG displayed a poster in the conference. At the SEAEX conference in Singapore, which took place in April, AP Region President Darman gave an award to Richard Lorentz, SEAEX past president, for his support on AAPG student chapters (SC) in Indonesia. SEAEX donated $10,000 for the AAPG SC in Indonesia. AAPG displayed a poster in an exhibition booth. Also in April, an Asia Pacific region executive committee meeting was held to discuss various issues. AP Region sent our delegates to attend Advisory Council and House of Delegates meetings at the AAPG annual meeting in Long Beach, California. The delegates were led by Mick McWalter (region secretary) and John Kaldi (past president). In May, AAPG sponsored four students to join the IPA conference in Jakarta, Indonesia. The AAPG student chapter opened an exhibition booth to display their activities.

AAPG Student Chapters in the Asia Pacific region were very active. They organized workshops, field trips, and lectures. They prepared mid-year reports, which are available online at: http://aapgaspac.wordpress.com/2007/07/26/mid-year-reports-asia-pacific-student-chapters. Three new student chapters were formed in China and two new student chapters were formed in India. Australia is incorporating PESA student chapters, which will be treated the same as AAPG student chapters. The Philippines and Pakistan are each preparing one student chapter. The AAPG SC of University of Indonesia received an award from AAPG as the Outstanding AAPG Student Chapter-International for 2007.

Agus M. Ustad is the new volunteer helping to maintain the AAPG Asia Pacific Web site. Asia Pacific region will actively support the AAPG Cape Town Conference in 2008 by organizing sessions to cover India-Pakistan-Bangladesh and Southeast Asia-Pacific regions.

Herman Darman, President

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Honor and Awards

The Honors and Awards presented at the 2006 Eastern Section meeting included:

- John T. Galey Memorial Award: Dr. John M. Dennison
- Honorary Membership: Stephen P. Zody
- Distinguished Service: Murray M. Matson
- George V. Cohee Public Service Award: Cheryl L. Cozart
- Outstanding Educator Award: Dr. Robert D. Jacobi
- Gordon H. Wood, Jr. Memorial Award (Eastern Section EMD): Leslie F. “Jingle” Rupert
- Certificates of Merit: Dr. Robert D. Jacobi, Bruce Kolesnich, Heather Kornecki, Cary P. Cuningez, Richard Nyahay, Rose Schulze, Dr. Langhorne B. “Taury” Smith, and Mable T. Sumpter
- I. Levorsen Memorial Best Paper Award: Dr. J. Fred Read
- Margaret Hawn Mirabile Memorial Best Student Paper Award: Emre Arutun, Shahab Mohaghhegh, Jaime Toro, Tom Wilson, and Alejandro Sanchez
- Vincent E. Nelson Memorial Best Poster Award: A.E. Sandomierski, G.M. Grammer, and W.B. Harrison, III
- Ralph L. Miller Memorial Best Energy Minerals Division Paper Award: Thomas R. Moore, Ilham Demir, and David G. Morse
- Division of Environmental Geosciences Best Paper Award: S. F. Greb, B. C. Nuttall, M. P. Solis, T. M. Parris, J. A. Drahovzal, C. F. Eble, D. C. Harris, J. B. Hickman, P. D. Lake, B. Overfield, and K. G. Takacs
- Division of Environmental Geosciences Best Poster Award: Niah Venable and Dave Barnes

Officers

Officers of the Eastern Section were elected at the 2006 annual meeting for fiscal year 2006–2007. They are James A. Drahovzal, president; Dan Billman, vice-president; Robert Jacobi, secretary; and Ed Rothman treasurer. Dave Harris was recently elected to represent the Eastern Section on the Advisory Committee, beginning July 1. He replaces Katharine Lee Avary. Chairs and advisors include Peter MacKenzie, EPA Advisory Council representative; Charles Boyer, EMD councilor; Hannes Leetaru, DEG councilor; Katharine Lee Avary, Awards chairman; John Forman, Membership chair, and Brian Keith, archivist.

Future Annual Meetings

The 2007 Eastern Section Annual Meeting will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on September 15–19, 2007. The focus will be “Winning the Energy Trifecta: Explore, Develop, Sustain” and is
Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies

2006–2007 has been an exciting year for GCAGS, as we have moved forward on several items consistent with our stated goal and purpose of fostering education amongst the geologic community in the Gulf Coast region.

Convention
GCAGS remains strong financially and our main source of income continues to be our annual convention. Our total net assets as of December 31, 2006 were $725,103. The highly successful 2006 meeting in Lafayette was held in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Prospect Expo, and headed up by Mary Broussard and her team of committed volunteers. Overall convention attendance was approximately 1,700, with 140 technical presentations, five short courses and two field trips. Total sponsorship money raised was $194,470 and the final surplus was $92,355.61.

The 2007 meeting will be held October 21–23 in Corpus Christi, Texas and an exciting program is being planned. An excellent technical program has been assembled along with a forum on global climate change.

In September 2006, GCAGS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Bruce Lemmon, of Global Events Management (GEM), to help with the management of our yearly meeting. The contract begins in 2008 and is effective through 2012. The contract covers all exhibition and registration areas of the convention with hopes of expanding this service so smaller societies will have the ability to host conventions in the future. GEM is to provide us with an operational handbook for guidance to the convention committees, and also include a complete job description for each of the convention officers and committee chairs. The Continuity Committee was formed in 2005 and is responsible for establishing host convention cities, centralizing GCAGS functions and is the vehicle to transfer best practices from convention to convention. The committee members consist of the past, present and future general chairman, president and past president, president-elect along with Brian Locke and Kate Kipper. The past general chairman chairs this committee.

In keeping with GCAGS’s attempt to streamline convention operations, Finance Chair Steve Hill has centralized the credit card account system so it can be inherited by the following convention host society.

Other New Business
GCAGS has accepted the offer by AAPG for the liability insurance coverage. This will save GCAGS approximately $3,200 per year.
GCAGS agreed to provide seed money for the “Maps in Schools Program.” GCAGS will provide $1,000 per affiliated society as start up money for the program. Owen Hopkins, from the Corpus Christi Geological Society initiated this program and is spearheading the effort. The goal is to put geologic maps in schools in an effort to encourage an interest in science in general and geology in particular.
Since April 2007, GCAGS has provided seed money to four geological societies. GCAGS and GCSSEPM have had a successful 50-year history of working together on our annual meeting. In an effort to preserve this mutually beneficial relationship, a Memorandum of Understanding between the two groups has been proposed to better clarify our roles and expectations. This will be presented and voted on by GCSSEPM, and if approved will be presented at the annual GCAGS meeting in October.

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relationships among its members by sharing ideas and information. The strengths of our Section are that we are small in numbers and mostly independents from small companies who are willing to work together. Opportunities are formed by networking and sharing ideas so we don’t have to become experts in everything. The relative low costs of drilling and completing allows small independents with limited capital the opportunity to operate their own companies. The disadvantages of our Section is that most of our members are in retirement or entering the retirement age, they work for themselves with very little time to get involved in Sectional activities and are working in a mature area and exploring for smaller reservoirs.

Goals
We plan to continue to have a section meeting every other year including cities other than Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Wichita. We would like to have off-year field trips or a get together for informal meetings other than at AAPG annual convention. Other goals include:
• Assist Jim McGhay on the development of digital libraries.
• Develop interlinks between the Mid-Continent Section Libraries both paper and e-mail.
• Continue our matching scholarship grants from the Section to our local societies who are giving scholarship to students working on geology or related degrees.
• Promote Teacher Training and the Teacher of the Year award.
• Award college students scholarships to attend Mid-Continent Section AAPG convention.

Action
Mid-Continent Section Meeting will be held in Wichita in 2007 with Ernie Morrison as general chair. Jim McGhay continues organizing and meeting with AAPG Libraries to work on developing more Internet libraries and working with the three Societies in the Section, which has Internet libraries.

Mid-Continent Section is giving out several matching scholarships each year to its member Societies. Individual Societies continue to have teacher workshops or field trips either at our Mid-Continent conventions or as stand-alone workshops. Student Scholarships and assistance are given to students attending our convention. Oklahoma Geological Society has developed a Teacher Research room with information and specimens for classrooms. Kansas Geological Society has yearly workshops for teacher throughout the state.

Finance
The Mid-Continent Section receives 35% of the profit from its convention put on by the Societies. This money is used for scholarships and grants to give to the Section’s Societies on a matching for research grants or scholarships.

Alan DeGood, President

Pacific Section
This is a brief overview of items of special interest that occurred during the past fiscal year in the Pacific Section AAPG.

The treasurer’s position was modified whereby some duties were handed to outside accounting personnel. New accounting software was purchased to facilitate the work and smooth transitions to incoming treasurers. The position now has more oversight and less day-to-day duties, which should make the job more reasonable. A new editor-in-chief position was created. Both our newsletter and new Web site are under this elected position.

The Pacific Section hosted the 2007 AAPG Annual Convention, which consumed the section during the past year. We have agreements in place for next year’s Section Meeting in Bakersfield, California.

Insurance has been a growing and large issue for this Section, in the past we have provided insurance for our affiliated Societies. This model no longer works and graciously AAPG stepped in to insure the PSAAPG. Although this helps immediate convention needs, our affiliated societies are not covered by the new agreement.

The ongoing interaction with other section presidents and AAPG through Carol McGowen has been very useful to the PSAAPG. The sharing of best practices and understanding issues important to other portions of the organization has been beneficial.

Mike Wracher, President

Rocky Mountain Section
The Rocky Mountain Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists represents the more than 3,000 AAPG members residing in the states of Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The Section has 11 affiliated geologic societies throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Current Section officers are: Steve Schamel, president; John Robinson, president-elect; Kim Parsons, secretary/treasurer, and Tom Ann Casey, secretary/treasurer-elect.

Annual Section Meetings
The Rocky Mountain Section is chartered to hold annual technical meetings focused on the oil and gas developments in the Rocky Mountain and Williston basins. These conventions are organized and hosted by one or several of the 11 affiliated societies. The venue for the meeting moves around the region to draw attention to the exciting new developments in different Rocky Mountain basins and to offer a broad array of field trip opportunities. The 2006 RMS convention, themed Undaunted Exploration of the Rockies and hosted by the Montana Geological Society, was held June 10–13 in Billings, Montana. The 2007 56th Annual Rocky Mountain Rendezvous was held at Snowbird, Utah, near Salt Lake City, on October 7–9.

The schedule for future annual conventions of the Rocky Mountain Section is as follows:
2008: Denver July 9–11 in the Colorado Convention Center co-hosted by RMAG and COGA; Donna Anderson is the general chair.
2009: Denver June 7–10; RMS is co-hosting the AAPG Annual Convention in the Colorado Convention Center; Randy Ray is the general chair.
2010: Durango, Colo. in early June 13–15 at Fort Lewis College hosted by the Four Corners Geological Society; James Fassett and Kimberlee Gerhardt are the general co-chairs.

Web Site
Over the past half-year, Section officer Tom Ann Casey has worked with an outside consultant, Doug Briggs, to develop a Web site for the Section. The result of their efforts, www.rms-aapg.org, is both informative and attractive. The site is intended to update Section members and others on current petroleum activities in the Rocky Mountain region and serve as a forum for exchange of information. Additionally, there is a light-hearted section where members and affiliated societies can post photographs of recent events, outcrops, and glorious Rocky Mountain scenery.
Rocky Mountain Section – AAPG Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Section AAPG Foundation is run by a board of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to provide financial support through grants and gifts to geological societies, schools, colleges and organizations promoting the geologic sciences. In FY 2006–2007 the Foundation made 12 Grants-in-Aid totaling $18,100. The Rocky Mountain Section periodically transfers funds to the Foundation to further its good works.

Teacher of the Year

The Section sponsors an annual Earth Science Teacher of the Year (TOTY) competition to honor outstanding earth science educators in our secondary schools. The Section encourages participation and solicits nominees from all of our eleven affiliated societies. Our 2006–2007 TOTY, nominated by the Utah Geological Association, is Candace Penrod, an enthusiastic eighth grade science teacher at the Hillside Middle School in Salt Lake City. She will receive her cash award at the 2007 RMS convention in Snowbird in October. Information about Candace and her teaching methods can be found on the Rocky Mountain Section Web site.

Steven Schamel, President

Southwest Section

The governing year 7/1/06 thru 6/30/07 for the Southwest Section (SWS) of the AAPG has been another exceptional one. Generally it has benefited from the continuation of two things: high demand for oil and gas and the enthusiastic and dynamic leadership at both the sectional and Tulsa levels. This sense of enthusiasm translates directly to members in the form of heightened connectivity and a stronger sense of their membership’s value. From my perspective the catalyst for this has been the Leadership Conferences sponsored by the AAPG and the AAPG presidents and administration willing to engage tough issues.

More specifically: the SWS current treasury account stands at a healthy $103,000, which is $25,000 above the past three-year average. This includes a $23,348.05 distribution (SWS 50% cut of net proceeds) from the highly successful North Texas Geological Society, 2007 RMS Convention held in Wichita Falls, Texas in April 2007. The convention attracted and rewarded 489 attendees with: field trips, poster sessions, free (to members) short course, technical presentations, “Rocks In Your Head” (School Teacher) program, ice breaker and an evening social program. Each worked to support the purpose of meeting “Unconventional Challenges with Innovative Solutions.”

This year’s balance is also net of distributions, which included: scholarships totaling over $6,000, a $1,500 grant to Texas Tech University to purchase a GIS unit and money to help students traveling to the RMS meeting in Wichita Falls totaling $8,178.06.

In addition to the free short course held at the annual meeting, SWS members also benefited from another free short course. This was held at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas and led by Janok Bhattacharya. He taught last year’s free short course held at the same location. This year’s subject was Part II from his area of expertise: Fluvial/Deltaic sedimentary systems. To get the full menu he has been engaged again to present Part III in December 2007. Additionally, the decision was made at the last Board of Directors meeting to hold this year’s and future free short course meetings at two locations: Abilene and Ft. Worth, Texas as long as finances permit. The details for the time and place for this meeting are still being worked out by the Education Committee.

One consequence of income averaging over $25,000 for the past three years is a potential tax liability owed by the SWS, which is a 501(c)(6) organization. The ad hoc committee formed to determine alternative organizational status to avoid future tax liabilities went as far as to investigate if we may be better served by being classified as a 501(c)(3). An expert on this subject will render his opinion to us by the next BOD Meeting to be held October 25. AAPG headquarters is also using their resources to clarify this issue as several other sections have the same question. These discussions and other matters were facilitated by us participating in the AAPG lead bi-monthly teleconferences.

Other noteworthy events include the SWS becoming the fourth largest section, down from third largest. Membership roles have been decreasing in the SWS for a number of years. Taking its place is the Eastern Section, which is reaping the benefits of their proactive leadership and industry resurgence. The annual meeting rotation also has been changed to: Abilene 2008, Midland 2009, Dallas 2010, Roswell 2011, and Ft. Worth 2012.

New Proposal and Items Under Consideration

Ongoing ideas and issues comprise the agendas defined and incorporated by prior presidents. Fortunately for the SWS, the past two and now three presidents (Stephens, Pharis, Reynolds) have and will continue to serve in various leadership capacities within the SWS. Each consistently supported programs sponsored by AAPG, such as the bi-monthly teleconferences, Leadership Conferences and worked proactively to keep the SWS effective for the members. Emphasis has and will continue to focus on regaining the membership of currently active (professional) geologists who are not currently members, encourage and hold delegates accountable to informing local societies on sectional and national issues, engaging more young members to become involved serving within the AAPG, help expand the “Imperial Barrel” competition and student expo at future conventions, be more aggressive with scholarships via better rapport with college/university department chairs and staying open to hosting another SWS convention in the future at a “neutral” site.

Ideas being introduced include doing our part to meet the future demand for G&G personnel by each member preparing to serve in the work force for a longer than “average” career span. This will involve taking stock and taking an active role in nurturing one’s individual health. Another initiative will be to “host” data for future and past meetings on a Web medium. This would seek to facilitate collection and archival of data and participation when members are physically unable to attend.

Jeff Jones, President

Annual Report
100th Anniversary

The 100th Anniversary Committee’s mission is to develop plans and options to celebrate AAPG’s 100th Anniversary (2017) in a grand fashion honoring AAPG’s history, anticipating the future, and in line with AAPG’s Strategic Plan and standing committees.

The charge of the committee is to research, develop, and produce a plan recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of AAPG in 1917.

Summary of Initiatives under Consideration

The celebration could be titled “The Creative Century and the Legacy of Discovery”. “Stories of inspiration: 100 who made a difference” will include video interviews of key AAPG personalities, senior members, Sidney Power’s medalists, past presidents, and significant personalities in the Energy Profession. Plans include digitally linking interviews to the AAPG Web site. A key focus is the philosophy of exploration and the personal side of overcoming challenges.

Our committee’s request was responsible for the inaugural videotaping of the Opening Ceremony at the AAPG 2006 Annual Convention in Houston, now standard at all annual meetings. During the summer of 2007, an initiative was undertaken to interview and digitally record Rocky Mountain legends using newly acquired digital recording equipment. A “Discovery Thinking” forum was proposed and accepted for the San Antonio (April 2008) Convention, which will be co-sponsored by DPA.

Possible publications include the following:

- “Lessons from History: 100 Great Ideas in the Search for Energy.” A reprint series of key papers and breakthroughs in exploration thinking, with editorial comments regarding historical significance. This project will be a collaborative effort with the History of Petroleum Geology committee.
- “100 AAPG World Heritage Sites: Field Trip Locations Based On Outstanding Geology.” These will be published and video recordings made by local experts linked to the AAPG Web site. For those able to visit the sites in person, an AAPG plaque and extended material documenting the geologic significance of the site will be available.

A major annual meeting is planned for 2017. This will include celebrations of the history and future of the AAPG. Cooperative efforts with other global professional societies will be planned.

Near term goals are to develop existing and new plans in cooperative efforts with other AAPG committees and design a centennial logo. The committee plans to meet at the annual meeting in San Antonio, and other possible locations throughout the year.

Our committee is growing. The initiation of an advisory board is anticipated.

C.A. Sternbach, Chairman


Astrogeology

The purpose of the Astrogeology Committee is to provide AAPG members a forum for ideas on astrogeology and its relationships to terrestrial geology and issues. Efforts include organizing symposia at various meetings, recommending speakers for distinguished lectures, and encouraging poster sessions on astrogeology at earth science meetings and acting as liaison with groups having similar interests, such as NASA. The committee encourages digital and/or paper publications on astrogeology. All who are interested in astrogeology, planetary science, and their application to energy, environmental, and other resources are invited to join the Astrogeology Committee.

The primary goal of the Astrogeology Committee is to develop and implement an annual program of symposia or poster sessions at AAPG conventions that emphasizes all aspects of astrogeology and its direct and indirect application to the exploration for energy (or other) resources. The Astrogeology Committee also seeks to extend similar programs to AAPG’s International Conference by 2009, develop and implement an annual K-12 or teacher-outreach activity, either at an AAPG-sponsored meeting, or at a similar venue, and organize a Hedberg-type research conference on the extraterrestrial exploration for energy resources within five years. The committee has arranged a diverse technical program for both the 2008 AAPG Annual Convention in San Antonio and the 2008 International Conference in Cape Town and in 2008 will continue to work on its other goals, as well as several new ones.

The Astrogeology Committee expanded its membership in the 2006–2007 year by adding new members Brian Pitts and Jim Conca, and welcoming back long-serving member Doug Peters. For the 2006–2007 year, former astronaut Harrison Schmitt served as committee chair and William Ambrose was vice chair. Mark Wilson served as Committee Oversight liaison, Ron Hart was AAPG staff liaison officer, and Don Clarke served as committee coordinator (Outreach and Sections).

2007–2008 Committee Co-chairs Harrison Schmitt and William Ambrose chaired the session Alternative Energy Sources: Promises and Pitfalls at the 2007 AAPG Annual Convention in Long Beach. The session, sponsored by EMD, included Harrison’s presentation Potential of Lunar Helium-3 Fusion Power, which was selected for EMD’s President’s Certificate of Excellence in Presentation for Oral Presentation. The Astrogeology Committee and EMD are co-sponsoring a variety of activities for the 2008 AAPG Annual Convention in San Antonio, including the session Return to the Moon: Research, Rewards, and Research and a map gallery Geospatial Technology. Cynthia Dinwiddie and Darrell Sims at the Southwest Research Institute are also chairing the session Astrogology: A Far-Sighted Look at Unconventional Resources. The Astrogeology Committee also has proposed two sessions, Sub-Continental Scale Layered Intrusives and Lunar Mare Structures and Snowball Earth and Planetary Climate Change through Time, and a field trip to the Bushveld Complex for the 2008 AAPG International Convention in Cape Town. Doug Peters is the coordinator for astrogology sessions at the 2009 AAPG Convention in Denver.

In 2007 the Astrogeology Committee began work on creating a logo and Web site. Among the items planned for the Web site are: mission statement, goals, and business plan, list of committee members and responsibilities, calendar of events, Web links to other organizations, AAPG convention activities including
Committee Oversight

The Executive Committee of AAPG authorized the formation of a Committee on Committees (CoC) in 1991 and Paul Strunk was its first chair. The original purpose of the CoC was to "recommend to the president-elect a slate of candidates for standing, special and ad hoc committees; Association representatives to other permanent groups; and all other appointments on which the Executive Committee, the president or president-elect request advice." Although the 'purpose' has changed somewhat over the past 16 years by direction and counsel from the various presidents and Executive Committees in place during this time, the CoC continues to serve the president and president-elect as to concerns relevant to the various committees of AAPG. This is currently achieved by assigning members of the committee as liaisons to specific AAPG committees. Following the contact and discussion with the chairs/vice chairs of these committees, an evaluation form with a number of questions relative to that committee's meetings, special needs, any requested help and its performance is filled out by the CoC member. The forms are submitted to the CoC chair and to Linda Burris, AAPG information systems database administrator. They are reviewed and assembled by the CoC chair and forwarded onto the president-elect by June 30 of each year.

In 2005, following the AAPG convention in Calgary, the name of the Committee on Committees (CoC) was changed to the Committee Oversight Committee (CoC).

The CoC currently has 17 members with Bob Lindblom, chair and vice-chairs Ed Heath, Mark Wilson, and Pete Gray.

As of June 30, 2007, Pete Gray will step down as vice-chair and Bob Countryman will be a vice-chair during his term to 2008. Pete's dedication and service as a past chair and vice-chair of the CoC have been exemplary and I have asked Pete to stay on as a CoC member for the term 2007–2010. The addition of new members to the CoC will be reviewed following receipt of the 2007–2008 AAPG committee organization from President-elect Will Green and the incoming Executive Committee. The CoC members serve three-year terms with optional reappointment for additional three year terms.

I had the privilege to attend the annual AAPG Leadership Conference held February 9–11, 2007 at the Post Oak Lodge in Tulsa. This 26th Annual Conference included 120 attendees from all facets of AAPG plus the superb planning and assistance of 25 AAPG staff personnel. As in years past, the conference offered informative and learning opportunities on many subjects relative to the attendee's interests and relationship with AAPG.

The CoC met at the annual meeting of AAPG on April 2, 2007 in Long Beach, California, with 14 members attending. AAPG President Lee Billingsley and President-Elect Will Green were also in attendance.

Results of this meeting included a review of the minutes, prepared by Recording Secretary Lee Avary, of the 2006 CoC meeting held in Houston and the CoC annual report (2005–2006) prepared by Chair, Bob Lindblom; the Leadership Conference held in Tulsa in February (referenced above); receiving a number of completed liaison forms from attending members; some comments relative to the Evaluation Form and a review of CoC member terms as to reappointment or leaving the committee. Relative to this item Ed Heath, Kay Pitts, and Steve Sonnenberg agreed to an additional three-year term on the CoC. Jon Kuespert accepted an appointment on the CoC effective 2007–2010. There were specific comments by attending CoC members on needs and concerns of some of their liaison committees. The Executive Committee established 37 standing committees and two ad hoc committees. President Lee Billingsley commented on AAPG's committee organization and the importance of the CoC evaluations to the president and president-elect in their deliberations on performance, viability, and needs of the various committees. Will Green discussed some ideas for committee organization in the coming year and requested early receipt of the evaluation forms following the Long Beach meeting. (Note: The evaluation forms, collected at Long Beach and received following that meeting, were delivered to the president-elect by May 15.)

On a personal note, I am pleased and honored to serve as chair of the CoC and it continues to be a challenging but an equally rewarding experience. I look forward to working with members on any expanded tasks and responsibilities the Committee will be assigned in the coming year.

Most importantly, a special thanks to all the CoC members for their exemplary efforts in performing their liaison work and the timely submittal of the evaluation forms in a detailed and propitious manner.

Bob Lindblom, Chairman


Distinguished Lecture

The Distinguished Lecture Committee functions as an arm of AAPG that provides lecturers speaking on important and timely topics in the field of their expertise. The committee's key strategies are to (1) identify topics that support the business decisions made within the exploration, development, and production industries, (2) showcase the state-of-the-art technology and concepts used in the oil & gas industry, whether it be in business or in the academic environment and (3) cooperate with other societies supporting joint lectures and bringing local societies into a common forum.

The committee nominates and selects distinguished speakers for Fall and Spring lecture tours. The committee currently consists of 20 dedicated professionals, representing 8 oil and gas companies, 1 consultant, 9 academic institutions, and 2 state and governmental offices. Based on the success of the 2006–2007 season (Table I) and the breadth of speakers for 2007–2008 (Table II), the committee continues to maintain a high caliber and balanced...
Table 1. 2006–2007 AAPG Distinguished Lectures

North America Distinguished Lectures

Steven L. Bachtel
ConocoPhillips, Houston, Texas
“Seismic Stratigraphy of the Miocene-Pliocene Segiliga Platform, East Natuna Sea Indonesia: The Origin, Growth, and Demise of an Isolated Carbonate Platform”

Stephen Creaney
ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
J. Ben Carsey Funded Distinguished Lecturer
“Global Petroleum Evaluation-The Role of Integrated Regional Analysis”

Timothy Dixon
University of Miami, Florida
(1) “Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans: Subsidence Measurements from Space”
(2) “Crustal Deformation Near the San Andreas Fault: Estimating Elastic Parameters of the Upper Crust With Space Geodesy”

Michael R. Hudec
Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas
(1) “Advance Mechanisms of Allochthonous Salt Sheets: Implications for Predicting Subsalt Pore Pressure”
(2) “Evolution of Suprasalt Minibasins in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico”

Jacob B. Lowenstern
U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, California
“Intrusion, Deformation and Degassing at the Yellowstone Caldera”

Jean-Laurent Mallet
Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Géologie, Nancy, France
Allan P. Bennison Funded Distinguished Lecturer
“Integrated Earth Modeling: From Seismic Interpretation to Flow Simulation in Reservoirs”

Marian Warren
Encana, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Haas-Pratt Funded Distinguished Lecturer
(1) “An Exploration Case History: How We Made a High-Impact Gas Discovery in a Maturing Basin (Western Canada)”
(2) “Extensional Faulting, Paleodrainage Patterns and Impact on Hydrocarbon Reservoir Quality and Distribution During Foreland Basin Subsidence: A Case Study from the Cretaceous of Alberta”

International Distinguished Lectures

James R. Markello
ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, Houston, Texas
Dean A. Mc Gee International Distinguished Lecturer
(1) “Imaging Elements of Depositional Systems from Shelf To Deep Basin Using 3D Seismic Data: Implications for Exploration and Development”
(2) “Stratigraphy, Sedimentology and Geomorphology of Deep Water Deposits Based on Analysis of 3D Seismic Data: Reducing the Risk of Lithology Prediction”

Craig Shipp
Shell International Exploration and Production, Inc., Houston, Texas
Roy M. Huffington Funded Distinguished Lecturer
(1) “Significance and Recognition of Mass-Transport Deposits in Deepwater Environments”
(2) “Where Offshore Drilling Meets Shallow Geology: Impact of Near-Surface Depositional Systems on Deepwater Operations”

Henry Posamentier
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston, Texas
“Advanced Mechanisms of Allochthonous Salt Sheets: Implications for Predicting Subsalt Pore Pressure”

Mateu Esteban
Repsol YPF, Madrid, Spain
“The Burial of Carbonate Reservoirs: The Rest of the Story”

International Distinguished Instructor

Vitor Dos Santos Abreu III
ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
“Sequence Stratigraphy for Petroleum Exploration”

The slate of domestic Distinguished Lecturers for 2007–2008 included 6 speakers traveling from the regions for more speakers. We are pleased to have 6 speakers traveling through Asia/Pacific, Latin America, the Middle East and Europe.

At the Houston Convention in 2005, the then President-Elect Lee Billingsley charged the DLC with a new program referred to as Distinguished Instructors. He asked the DLC to generate specific lecturers who could present anywhere from a half-day workshop to a two-day short course. The DLC spent considerable time at the Meeting...
presenting various lecturers and/or topics for this new offering. He encouraged the DLC to offer at least one domestic and one international Distinguished Instructor to the groups. During the 2006–2007 year we were able to offer the International Distinguished Instructor, Vitor Abreu, who visited 45 different cities with 2800 individual participants. The Distinguished

Instructors will serve a two year term for AAPG; consequently, they will reach a broader audience. The domestic Distinguished Instructor will kick off this winter with Dr. Kevin Bohacs of ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company. AAPG appreciates the support demonstrated by the Distinguished Lecturers’ companies and universities in providing the resources required for the development of presentations and for the extended periods of absence from the office for the Distinguished Lecture’ and Instructor’s tours.

We are pleased the significant support from the AAPG Foundation has continued as a result of major contributions to the Distinguished Lecture Fund establishing named lectures, such as: the Allan P. Bennison

Table 2. 2007–2008 AAPG Distinguished Lectures

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(1) “Subsidence and Sea-Level Change along the Northern Gulf of Mexico, Response of Mississippi River to the Last Glacial Cycle, and the Flexural Ups and Downs of Mississippi Delta”
(2) “Signatures of Climate and Sea-Level Change in Gulf of Mexico River Systems over the Last Glacial-Interglacial Cycle: A Source-to-Sink View” |
| Vitor Abreu ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
“Three-Dimensional Seismic Imaging of Carbonate Reservoirs and Systems” |
| Terry Engelder Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
(1) “Craquelure in Masterpieces of the Louvre (Paris, France) as Analogue Models for Development of Joints in Fractured Reservoirs”
(2) “Acadian-Alleghanian Orogenesis as Revealed by Fracturing Within the Appalachian Foreland” |
| Imperial Oil, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
“The Growth of Fault Systems on Different Time Scales: Reconciling the Long-Term Growth and Earthquake Behaviour of Normal Faults” |
| Katherine Giles New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(1) “Tracking the Migration of Salt Diapirs using Halokinetic Sequence Stratigraphy”
(2) “Complex Feed Back Loops Controlling Heterozoan Reef Development on Salt Diapirs, La Popa Basin, Mexico” |
| Kirk Johnson ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
“A 4D Seismic in the Deepwater—Challenges and Rewards” |
| Don Lawton PDO, Muscat, Oman
(1) “Dealing With Multi-Level Property Heterogeneity in Carbonate Reservoirs”
(2) “Carbon Isotope Stratigraphy of Mid-Cretaceous Shallow Water Carbonates: Improved Chronostratigraphy and Other Implications” |
| David Johnston ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
“A Geologist’s Guide to Explaining Natural Fracture Phenomena with Fracture Mechanics” |
| Larry Peterson University of Miami, Florida
“Past Climate Clues from Anoxic Basin Sediments: Cariaco Basin (Venezuela) Has a Tropical Climate Type Section” |
| Garry Karner ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, Houston, Texas
(1) “Depth-dependent lithospheric extension: Supporting evidence, structural/lithospheric depocenters, and general applicability”
(2) “Accuracy of Eustatic Amplitude Estimates: Challenges in Flexurally Backstripping Continental Margins” |
| John Walsh University College Dublin, Ireland
(1) “The Structure, Content and Growth of Fault Zones Within Sedimentary Sequences”
(2) “The Growth of Fault Systems on Different Time Scales: Reconciling the Long-Term Growth and Earthquake Behaviour of Normal Faults” |
| Jon Olson University of Texas, Austin, Texas
(1) “Fractured Reservoir Characterization: From Diagenesis and Fracture Mechanics to Reservoir Permeability”
(2) “A Geologist’s Guide to Explaining Natural Fracture Phenomena with Fracture Mechanics” |
| Peter Johnston Repsol YPF, Buenos Aires, Argentina
“Anisotropic Depth Imaging and Interpretation in Thrust-Belt Exploration” |
| Mike Peacock Imperial Oil, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
(1) “Athabasca Oil Sands: Understanding the Oil Sands from the Regional Scale to the Project Scale, Karl–A Case History” |
| Peter Skelton Open University, United Kingdom
(1) “Rudist Evolution, Ecology and Environments”
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| Peter Skelton ExxonMobil Exploration Company, Houston, Texas
“Sequence Stratigraphy for Petroleum Exploration” |
Gregor Eberli, Chair

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Latin America subcommittee: Stanley Wharton (chair), Felipe Audemard (Venezuela), Alfredo Guzman (Mexico), Nilo Azumbuja Filho (Brazil), Carlos Jorge Abreu, (Brazil, president of Latin America region)

Middle East subcommittee: Ahmed (Qasim) Hamed (chair), AbdulKader M. Al-Afifi, (president of the Middle East Region).

Education

The function of the Committee is to stimulate and guide a viable education program by setting goals, guidelines, and directions which satisfy changing needs in continuing education; by recommending subjects for the Association’s catalog of short courses, schools, field seminars, training seminars, course note series, and related education activities; recommending speakers and program leaders and their fees; advising AAPG leadership on education matters, reviewing proposals relating to continuing education.

In FY 2006–2007, AAPG successfully conducted 17 field seminars and 12 stand-alone short courses. Included was a new GeoTour to Alaska which was sold out. For the last four years, AAPG has held an annual Winter Education Conference that consists of a “smorgasbord” of 12 practical application short courses held over one week in Houston. The conference in February 2007 received very high marks from the more than 150 participants. AAPG added a Fall Education Conference focused on Deepwater Exploration and Exploitation in September 2006, also in Houston, which drew a total of 78 participants. A second Fall Education Conference, sponsored by SEG, will be held in September 2007, on the theme of Stratigraphic Traps.

Annual field seminars continue to attract participants as well as generate demand for new offerings. For example, a new field seminar on Seismic Interpretation of Compressive Structures, conducted in Banff, Canada, by John Shaw, was added in 2007. In the past two years, AAPG has offered field courses in Southeast Asia, Italy, and Spain, as part of the globalization effort. The AAPG “Training Partners” program for in-house and society courses conducted two international programs this past year: one for the Peruvian Geological Society in November and one for the Indonesian Petroleum Association in May. Two programs were also conducted for Midland College this past FY, and two more are scheduled for Fall 2007. A large contract job for BP Trinidad is in the final stages of development and should be completed in the Summer 2007.

Several proposals were reviewed and/or approved for FY 2007–2008, including new short courses on fractures, quantification of risk, basic petroleum geology, and fault seals. New field seminar proposals on sequence stratigraphy of fluvial-deltaic deposits, fault characterization and flow behavior, and fluvial-deltaic/clastic shoreline depositional facies were also reviewed. Furthermore, AAPG is exploring co-sponsorship of courses with sister societies such as SPE and SEG, in order to meet demand for multidisciplinary continuing education.

In order to encourage and expedite new courses, a web-based system came online in 2006–2007 (http://aapg.org/education/proposals), where ideas for short courses and/or field seminars can be submitted at the concept or full-proposal levels. The new system resulted in immediate use with the submittal of several proposals outlined above. The Education Committee also continues work on the matrix of AAPG courses with the long term goal of expanding and globalizing the curriculum. These goals and associated action plan have been outlined in an updated business-plan statement for the upcoming fiscal year, which the committee will discuss further at a November 2007 mid-year meeting to be held in Dallas.

Donna Anderson and Laura Wray, Co-Chairs
Julia Ericsson and Skip Rhodes, Co-Vice-Chairs


Geographic Information Systems

This GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Publications Committee is charged with advising AAPG staff on technical industry standards in GIS use and applications, and also the design and...
Main issues addressed by the 36-page business plan include:
• The Business Model
• Acquisition of Spatial Data
• Management of Spatial Data
• Distribution of Spatial Data
• Implementing the Business Plan
• Appendix outlining details pertaining to metadata, portal technology, etc.

Going forward, the AAPG GIS spatial library effort will be enhanced with Bret Fossum's membership on the AAPG Publications Committee as an associate spatial editor. One key goal over the next one-two years is for each print matter publication to be accompanied by a CD of pertinent GIS spatial data (e.g. georeferenced maps with layers, metadata, appropriate attribution). Presently the AAPG Publications Committee reviews only a graphics file of maps and other figures for publication, where in reality many of the maps and figures are available in a spatial format. Once the spatial data are submitted to the AAPG and copyright is acquired, the data will be available to the AAPG for exploitation in the Spatial Library.

Members of the Publications Committee (chaired by John Lorenz) were supportive of the proposal.

A key issue to be worked by the committee and validated by AAPG includes the handling of data distribution from information submitted to the GIS Spatial library. Two end members exist in data dissemination: one includes submissions such as by Dr. Bally (discussed above), where he has required that the data be offered as a free download, while other major submissions may be available for purchase by members and non-members.

An additional business complexity includes the relationship of the GIS Spatial Library to the existing GIS-UDRIL database, a corporate-sponsored database and available only to sponsor members and to Datapages (digital publications scans and in some case GIS data available on CD for purchase). One possible solution is to consider bringing all spatial data under one umbrella (e.g. portal) to facilitate more efficient data distribution and the implementation of a more streamlined business plan. Presently there are three separate GIS/Spatial libraries--Datapages, GIS-UDRIL and the newly emerging free/for-pay GIS Spatial Library.

Co-chair Hannes Leetaru discussed the possibility of establishing AAPG as a portal for all petroleum geological information available from both AAPG and other societies and also commercial vendors. The AAPG could create a Web portal for organizations to display in a spatial format data that is available from an area. The map view would allow a user to go to either the company’s Web site or a quick abstract summarizing the data and possible costs. AAPG might initially charge a minimal fee to cover administrative costs. This type of portal would generate additional interest in AAPG and provide a useful tool for its members.

The committee recommended that titles and possibly abstracts of our current AAPG Bulletin and AAPG Special Publications be made available to non-AAPG members on the AAPG Web site. This would allow for better marketing of AAPG publications and broaden our membership appeal. The title should have a link to allow the user to automatically buy the publication or article by using a check-out cart. A number of other geological societies already offer this type of service.

Members could of course use the “members-only” site to obtain articles from the Bulletin.

Lastly, the committee was in agreement that the stated purpose as outlined above requires an update. Bret Fossum and Hannes Leetaru will submit a proposal to William Morgan, the AAPG Geoscience Standing Committee liaison.

**Bret J. Fossum, Co-chair**
**Hannes E. Leetaru, Co-chair**

Committee members:

**GeoTours (ad hoc)**

The function of the committee on GeoTours is to design, promote, and recommend multiday field trips that integrate earth science, culture, and sociality for AAPG members and spouses interested in an overview rather than detailed learning. GeoTours should be an entertaining and/or recreational as well as a learning experience.

GeoTours ad hoc committee is tentatively planning on offering two tours for the 2008 season. One tour will be a
repeat of the Alaskan tour of 2007 but starting in Homer and ending at Prudoe Bay as a south-north transect of the geology and economic potential of Alaska. Limit is approximately 24 participants.

The second tour planned for 2008 is a seven-and-a-half-day raft trip down the Grand Canyon with Steve Sonnenberg as the trip leader. This trip will feature the geology, ecology, and history of this scenic wonder. Limit is 28 participants. Neither of these trips has been approved by the Executive Committee yet.

I continue to seek more committee members to enrich our choices of new trips and who are willing to do the legwork required.

Terry Britt, Chair

Committee members: Terence L. Britt (chair), Patrick James Gooding, and Charles G. Mull.

Group Insurance

The function of the Committee on Group Insurance is to maintain a liaison with the administrator of the Association’s group insurance programs, to audit the administrator’s annual report, and to supervise management of dividends that accrue. The Committee reviews existing programs and requests new insurance plans to meet changing needs of the membership.

The GeoCare Insurance Benefits Program continues to be one of the most important services provided to the AAPG membership. All of the individuals on the committee are highly dedicated in their efforts to provide the members with quality insurance programs. They continue to evaluate and add new member organizations to the Group Plan, which helps to maintain competitive pricing and increases benefits to the members.


AGIA Insurance Services of Carpinteria, California, is the program administrator through which all claims are filed and processed. Creekmore Livingston Inc. of Punta Gorda, Florida, is the broker liaison for AAPG. New York Life Insurance Co., Monumental Life Insurance Co., and Aetna Insurance Co. are the underwriters for the Group Insurance Plans.

The GeoCare Program now offers eleven plans for the benefit of our membership. They are 10-Year Level Term Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance, First-to-Die Term Life Insurance, High-Limit Accident Insurance, Disability Income, Comprehensive HealthCare, Health Savings Account Qualified Insurance, Dental Insurance, Catastrophic Major Medical, In-Hospital Insurance, and Cancer Insurance Plans. We also have an Association-sponsored Medicare Supplement Plan and Long Term Care Insurance.

The committee continues to evaluate new plans and or suggestions that will be beneficial to the members of the various organizations represented. The newest plan of homeowners and automobile insurance has been approved and will be underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance.

As of April 30, 2007, GeoCare members plan Certificates in Force are 10,885 with a Total Annual Premium of $17,886,176. With the addition of the SPE Group, the total Certificates in Force are 14,277 and a Total Annual Premium of $25,012,037. Through the first four months of 2007, nearly 13,000 medical related claims were processed by AGIA Insurance Services and over $4,798,000 was paid to the members enrolled in the medical group programs.

Complete information on all of the insurance plans provided can be found on the AAPG Web site under Services/GeoCare Insurance or at www.geocarebenefits.co.

Terry L. Hollrah, Chairman

Committee members: Ted Beaumont, Nancy Carter, Jane Crouch, Terry Hollrah (chair), Burt Nelson, Randi Martensn, Kay Pitts (vice-chair), and Ron Young.

International Conference and Exhibition

The role of the International Conference and Exhibition Committee (ICE) is to work closely with the International Regions Committee and the AAPG international convention staff to select the location of the upcoming international conference.

The committee has a Working and an Advisory Group. The Working Group is composed of previous general chairman, general vice chairman, and technical program chairman of previous ICE conventions. The Advisory Group is composed of the six international Region presidents, the chairman of the international Regions and Technical Advisory Committee and a few additional key international members with strong ties to ICE.

The committee also works closely with AAPG convention staff to ensure that we have adequate information on hotels, convention center, host society and AAPG members on the ground in the city and country of ICE to offer the Association membership a great venue and the type of conference they expect from AAPG.

During 2007 our main task was to complete the motion to hold the 2008 ICE meeting in Cape Town in October 2008 and the selection of the host city for the 2009 Latin America meeting. At the end of the fiscal year the 2009 short list of cities was present to the Executive Committee for review and additional information will be collected with a decision to be made by the Executive Committee in August 2007.

It has been a pleasure serving as the chairman of ICE for the last two years. I thank my co-chair Art Donovan from BP for his work on the committee and I wish John Brooks and Erik Mason success in the coming year as the co-chairs of ICE.

John Hogg, Chair

Committee members: Jeff Aldrich, Stuart Brown, Art Donovan, (vice-chair), John Hogg (chair), Jean Jaques Jarrige, John Kaldi, Terry O’Hare, Henry Pettingill, Peter Purcell, Robyn Purcell, Dvorakova Vlastimila, and Marianne Weaver.


Investments

The purpose of the Investments Committee is to oversee the investment funds (Operating Fund) of the Association and its Divisions. The committee sets investment policies,
determines investment allocations, selects appropriate mutual funds, and uses financial planning services to accomplish plans and set goals. The treasurer serves as an ex-officio member and no other member of the Executive Committee may serve on the Investments Committee.

The Operating Fund was established in 1974 to provide AAPG with financial resources to weather adverse periods in the industry. The Investments Committee oversees and is charged with the responsibility of prudent investment of the funds. The Executive Committee has sole discretion to use or dispose of the funds in the Operating Fund as circumstances require. In 2002, the Investments Committee created an investment policy that sets forth the investment structure for managing the Operating Fund assets. The policy is reviewed annually and minor adjustments are made to the various asset allocation classes.

After reviewing performance, asset allocations and the transfer of $1 million to the portfolio, the market value of the Operating Fund on June 30, 2007, was $14,146,386. This represents a 2.1% increase of $289,043 over the previous year’s market value. Of that total, 13.1% was invested in short-term cash accounts, 66.9% in equities, 8.7% in fixed income funds, and 11.3% in other assets. The Investments Committee retains Larry Thompson & Associates to assist with our financial planning process.

The Investments Committee held meetings in Tulsa on October 28, 2006, and April 30, 2007. Minutes from those meetings are posted to the Investments Committee Web page.

At the October and April meetings, the Committee: (1) received the Executive Director’s report on the Association; (2) discussed the overall market’s performance; (3) reviewed and balanced asset allocations; (4) reviewed the operating fund’s portfolio performance; (5) received an update/review of the GeoVe$t pension fund; and (6) discussed other business.

George R. Bole, Chair

Committee members: George Bole (chair), John Brock, Ed Heath, J. Sirman Hollabaugh, Terry Hollrah, Dick Howell, Jim McChay, Terry O’Hare, Pierce Pratt, Rod Tillman and Randi Martinsen (EC Liaison).

Participating AAPG Staff include Rick Fritz, Jim Blankenship, Bryan Haws, David Lange, Larry Nation, and Anne Payne.

Membership Career Services

The mission statement of Career Services Committee is to direct, plan, launch, and to develop and direct a portfolio of career-oriented services and programs that will establish AAPG as every member’s Career Partner for Life, which is in accordance with our Constitution’s stated purpose to advance the professional well-being of its members.

The Career Services Committee is to develop programs and services in the following core partner areas: (1) Internet accessible member registry of skills, experiences, and competencies; (2) Internet accessible member resume posting service; and (3) Internet accessible job availability/clearinghouse posting service.

Other potential core areas, such as in-house career counseling services, may be considered and adopted for future consideration after these three core areas have been developed and are on-track toward launch. This committee’s programs and services are to be designed to be user-friendly to current members, as well as attractive to potential members, because they should establish a strong commitment of mutual need, by establishing AAPG as every member’s Career Partner for Life.

The committee made significant progress during 2006-07, both in working towards completion of its initial three goals, as well as a subcommittee of the AAPG Membership Committee. CSC participated in the AAPG All-Member Survey that was collected during fall 2006, submitting three questions for the survey, designed to test levels of member interest and awareness of our three primary project goals: Member Registry Service, Resume Posting Service, and Job Registry Service. All three enjoyed strong numerical member support (48–67%) from survey respondents, with even “not sure” outweighing negative responses. This confirmed solid member support for these programs, and also demonstrated the need for a strong education/marketing strategy, and especially the strategic rollout of an overall campaign to raise awareness and fulfill value expectations of the members.

With the renewed support of AAPG headquarters’ IT team, the CSC entered into full development and translation of the Member Registry design onto the Aapg Web site template, and developmental testing is now underway. Enhancements that include the addition of year ranges of experiences have been developed, and other user-friendly templates are being engineered, with formal introduction of the Member Registry Service targeted for no later than early 2008.

Several education and marketing strategies were considered at the CSC meeting in Long Beach, with primary focus on: (1) member and potential member market definition, (2) a data population strategy, and (3) advertising and communication options; all leading toward a robust service of value to the members and potential members alike.

This year the CSC evaluated external commercial resume posting services and job registry posting services, as well as similar services provided by sister societies, and has concluded that an internally managed service system in these areas is more desirable than redirecting members to scattered outsourced services in these areas. User access policies are now under preliminary study so as to maximize participation, yet maintain membership as the foundation of access to our services. We want to maximize these services to our existing members, and make this service so desirable that every geoscientist will want to be a member of AAPG, as a result of this career service portfolio.

The CSC continues to explore the eventual need for an HQ staff person to coordinate and maximize the effectiveness of these critical services, as well as be an invaluable in-house career counseling adviser to our greater membership.

It is through the eventual full deployment of this highly valued portfolio of services that AAPG can forever establish itself as every member’s Career Partner for Life.

Dwight “Clint” Moore, Chair

Committee members: Paul Babcock, Paul Britt, Marilyn Cinser, Sherie Cronin, Pat Gordon, Bob Menzie.

Dwight “Clint” Moore (chair), Don O’Nesky, Valary Schulz, and Bob Sellars.

Membership Planning

To identify, train and arm AAPG agents within top petroleum companies in the Houston Geological Society, to serve as “ambassadors” for AAPG recruiting purposes. The objective is to expand this program to other societies, sections, and regions illustrating AAPG’s mission statement of being indispensable to the geoscientist.
The subcommittee held numerous direct and virtual meetings during 2006–2007. The material prepared for support of the Membership Committee’s work was summarized and is available on the AAPG Web site. Specific PowerPoint presentations are:

• 2007 Overview (pdf of slides) from Long Beach
• 2007 Leadership Report (pdf of slides) from Tulsa Leadership Conference
• Career Services: Member Registry (pdf of slides) from Clint Moore at Long Beach
• Membership Categories (pdf of slides) from Jeff Lund at Long Beach
• Young Professionals (pdf of slides) from Natalie Uschner at Long Beach

The most significant proposal from Membership Planning in the past year has been preparation of a recommendation concerning membership classification to simplify and align the membership categories. The concept is to have the Active Member category and Associate category more clearly defined by “career track.” Members qualified to become full Active members but who do not have sufficient experience to qualify would come under a new category called “Provisional Active.”

Geoscientists qualified to be Active, or who will become so qualified after reaching defined experience requirements, will never be in the Associate category.

This proposal will be made to the AAPG Executive Committee at the 2007 Leadership Conference in August 2007.

Jeffrey W. Lund, Chair

Committee members:
Mohammad Omar Al-Amoudi, Martha Lou Broussard, Robert D. Cowdrey, Edward D. Dolly, John L. Forman, David Harold Hawk, John Francis Karlo, Jeffrey William Lund (chair), Nosa Omorodion, and Andrea Adams Reynolds.

Member Survey

The function of the committee is to prepare, conduct and report tri-annually, an All-Member Comprehensive Survey of member attitudes, to assist and guide AAPG leadership and management in planning and implementing future AAPG programs, products and services. The primary purpose and focus of this committee is the preparation, distribution, compilation, and reporting of this All-Member Comprehensive Survey, every three years, with the next two editions due mid-2006 and 2009 respectively. The committee shall consider its future survey development on the format developed in the 2003 All-Member Comprehensive Survey, but may add or consolidate topic areas as necessary. A secondary role for the committee is also to assist other AAPG entities in performing targeted member surveys, as requested by those entities, or as directed by the President and/or Executive Committee.

The member survey was submitted to the membership in September 2006. This is the first member survey that could be completed online, and the 100% increase in overall participation and the large increase in participation from outside the United States over the 2003 survey indicate the effectiveness of using the Internet for future surveys.

I have included the highlights of the 2006 survey as I view them as part of this report. The full report can be viewed on the AAPG Web site.

The next survey will be in 2009 if approved by the Executive Committee. Questions relating to AAPG’s publications were essentially repeated from the 2003 survey to track any changes in attitude toward the various publications. Since there appear to be no appreciable changes from the last survey, I suggest these questions be eliminated or shortened on the next survey. The entire survey needs to be streamlined to make it more efficient without detracting from its usefulness.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Larry Nation and his staff for their assistance on this survey. Their preparation of the article in the AAPG Explorer and subsequent e-mails to the membership contributed greatly to the increased participation in the 2006 survey.

2006 AAPG Member Survey Highlights

General
• 100% increase in participation (2,937 vs. 1,461) from 2003 survey
• 2.6 fold increase in percent participation from outside the United States (27.8 % vs. 10.8%)
• Overall satisfaction with AAPG is high.
• Professionalism, networking opportunities and publications rank highest as factors for membership.

Dues
• 57.4% said an increase is not justified.
• Of those who thought an increase is justified, 61.6% would consider not renewing their membership if the dues were more than $125/year.
• 37.6% would support a graduated dues structure, 26.2% would not, and 36.25% are unsure.

Graduated dues structure
• 36.7%-Age and economic condition
• 32.2%-Industry vs. academic discount
• 18.9%-Economic condition
• 12.2%-Age

Should AAPG remove “American” from its name?
• Overall-33.8% said Yes; 66.2% said No
• United States-25.6% said Yes; 74.4% said No
• Outside United States-56.1% said Yes; 43.9% said No

Sponsorship Requirements
Has the change from three to two sponsors compromised membership standards?
• 17.1% said Yes; 82.9% said No
Should 15 years experience substitute for one member sponsor?
• 52.7% said Yes; 47.3% said No

Petition Candidates
Should the requirement be more than 50 signatures?
• 18.8% said Yes; 46.0% said No; 35.2% said Not Sure
If increased, to how much?
• 100-42.6%, 200-29.5%, 300-10.3%, >300-17.7%
Should a percentage of signatures be from outside the candidate’s section or region?
• 29.8% said Yes; 35.2% said No; 35.0% said Not Sure.
If yes,-52.5% believe it should be 20% or less.

Contact with Headquarters
• 43.3% of respondents have had contact with Tulsa in the past year.
• 94.2% of those say their questions or concerns were handled to their satisfaction.

The AAPG Bulletin
• 52.9% read at least every other issue. (52.0% in 2003)
• 92.1% believe the quality is good or excellent. (89.2% in 2003)
• 86.2% believe the scientific content is about right. (79.2% in 2003)
• 90.2% believe the length of the articles is about right. (83.7% in 2003)
• 65.5% would not pay extra for a paper copy if the Bulletin were only provided in digital format.
• 83.5% said the requirement to pay for a paper copy would not affect the decision to renew their membership.
The AAPG Explorer
• 83.9% read every issue. (91.8% in 2003)
• 84.6% believe the quality of the articles is good or excellent. (86.6% in 2003)
• 88.7% believe the timeliness of the articles is good or excellent. (88.1% in 2003)
Should the format be changed to include technical survey articles like the Leading Edge (SEG)?
• 55.0% said Yes, 45% said No

Special Publications
Have you ever purchased one?
• 88.4% said Yes, 11.6% said No. (86.7%/13.3% in 2003)
Why not?
• Cost-39.9%; Subject matter-36.2%; Did not know they were available-24.9%.
(62.7%/10.8%/10.3% in 2003)
Would you like to see them in less expensive styles?
• 44.1% said Yes; 31.6% said No; 24.3% said Not sure

Continuing Education
• 72.4% have not attended a continuing education course during the last five years. (76.8% in 2003)
• 71.6% believe the optimum course length is two or three days. (70.4% in 2003)
• 52.2% receive corporate support.
The preferred locations are Houston, the annual convention, online, Denver and the international conference.
The preferred time is during the week-day.

Distinguished Lectures
• 67.7% have not attended a distinguished lecture during the past year. (74.5% in 2003)
• 92.2% of those who did thought they were good or excellent in quality. (83.9% in 2003)
What should be the mix between fundamental science and industry applications?
• Mostly fundamental science: 13.0%, half and half: 55.8%, mostly industry applications: 31.2%
(13.0%/55.8%/31.2% in 2003)

Web Site
• 45.4% access the AAPG Web site at least once a month. (27.7% in 2003)
• 10.1% have never accessed it. (31.5% in 2003)
• As in 2003, most found it reasonably easy to navigate.
• 58.4% have used it for research purposes, and found to be generally useful.
• 59.4% believe the website should have a place to post their resumes for prospective employment; 11.4% said No; 29.2% said Not Sure
• 48.8% believe it would useful to be able to post their skills, experiences and competencies; 21.1% said No; 30.5% said Not Sure.
• 67.4% believe AAPG should allow available job postings; 14.0% said No; 18.6% said Not Sure.

Government Affairs and Public Outreach
• 83.3% support the office in Washington, D.C.
• 87.5% believe AAPG should play an active to extremely active role in geoscience and energy issues. (89.8% in 2003)
• 79.3% believe AAPG should generate a balanced summary on global climate change for the membership.
• 64.8% believe AAPG should develop a science-based stance on global climate change; 17.1% said No; 18.1% said Not Sure.
• 78.1% believe it is important to very important for AAPG to advise U.S. officials on technical issues and policies. (82.5% in 2003)
• 49.9% have the same position on non-technical issues and policies. (61.0% in 2003)
• 63.5% believe it is important to very important for AAPG to advise international officials on technical issues and policies. (59.9% in 2003)
• 39.1% have the same position on non-technical issues and policies. (36.9% in 2003)

Annual Convention
• 59.1% have attended the annual convention in the past three years. (54.7% in 2003)
• Technical program, location and networking are the most important factors in attendance.

David G. Rensink, Chair
Committee members:
Kathleen C. Bennett, John E Jordan Jr., David Gene Rensink (chair), Sharon M. Sartain, and Linda Raine Sternbach.

Membership Young Professionals
The mission of the AAPG Young Professional Committee is to foster a challenging and successful career in the energy business for recent college graduates and early career geoscientists; build an understanding of the value of a lasting relationship between AAPG and young professional members. Accomplishing this mission will require:
Open communication with students about careers in earth science;
Identifying and serving early career needs of young geoscientists; Offering opportunities for networking, career guidance, learning, and enhancing professional competence.

The responsibilities of this committee are to provide a series of unique services to AAPG young professionals members; to retain and increase our current Young Professional membership; and to encourage AAPG young professionals to progress from Student to Associate to Active membership.
The AAPG Young Professionals Community Web site provides a place for relevant community news to be posted as well as a discussion forum for Young Professionals.
Potential goals of the YOC are as follows:
1. To create a quarterly newsletter for new and existing Young Professional members, which could include: advice to young professionals from Active AAPG members and upcoming events and meetings. A “1st year’s corner” which could give timely advice for one’s first year in the industry, and include polls on hot topics/newsworthy items in the geologic/geophysical community.
2. Welcoming letter from YPC to those students who will be employed after graduation. This letter acts as encouragement for the young professional to remain active in the AAPG community.
3. Mentoring via the Web site. Active members could sign up to become mentors and respond to questions posted by young professionals.
4. Interactive online seminars (webinars) on topics relevant to the Young Professionals population.
Topics such as project management, sales training for non-sales positions, hot topics in the industry such as Basics of Carbon Sequestration, etc. (These courses should be offered for free or for a small fee; be short in duration; remain open to the entire membership with playback allowed.)
5. Potential socials with the Student Chapters to increase student interaction with AAPG young professionals just entering the industry. Socials could take place at U.S. and overseas conventions.

Natalie Uschner, Chair
Committee members: Jeffrey K Barndt, Pheebe M Blaylock, Matthew Wade Boyd, Susan M. Cunningham, Jared Brandon Haight, Christopher P. M. Heath, Sankar Kumar Muhurt, Richard Steinmetz, and Natalie Uschner (chair).

Public Outreach
The function of the Committee on Public Outreach is to develop means of informing the public about geology in general and petroleum geology in particular, and to report successful projects to AAPG's affiliated societies.

Strategic public outreach involves the following steps:
1. Develop a list of stakeholders or publics-individuals or groups who can affect or are affected by the organization
2. Determine the concerns of the public
3. Identify and manage the organization's response to concerns
4. Develop communications objectives (communication, retention of message, acceptance of message, agreement with message, complementary two-way behavior)
5. Plan programs to achieve objectives
6. Implement programs
7. Evaluate programs

Any public outreach effort requires overcoming several challenges:
• Competing for attention
• Overcoming perceptions of organizational bias
• Volunteers stretched to their limits
• Sustaining the effort

Last year, the committee considered whom “the public” should include and which issues AAPG can address credibly and effectively. We designated liaisons to relevant AAPG committees and several other organizations, including AGI, Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science, the National Park Service, and PTTC; and we will look for additional opportunities for beneficial collaboration. The best-sustained of these relationships is that with AGI.

This year, Bob Lindblom of the Committee Oversight Committee again kindly provided information from committee chairs about their outreach activities so that appropriate coordination occurs. Liaisons are especially important between the Public Outreach committee and 100th Anniversary, Education, and Youth Educational Activities committees.

After considering many possible courses of action, including one-time print publications, the committee decided that it would best serve AAPG by developing a proposal for a public website dedicated to outreach. The proposal was submitted to the AAPG Executive Committee during the fourth quarter of 2006, and page mockups are being revised by committee member Rachel Páez. As Web development proceeds, other outreach projects will make use of material developed for the Web site.

AAPG was featured in a page of the Earth Science Week calendar to be distributed by AGI in October 2006. AAPG has asked to participate in 2007 Earth Science Week activities because of the program’s consistent success in engaging students and teachers.

As the DPA Government Affairs Committee revises AAPG Position Papers, the Public Outreach committee will communicate in a manner consistent with our publicly stated positions.

Plan for 2006–2007:
• Submit proposal for public outreach Web site (completed)
• Develop Web pages (in progress)
• Develop additional outreach material consistent with Position Papers and capitalizing on investment in Web development (delayed until launch of Web site)
• Continue liaison activities to avoid duplication of effort (completed)
• Participate in Earth Science Week mailing by AGI (in progress)

Membership of the committee is stable but few, so volunteers are welcome. We especially invite members from AAPG Regions. I am grateful to all the members of the committee for their efforts, and to Will Green and Larry Nation for their guidance.

Gretchen Gillis, Chair
Committee members: Lee Avary, Bennett Bearden (vice-chair), Bonner Bowden, Elmo Brown, Betsy Campen, Jessica Cavens, Don Clark, Tim Diggs (vice-chair), Tom Dignes, John Dribus, Gretchen Gillis (chair), Richard Green, Will Green, David Hawk, Murray Matson, Thomas Moore, Larry Nation, Rachel Páez, Bill Pollard, Eric Radjef (vice-chair), Philip Ryall, Mari Vice, Donna Willette, and Laura Zahm.

Publication Pipeline
The mission of the AAPG Publication Pipeline Committee is to improve geoscience education in countries abroad by providing used geoscience books and periodicals at no cost to libraries that request them.

Geoscientists Helping Geoscientists
The AAPG Publication Pipeline committee collects, inventories, boxes, stores, and sends, free of charge to the recipients, donated geoscience periodicals and books to university libraries and other libraries overseas which are in need of them for use by the students, faculty, and researchers. We arrange shipment of the publications overseas through the help of companies and organizations operating overseas as well as with the assistance of other AAPG members, regions and student chapters.

To date the committee has shipped over 50 tons of publications to universities that need them.

Accomplishments–Fiscal Year 2006/2007
This last year has been a very successful year for the Publication Pipeline both in terms of intake of publications as well as the amount of publications sent overseas.

Notably the Publication Pipeline committee entered into a long-term donation arrangement with ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co. to accept used publications from their library management system. In addition publications were donated to the committee from other libraries (MMS-New Orleans, Illinois State Geologic Survey) as well as from individuals. We now have about 50,000 pounds of donated publications in storage, of which 25% are inventoried.

This past year saw several multi-ton donations sent overseas, namely to Afghanistan and Bangladesh as well as a shipment to Papua New Guinea. In all of these locations the committee enlisted the help of local societies (e.g. the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia) and student chapters affiliated with the AAPG to participate with the donations to the universities. Of course none of this would have been possible without the generous support of our corporate partners like Anadarko, ChevronTexaco, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co., Samson, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Additional shipments are in progress or planned to Argentina, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, Mongolia, Nigeria, and Vietnam.

Critical Activities
Our most urgent problems are identifying universities that need the publications, finding AAPG members...
who are close to the recipient universities and will work with the AAPG Publication Pipeline in arranging receipt of publications as well as locating companies and/or organizations willing to underwrite shipment costs.

Our biggest challenge is arranging shipments at a pace sufficient to equal our intake of donations. In spite of the general desire for publications, making contacts with universities overseas and arranging shipments is a slow process. This process is helped by working with and through our AAPG regional organizations and affiliates. This year’s special emphasis will be put upon getting more AAPG members involved, especially in-country members and student chapters who can help facilitate and ensure an efficient donation program. In addition we will continue to contact corporate partners and government organizations to solicit funds to ship publications to universities that need them.

This past year also saw the committee having to vacate the large donated warehouse facility in Houston that we used to store our publications because of the sale of the facility. In the meantime a long-time supporter of the committee, Samson Resources, has helped the committee locate a (much smaller) temporary facility to store our inventory until a bigger facility can be found.

The Pipeline Needs Your Help!

We request aid from the membership in five ways:

1. Help us identify universities overseas in need of publications. Consider acting as an ambassador for our cause.
2. Recommend to your company that they sponsor a shipment of publications overseas to needy universities in the host country of your operations. Experience shows that is a win-win activity for all involved.
3. We need the help of individuals to join us on the committee. Help is especially needed in Houston to work with us in handling donations and arranging distributions.
4. If and when you decide to dispose of your library, please keep us in mind. Overseas universities often do need both books and periodicals.
5. We do need funding. The AAPG provided us with a $4,500 budget this last year but to be most effective we need at least $22,000 a year. Donations can be made to the AAPG Foundation marked for the Publication Pipeline, either endowment or operating funds. We are geoscientists helping geoscientists.

**Rick Wall, Chair**

Committee Members: Kunle A. Adesida, Mike Bryarly, Martin Cassidy (treasurer), Chuck Caughey, Dave Drowley (secretary), John S. Dudar, Joe Forrest, Robbie Gries, Jan Heagy, Claren Kidd, George Klein (GSA conferee), Thomas Klopf, Kehinde Ladipo, Jasper Nwachukwa, Tim Russell, Nahum Schneidermann, Ray Sorenson, Charlotte Sullivan, Rick Wall (chair), Gemt Wind (vice-chair), and Pinar Yilmaz.

**Publications**

The mission of the Publications Committee is to assist the Association’s Elected Editor by soliciting important topics for publication and assessing suitability, market appeal, and timeliness of proposals for AAPG’s special publications and the Bulletin.

The AAPG Publications Committee, ably supported by the AAPG Geosciences Department, has continued to solicit, review, and process proposals for publications as AAPG Special Publication volumes. Reviewers (committee members) have contributed to revisions of proposals that have strengthened the final texts and made sure the volumes are related to hydrocarbon geology that is relevant to the AAPG membership.

The chair, vice-chairs, and staff have maintained a schedule of monthly teleconference calls to assess the progress of each project, and helped shepherd various authors along the paths towards completion of projects.

One of the initiatives that has finally bloomed during this year is the “Getting Started In...” series. Each unit in this series consists of a collection of 10-15 seminal and important published papers that have been collected by an expert in the field, with introductory text for the volume and a brief synopsis of each paper. The series is aimed at the geologist who wants to ramp up quickly in topics such as fluvial sedimentology or salt tectonics, and geologists who have recently started work in a newly assigned task area. The series also makes a good resource for academic geology classes.

Sixteen digital publications were released during the 2006–2007 year, and the following titles were released in hardcopy:

- Memoir 84 – The Carpathians and their Foreland: Geology and Hydrocarbon Resources
- Memoir 87 – Sand Injectites: Implications for Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production
- Memoir 88 – Giant Hydrocarbon Reservoirs of the World
- Studies 55 – Oil and Gas of the Greater Caspian Area
- Computer Applications 5 – Stochastic Modeling and Geostatistics: Principles, Methods, and Case Studies, Volume II

In addition, approximately 30 projects are currently in various stages of being turned from an author/editor’s wild idea into a volume that will be sold by AAPG. These projects include themes such as an interactive, electronic petroleum-geology textbook, an atlas of outcrops of deep-water deposits, a volume on carbon dioxide sequestration, and an exposition on the Hugoton Field in Kansas.

**John Lorenz, Chair**

Committee members:
- Donna S. Anderson, Stacy C. Atchley, Paul Anthony Catacinos, Edward Blackshear Coalson, Scott Patrick Cooper, William D. DeMis, Ashton Fox Embry III, Dengliang Gao, Donald Lee Gautier, Gretchan M. Gilles, Steven Maurice Goolsby, Carolyn Ann Green, James W. Handschy, Robert C. Hulse, Andrew Hurst, John Clay Lorenz (chair), Astrid Makowitz, Vernon Michael Moore, Temilyn M. Olson, Jack C. Pashin, Douglas Cameron Peters, Francois M. Rouse, Raymond Paul Sorenson,
Research

The function of the Committee on Research is to monitor activities in geoscience research that relate to the exploration and production of petroleum and other energy minerals; to promote the interchange of research ideas through conferences and symposia; to assist other AAPG committees with matters pertaining to research activities; and to initiate, sponsor, and/or cooperate with organizations in gathering data and preparing reports on subjects of high interest to geoscientists.

The committee consists of two subcommittees (Hedberg Conference and Academic Geoscience Survey) and two research groups (Reservoir Deformation and Unconventional Petroleum Systems).

Among the most important activities of the Research Committee is development and sponsorship of AAPG’s Hedberg Conferences and Research Symposia. Hedberg Conferences held since the last report include:

- Understanding World Oil Resources: November 12–17, 2006, Colorado Springs, Colorado; organizers Richard Nehring, Tom Ahlbrandt, Dick Bishop, Pete Stark, and Jim Emme; 75 participants with 17 nations represented.

Hedberg Conferences approved and planned at the time of the preparation of this report are:


Hedberg Conferences in planning stages include:
- Sediment Transfer from Shelf to Deepwater — Revisiting the Delivery Mechanisms: March 3–7, 2008: Ushuaia, Patagonia, Argentina; organizers Carlos Savala, Stanley Wharton, Ronald Steel, Roger Slatt, and 8 others.
- Variations in Fluvi-Deltaic and Coastal Reservoirs Deposited in Tropical Environments: tentatively September 2008, in Malaysia or Singapore; organizers Bob Shoup, Joe Lambiasi, and Andrew Cullen.
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• National Petroleum Council—The AAPG was represented on the Resource Evaluation Committee for the still on-going National Petroleum Council Assessment of World Oil and Gas Resources by Brenda Pierce, Jeff Brown and Rusty Riese. AAPG was also represented on the Unconventional Gas Technology Subcommittee by Bill Fisher and Rusty Riese.

• AAPG-SPE International Multidisciplinary Reserves Conference—The meeting was held in Washington, D.C., June 24–26, 2007. Members Brenda Pierce and Rusty Riese participated and assisted in the planning of two break-out sessions, (AAPG members Pete Rose, Don Juckett, and Ron Charpentier were involved in this activity.)

• 2008 San Antonio Annual Meeting — Session on Basin and Prospect Risk and Uncertainty Assessment—Member Rusty Riese is co-chairing the organization of the captioned session for the 2008 meeting.

Mission Statement

The CORE members are currently reviewing our mission statement with the intention of revising it to reflect the international flavor, which the AAPG has begun to develop and nurture. The existing mission statement reflects exclusive interest in assisting domestic U.S. government agencies via peer review of their assessment practices and products. While it is not the committee’s intent to interject itself anywhere that it has not been invited, we nevertheless believe that our mission statement should reflect our willingness to provide similar assistance to similar agencies in other countries. A revised statement will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval as soon as it is prepared and reviewed by the committee members.

Membership

Several former members have departed the committee; several other members are generally unable to participate in the technical reviews we perform. Increasing activity levels have therefore left the remaining members with a heavy load. For that reason, and in light of the organization’s interest in increasing its international visibility, we are in the process of identifying potential new members who may be recommended to the Executive for appointment. This is proving to be a lengthy process for several reasons: our committee requires participation from individuals who have unique skill sets; and some contacted seem to be tardy in responding.

We are also sensitive to the AAPG’s desire to see diversity in its committees. Our consideration of that goal notwithstanding, we are having a difficult time identifying potential members who may help us contribute to achieving that goal while at the same time maintaining the high level of technical skills, which our committee requires.

Leadership

The chairman is sensitive to the value of keeping former chairs actively engaged in the business of the committee. He also is keenly aware of the need to keep succession in mind as subcommittee assignments are offered. That will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

W.C. Rusty Riese, Chair


Student Chapter

The mission of the Student Chapter Committee (SCC) is to support the establishment and ongoing efforts of AAPG student chapters at academic institutions. To this end, the SCC will act as the primary liaison between AAPG and its student and faculty members. Within AAPG, the SCC will be a leader in establishing programs that will promote student membership, facilitate student involvement in the greater organization, and provide students with exposure to research and careers in the petroleum, energy mineral, and environmental sciences. The SCC will strive to maintain an active, diverse membership that represents a broad disciplinary and geographic distribution of professionals, thereby providing a valuable resource to students as they transition from academics to professional careers.

Committee Structure

The committee increased its membership from 21 to 30 members, further diversifying the group by age and geographic location. An additional 6 to 8 members will be added this year, with an emphasis on increasing international representation. The committee leadership has been expanded to include three vice chairs, which will divide responsibility for supervising domestic chapters, international chapters and annual meeting programs.

Student Chapter Membership

(as of 01/30/07)

Student members, 4,996 (increase of 1,208 from 07/01/06); student chapters (active) 158 (112), U.S., 81; international, 77 (+ 2 pending).

Programs, Sponsors, Awards, and Recipients

The following sponsored the Student Chapter program: student membership fees, Chevron; student reception—Long Beach, ExxonMobil; student presentation awards—Long Beach, Shell E&P; student travel stipends (24)—Long Beach, Shell E&P; outstanding student chapter awards—Long Beach, Schlumberger; student field trip—Long Beach, Aera Energy, EBY Petrography & Consulting, Chevron, Core Laboratories, Devon Energy, Newfield, Nexen Petroleum U.S.A., Occidental Petroleum, and Pioneer Natural Resources.

Chevron sponsored 3,747 students through 06/30/07, the Book Gift Program $250 per eligible chapter: 13 chapters, and the L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grants $500 for selected recipient/$500 for chapter: 41 chapters.

2007 Annual Convention, Long Beach

An anonymous donor provided $25 AAPG Bookstore gift certificates for all student presenters.

SEPM co-sponsored both the Student Reception and Student Field Trip.

Student chapters from Louisiana State University, Stephen F. Austin State University and the University of Oklahoma had members work in the AAPG General Store during the Long Beach Convention, earning a combined total of $2,562.88.

The following awards were given:

2007 Shell Best Student Presentation Awards, Long Beach

• First place, Student Oral Presentation, $1,500, Ned Frost; gift to student’s school, $1,500, University of Texas, Austin

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Highlights
The Student Chapter Program was highlighted at several events during the 2007 Long Beach Convention. Over 400 students, faculty and industry representatives attended the AAPG/SEPM Student Reception, sponsored by ExxonMobil. Representatives from SEPM and the AAPG Visiting Geoscientist Program were also in attendance to network with faculty. The annual Student Field Trip was fully subscribed with 35 students attending. This was a three-day, post-meeting tour of the stratigraphy and neotectonics of the Salton Trough in southern California. Student registration for this trip was held to $50 due to generous corporate support.
At the 2007 Long Beach Convention, 19 students participated in the AAPG Student Poster Competition, which was prominently located in the entrance to the convention facility. Twelve students participated in the AAPG Student Oral Competition, in which their presentations dispensed among the regular technical sessions. Judges scores showed that the student presentations were often on par with their professional counterparts. Of the student presenters, 15 of 31 came from schools outside of the United States.
Plans were finalized and funding obtained for the inaugural Student Chapter Leadership Summit, to be held in September 2007 in Houston. This is the foundational effort for a broader chapter mentoring program that will support new and reactivating chapters. The SCC continues to administer annual programs, while also embarking on a series of initiatives for the 2007–2008 year. These initiatives include:
• Growing and diversifying committee membership.
• Developing strong ties with student oversight committees and student program representatives in all international regions.
• Supporting student programs at international meetings.
• Commencement of a direct contact initiative with all student chapters.

Student Expo
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Acknowledgements
The SCC would like to thank individuals and groups that made invaluable contributions during the past year:
• The Long Beach Organizing Committee for their dedication to student programs.
• Art Sylvester (University of California, Santa Barbara) for leading an excellent Student Field Trip after to the Long Beach meeting and Bob Clarke for his continued mastery of field trip logistics.
• SEPM, and specifically Howard Harper, Bob Dalrymple, and Mary Kraus, for co-sponsoring the Student Reception and Student Field Trip, and The AAPG Foundation for their annual support of the trip.
• Lori Summa, Mike Loudin, and Bob Stewart (ExxonMobil) for their continued support of the Student Reception.
• Jeroen Peters and Dean Maloula (Shell E&P) for their continued support of AAPG student programs and awards.
• Rod Nelson, Chris Hopkins, Paige McCown, Mary Jo Caliandro, and Karen Glaser (Schlumberger) for their continued support of AAPG student programs and awards.
• Francesca Fazzari and Rhonda Welch (Chevron) for support of the student membership sponsorship and Long Beach student lounge.
• Mike Party (secretary) for his guidance as the Executive Committee liaison to the SCC.

Bill Houston, Chairman
Committee members: Richard Ball, Justin Bellamy, Dan Billman, Jeff Bush, Robert Clarke, Kyla Coker, Gloria Cummins, Michael Deal, Joe Dischinger, Don Duttlinger, Rebecca Dodge, Frank Ethridge, Nate Gilbertson, Bill Hottman, Karyn Powell Peter MacKenzie, Joe McShane, Kori Norberg, Mike Party, Ann Puchalski, Andrea Reynolds, Stephanie Thomas, Susan Waters, Joe Watson, Rhonda Welch, Stanley Wharton, Gary Yoder, and Janet Yun.

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In 2006 and early 2007, AAPG and SEG again sponsored four successful
student-recruiting events across the country. The events were held in Laramie, Wyoming, Norman, Oklahoma, Houston, and Buffalo, New York. These events connected geoscience students with potential energy, environmental, and government industry employers. The students benefited by presenting their work, networking, and interviewing with multiple employers at one central location. The companies enjoyed cost-efficient recruiting from a large and diverse group of motivated and talented individuals. The events are particularly important to students who attend universities where energy companies do not actively recruit. Results from all of the job fairs continued to be positive, and we anticipate a continued demand for future young professionals to fill gaps of an aging workforce in combination with an elevated commodity price will continue to bolster hiring rate, resulting in future successful recruiting events in the coming years.

March 15-16, 2007, saw the seventh annual Spring Break Student Expo in Norman, Oklahoma, featuring the theme “Find Your Perfect Fit!” The Expo was once again held at the Sarkeys Energy Center on The University of Oklahoma campus. The School of Geology and Geophysics hosted this event, and 2007 saw the largest turnout yet. This year more than 200 students and 34 companies participated. Students were able to choose from four educational short courses: Petroleum Geology of Deepwater (Turbidite) Depositional Systems, The Potential for Big Bucks—An Independent Geologist’s Perspective, Schlumberger Geosciences—A Technology Overview, An Introduction to Seismic Interpretation or a field trip to Oklahoma’s Wichita Mountains. The poster contest again awarded cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both geological and geophysical categories, which drew 40 entrants. The 2007 Spring Expo also hosted the first regional SEG Challenge Bowl and also coordinated a book sale by the Department’s Geology library. The ninth Annual AAPG/SEG Student Expo was held October 9–10, 2006, in Houston. This expo continues to be a great success and a key geoscience student-recruiting event. The event welcomed more than 150 students and 30 sponsoring companies and associations. As the Expo has exponentially increased in size over the past nine years, the event was held at the George R. Brown Convention Center and featured an icebreaker, more than 70 poster displays, two field trips, a short course, sponsor exhibits, and recruiter interviews. The drilling rig tour, led by Anadarko, and the coastal trip, led by Julia Smith-Wellner of Rice University, was back by popular demand. Modeled after the success at the Spring Expo in Norman, Schlumberger/WesternGeco led a well-attended “Technology Day” short-course, highlighting the advanced technology and science used by the industry. The Student Expo was paid entirely by the generous donation of corporate sponsors.

The fourth Student Job Quest (SJQ), in early October 2006, held in conjunction with the Eastern Section of AAPG also saw a record number of employer and student attendee participation. Twenty-three students attended from a growing number of schools extending beyond the eastern United States, with 10 of those displaying posters on their student research. SJQ is very much appreciative to all those who helped to make the Student Job Quest a success.

The University of Wyoming Department of Geology and Geophysics hosted the fifth annual Rocky Mountain Rendezvous of Geosciences Students and Employers in Fall 2006. AAPG and the Rocky Mountain Section of the AAPG sponsored the event, endorsed by several other professional geosciences organizations. Twenty-four companies participated in the rendezvous. Similar to the other job fairs, the RMS features poster presentations by the students, networking of companies and students, and field trips, short courses, and workshops. Cash prizes were awarded to the top poster presenters.

Thanks once again to the AAPG, SEG, Rice University, University of Oklahoma, University of Wyoming, our corporate sponsors, and the all committee members and volunteers who dedicate their time.

Deanna Tavernier, AAPG/SEG Student Expo, Niki Chapin, Spring Break Student Expo, Katharine Lee Avary, Student Job Quest, Randi Martinsen, Rocky Mountain Rendezvous

Committee members: Kathleen J.Aikin (SEG SSLA chair), Martha Lou Broussard (vice-chair), William R. Almon, Amanda Beardsley, George R. Bole, Sushanta Bose, Marc L. Buursink, Grace Castellini, Ryan Christensen, Jenny Cole (SEG staff liaison), Francesca Fazzari, Kevin Hae Hae, L. Ashley Hubbard, Lizette Leon, Felipe Lozano, Robyn Marchand, Brad Michalcul, Mike Mlynek (AAPG staff liaison), Charles R. Noll, Jr., Tamalyn Peltier, Julia Smith Wellner, Beth Strickland, Deanna Tavernier (chair), Tony Williams, and Fernando Enrique Ziegler.

Technical Advisory

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will provide information to AAPG technical program committees on current technical trends and topics in petroleum geoscience and related disciplines. The committee will recommend resources for development of AAPG programs, including recommendations of volunteers such as speakers and technical program session chairs. In addition the Technical Advisory Committee will be asked from time to time to provide technical information and resources to various other AAPG committees, such as the Distinguished Lecturer and Research committees.

TAC members have taken on several duties since July 2006 including the following: AAPG’s current procedures and guidelines for Technical Programs; how to put together a great technical program at North American and international venues; how to select session topics and focus effort; and design training for co-chairs, and finding creative ways to engage the audience. Also in progress are duties for technical program co-chairs, session co-chairs as well as ideas to related programs (e.g., field trips, short courses and workshops).

TAC is working on the following conferences: Cartagena 2008, Geo 2008, San Antonio 2008, Cape Town 2008, Moscow 2008, and Denver 2009 conferences. Each TAC member has volunteered to be a liaison for the Technical Program committee of these conferences. In this role TAC’s provide advice, insight, and mentor, as well as find candidates for 25–30% of session co-chairs to provide diversity to the program across the AAPG world. TAC meets twice each year with additional conference calls as needed.

Pinar Oya Yilmaz, Chair


Members-at-Large: Jeff Aldrich, Nilo Azambuja, Istvan Berczi, Masta Dvorakova, John Kaldi
Visiting Geoscientist Program

The function of the Committee on the Visiting Geoscientist Program (VGP) is to give university students and faculty worldwide a balanced view of geosciences in the petroleum, energy minerals, and environmental industries; provide information about careers in the geosciences; project a positive image of geoscience as a profession; and encourage geoscience career options for young scientists of high caliber. These goals are achieved through direct student contact during college and university visits by active professional geoscientists.

The Visiting Geoscientist Program introduces students to career paths and shows them how to prepare for their future in geology and geophysics. It also demonstrates professional attributes and the advantages of active participation in AAPG. Interaction with faculty and administrators also provides guidance regarding courses and field experiences needed by students to land jobs and become effective geoscientists.

Over the past year, the VGP moved forward in areas of:

1. Recognition of Visiting Geoscientists: Ribbons were distributed for display on name tags, and performance awards were discussed with the AAPG Executive Committee. Other forms of recognition also are being considered.
2. Visiting Geoscientist Tours: The first international VG tour was very successfully conducted with AAPG support for travel costs. Other tours are being considered for both domestic and international areas.
3. Communication: A VGP Committee area is now active on www.aapg.org, including a library of materials and a discussion board.
4. Presentation Materials: A set of annotated slides on “Geoscience Careers” is posted on the Web site for campus presentations.
5. Publicity: An attractive new brochure on the VGP was prepared and is now being distributed to universities around the world, and the AAPG Explorer ran an article on the VGP.
6. Liaison: Connecting universities with Visiting Geoscientist volunteers remains a significant challenge, highlighted by the uneven distribution of VG visits from year to year. The VGP Committee launched an initiative to nominate a VG liaison for each AAPG domestic section and international region to assist in connecting VG lecturers with geoscience departments in their area.
7. VG Visits: Almost evenly divided between campuses in the United States and those in international areas, there are significant differences in VG Visits coverage among the various AAPG sections and international regions. The VGP Committee is working to establish more balance so that major earth science departments throughout the world receive visits. Special emphasis is placed on universities with (or working to start) AAPG Student Chapters.

Chuck Caughey, Chair


Youth Educational Activities

The Committee will strive to increase the knowledge and appreciation of geoscience among students and teachers. The Committee plans to expand participation in the Rocks in Your Head program through increased funding from the AAPG Foundation. The Committee manages the Earth Science Teacher of the Year Award and Teachers’ Days at national and Section meetings. The Committee assists and coordinates earth science and energy programs of national youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4H. The committee coordinates these activities with other earth science organizations, such as AGI.

In 2007, YEA continued supporting traditional education and youth group activities while developing a new core program to enhance AAPG member support of K-12 earth science and energy education.

A new collaborative relationship with AGI promises better coordination of science enrichment efforts.

During the fiscal year, the committee met formally twice, first via teleconference in December 2006, and then at a full committee meeting during the Long Beach Annual Convention in April 2007. The committee has two vice-chairs (Laura Zahm: Education Support; Ron Hart: Youth Groups and Families) and approximately 12 more active members.

In the education support area, YE administered another installment of Teacher of the Year (TOTY). Although only three AAPG sections nominated candidates, the winner, Ryan Henry, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is an outstanding educator well deserving of recognition. Specific YEA effort will increase local and national participation in TOTY. The YEA committee also formally recognized the outstanding leadership efforts and commitment to TOTY by past chairman Don Lewis, who has stepped down after many years.

The new YEA core program will attempt to meet the enormous need for enhanced student and family understanding of earth science and energy issues by “activating” the equally large resource represented by the AAPG membership. A primary new focus is the Members’ Handbook. The intent is to create a single resource for AAPG members who want to provide earth science enrichment and outreach for students, schools, and youth groups. The new collaboration with AGI through Anne Benbow promises to add more value and streamline the handbook process.

On the minus side, the YEA committee has struggled to achieve other goals, including updating the Web site, enhancing youth group support, etc. The individuals involved cannot supply the hours required and consistent focus necessary for these and other tasks. We recognized this challenge in 2006 and applied to the Foundation for financial support of a new AAPG HQ staff position.
dedicated to education support and outreach. As of early Summer 2007, the Foundation still pursues funding for this and other proposals.

Action items for 2007–2008 include:

1. Completion of the Members’ Handbook, implementation as the core of a revised YEA Web site, distribution to AAPG membership, and coordination with special activities (e.g., an issue of the AAPG Explorer dedicated to science enrichment and outreach, and roll out at the annual meeting).

2. Approval of a full time resource for enrichment and outreach by the AAPG Foundation, and specific qualifications determined prior to a candidate search.

3. Expansion of participation in the Teacher of the Year program, beginning at the local society level and exploration of a parallel International TOTY program.

4. Continued support of youth groups, especially Boy Scouts and new opportunities with Girl Scouts and other girl science programs.

5. Review of other society enrichment and education programs and contacts to harvest existing resources and share effort.

6. Remain focused on AAPG member needs and mechanisms to deliver exciting insights on earth science and resource issues and provide a positive view to students, families, and educators.

Bob Krantz, Chair

Committee members: Betsy Campen, Ron Hart, Bob Krantz (chair), and Laura Zahm
Sidney Powers Memorial Award
The Sidney Powers Memorial Award is a gold medal given in recognition of distinguished and outstanding contributions to, or achievements in, petroleum geology.

1945 – Wallace E. Pratt
1947 – Alexander Deussen
1948 – A. I. Levorsen
1950 – Everette L. DeGolyer
1951 – Max Steineke
1952 – K. C. Heald
1953 – Frederic H. Lahee
1954 – George Martin Lees
1956 – William Emby Wrather
1957 – J. P. D. Hull
1958 – Paul Weaver
1959 – Raymond C. Moore
1960 – Henry V. Howe
1961 – Clarence L. Moody
1962 – Lewis G. Weeks
1963 – Hollis D. Hedberg
1964 – Edgar W. Owen
1965 – Victor Elvert Monnett
1966 – William B. Heroy, Sr.
1967 – Carey Cronies
1968 – Maurice Ewing
1969 – Ira H. Cram, Sr.
1970 – Frank R. Clark
1971 – Frank A. Morgan
1972 – Morgan J. Davis, Sr.
1973 – Gordon I. Atwater
1974 – G. Moses Knebel
1975 – Dean A. McGee
1976 – W. Dow Hamm
1977 – Michel T. Halbouty
1978 – Kenneth H. Candall
1979 – William Hirst Curry, Jr.
1980 – Kenneth K. Landes
1981 – Mason L. Hill
1982 – Daniel A. Busch
1983 – Grover E. Murray
1984 – Robert J. Weimer
1985 – J. Ben Carsey
1986 – Merrill W. Haas
1987 – James E. Wilson
1988 – Rufus J. LeBlanc, Sr.
1989 – Hugh Neumann Frenzel
1990 – John T. Galey
1991 – John E. Kilkenny
1992 – Sherman A. Wengerd
1993 – Robert R. Berg
1994 – William L. Fisher
1995 – John D. Haun
1996 – Bernold M. Hanson
1997 – Robert D. Gunn
1998 – Albert W. Bally
1999 – Norman H. Foster
2000 – Gerald M. Friedman
2001 – Robert M. Sneider
2002 – James L. Wilson
2003 – Peter R. Vail
2004 – Lawrence W. Funkhouser
2005 – Kenneth W. Glennie
2006 – Robert M. Mitchum, Jr.
2007 – Arnold H. Bouma

Michel T. Halbouty Outstanding Leadership Award
Michel T. Halbouty Outstanding Leadership Award (formerly Michel T. Halbouty Memorial Human Needs Award) is given each year by the Association in recognition of outstanding and exceptional leadership in the petroleum geosciences.

1972 – Wallace E. Pratt
1973 – Hollis Dow Hedberg
1974 – Cecil H. Green
1975 – Michel T. Halbouty
1976 – Lewis G. Weeks
1977 – Martin Van Couvering
1978 – Vincent E. McKelvey
1979 – M. Gordon Frey
1980 – Creighton A. Burk
1982 – David M. Evans
1983 – Harrison H. Schmitt
1984 – Dean A. McGee
1985 – Leonid F. McCollum
1986 – Eugene F. Reid
1987 – Richard P. Sheldon
1988 – Victor E. Oppenheim
1989 – Guillermo P. Salas Guerra
1990 – Hans D. Knipping
1991 – Roy M. Huffington
1992 – Donald F. Todd
1993 – Gordon B. Oakeshott
1994 – George P. Mitchell
1995 – Gabriel Dengo
1996 – Farouk El-Baz
1997 – Raymond A. Price
1998 – Robert S. Yeats
1999 – Philip J. Currie
2000 – Thomas L. Wright
2001 – Robert Calvin Milici
2002 – John A. Reinemund
2003 – Rex Monahan
2004 – Hugh Davies

Honorary Members
Honorary membership is bestowed upon persons who have distinguished themselves by their service and devotion to the science and profession of petroleum geology and the Association.

2007 Recipients
Edward D. Dolly
Marian W. Downey
Daniel L. Smith

Mahmoud Abdul-Baqi, 2003
John J. Amoruso, 1987
Albert W. Bally, 1986
Richard S. Bishop, 2006
George R. Bole, 1999
Louis C. Bortz, 1988
James "Jim" Brooks, 1993*
John R. V. Brooks, 1997*
Martha Lou Boussard, 2004
John M. Browning, 1985
Daniel A. Busch, 1978
David G. Campbell, 1995
A. T. "Toby" Carleton, 2000
Paul A. Catacosinos, 2000
Stewart Chuber, 2004
James M. Coleman, 2002
Robert D. Cowdery, 1987
Brenda K. Cunningham, 2001
Edward K. David, 2005
Herbert G. Davis, 1986
Gerard J. Demaille, 1995
Li Desheng, 1994*
Wallace de Witt, Jr., 1999
Bernard C. Duval, 1995*
William L. Fisher, 1990
Peter T. Flawn, 1983
Gerald Manfred Friedman, 1990
Lawrence W. Funkhouser, 1984
Lee C. Gerhard, 1997
James A. Gibbs, 1995
Ned (E. E.) Gilbert, 2001
Robert N. Ginsburg, 1991
William E. Gipson, 1991
Kenneth W. Glennie, 2003
August Goldstein, Jr., 1981
Howard R. Gould, 1979
Claus Heinrich Graf, 1996*
Patrick J. F. Gratton, 2002
Willard R. Green, 1998
Robbie Rice Gries, 1998

* Distinguished Achievement Awardee
Outstanding Explorer Award

The Outstanding Explorer Award is given in recognition of distinguished and outstanding achievement in exploration for petroleum or mineral resources, by members who have shown a consistent pattern of exploratory success, and with an intended emphasis on recent discovery.

2002 – Richard W. Beardsley
2003 – William J. Barrett
2004 – Clayton H. Riddell
2005 – John P. Lockridge
2006 – Richard L. "Dick" Findley
2007 – Dan B. Steward

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is a walnut plaque that is presented annually to those who have distinguished themselves in service to AAPG.

1971 – August Goldstein, Jr.
1972 – Howard R. Gould
1973 – John D. Haun
1974 – John T. Galey
1975 – Jules Braunstein
1976 – Robert J. Weimer
1978 – George V. Cohee
1979 – Robert H. Dott, Sr.
1980 – Hans Stille
1981 – J. A. Taff
1982 – Charles H. Taylor, Jr.
1984 – W. A. J. M. van der Gracht, 1936
1985 – W. A. J. M. van der Gracht, 1936
1986 – W. A. J. M. van der Gracht, 1936

*Special Commendation Awardee
Paul M. Strunk
Thomas L. Wright
1994 – Charles S. Hutchison*
Murray Johnstone*
R. Pratjatna Koesoeomadinata*
Susan Longacre
Edward McFarlan, Jr.
G. A. S. Nayfan*
Kalid Ngah*
James P. Rogers
John D. Sistrunk, Jr.
Carl J. Smith
Arthur M. Van Tyne
1995 – Richard S. Bishop
Brenda K. Cunningham
Edward K. David
Samuel Arthur Friedman
Kenneth Jinghwa Hsu*
Susan M. Landon
A. John Martin*
Charles R. (Chuck) Noll
M. Ray Thomasson
Peter A. Ziegler*
1996 – Pablo Cruz-Helu*
Ashton F. Embry
George Eynon
Jeffrey C. Greenawalt
Gary E. Henry
Gustavas Warfield Hobbs IV
Maria Antonieta Lorente*
Raymond J. Liu
1997 – Lee T. Billingsley
Stewart Chuber
Walter P. Grün*
Terry L. Hollrah
Frank Horvath*
John George Kaldi*
Susan M. Morrice
Emiliano Mutti*
David G. Roberts*
Dan L. Smith
Anthony Tankard
1998 – Kevin T. Biddle
Patrick J. F. Gratton
C. Dennis Irwin, Jr.
David A. L. Jenkins
Brian D. Keith
Hans H. Krause
Celso Fernando Lucchesi*
Raul Mosmann*
F. Pierce Pratt
Edward G. Purdy*
1999 – Abdulla H. Al-Naim*
Jean Decourt*
Richard Hardman*
Edward E. Heath
James A. Noel
Roy D. Numni
Douglas Gene Patchen
Edward B. Picou, Jr.
Stephen A. Sonnenberg
Peter M. Lloyd*
J. Michael Party
Robert T. Selleris, Jr.
Robert C. Shoup
Dietrich Welte*
Pinar Oya Yilmaz
1995 – James Lee Wilson
1996 – Gerald M. Friedman
L. L. Sloss
Robert J. Weimer
1997 – George B. Asquith
Robert Louis Folk
Harold G. Reading
1998 – Gerard V. Middleton
Lloyd C. Pray
1999 – D. L. Blackstone, Jr.
Peter R. Vail
2000 – Robert N. Berg
John D. Haun
Ernest A. Mancini
2001 – John W. Harbaugh
Clyde H. Moore
Charles R. Stelick
2002 – Zuhair Al-Shaieb
William R. Muehlberger
Paul E. Potter
2003 – Albert V. Carozzi
Frank G. Ethridge
2004 – Knut O. Bjorlykke
William E. Galloway
Andrew D. Miall
Edward C. Roy, Jr.
2005 – Aureal T. Cross
Fred Franke Meissner
Paul Weimer
2006 – G. Randy Keller
Brian E. Lock
Roger M. Slatt
John Edward Warme
2007 – Janok P. Bhattacharya
A. Eugene Frietsche
Stephan A. Graham

**Grover E. Murray Memorial Distinguished Educator Award**

The Grover E. Murray Memorial Distinguished Educator Award (formerly Distinguished Educator Award) is given to recognize distinguished and outstanding contributions to geological education including, but not limited to, teaching and counseling of students at the university level. Funded by Dr. and Mrs. Grover Murray, this award can also be given for education of the public and management of educational programs.

1995 – James Lee Wilson
1996 – Gerald M. Friedman
L. L. Sloss
Robert J. Weimer
1997 – George B. Asquith
Robert Louis Folk
Harold G. Reading
1998 – Gerard V. Middleton
Lloyd C. Pray
1999 – D. L. Blackstone, Jr.
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**Special Awards**

Special Awards are given when, in the Executive Committee’s judgment, persons are deserving of recognition for some outstanding accomplishment which does not otherwise qualify for existing honors or awards.

1973 – Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt (for lunar exploration)
1974 – Marcel and Conrad Schlumberger (posthumously) (for development of electrical logging)
1990 – John F. Bookout (for excellence in exploration leadership)
1991 – Norman H. Foster and Edward A. Beaumont (for work on the Treatise of Petroleum Geology)
1995 – James Wood Clarke (for English translation/publication of geological information from Soviet Union and Russia)
1996 – Wesley G. Bruer (for adding Oregon to the list of producing
1999 – Isaac J. Crumbly (for leadership in the 70 bcf Mist gas field)

1996 – Norman D. Newell (for paleoecological studies of Permian Reef complex of W. Texas and organic evolution)

1997 – Marsha A. Barber (for development of K-12 curricula and teacher training to improve public understanding of energy issues)

1997 – Eugene M. Shoemaker (for transforming meteor impacts into an accepted geologic process with implications for terrestrial geology and evolution)

1997 – Paul G. Benedum, Jr. (for leadership of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation)

1997 – Robert E. Megill (for showing petroleum geologists how to express their ideas and cope with their science through the use of petroleum economics)

1998 – Fred A. Dix, Jr. (for dedicated leadership of the AAPG from 1973 to 1996)

1999 – Isaac J. Crumbly (for leadership in creating a technical workforce for the nation’s energy industry)

1999 – Sarah G. Stanley (for leadership in the development of public centers for workstation training)

2000 – Arthur R. Green (for visionary work to develop integrated geoscience and commitment to deliver these products to the geoscience community)

2000 – William T. Smith (for outstanding achievement as a working petroleum geologist and oil industry executive)

2001 – Kenneth Dale Owen and David L. Rice (for their efforts in restoring the 19th century New Harmony scientific community in Indiana)

2001 – Richard Warren (for his commitment to the oil industry while facing personal affliction with fortitude)

2001 – J. C. “Jay” Gallagher (posthumously) (for the successful evolution of the International Pavilion)

2002 – Emmanuel Tamesis (for contributions to the education of geologists and for achievements in Philippine petroleum exploration)

2003 – Waverly Person (for contributions to the field of earthquake studies and establishment of the National Earthquake Information Center)

2004 – Dietrich H. Welte (for contributions in petroleum geochemistry and numerical modeling of petroleum systems)

2005 – John W. Gibson, Jr. (for his contribution to AAPG’s legacy on ethics)

2006 – Jorge Ferrer (for efforts to improve international communications)

2007 – Richard D. Fitz (for visionary leadership and stalwart management of AAPG’s scientific and business activities)

Public Service Award

The Public Service Award is a walnut plaque bearing the recipient’s name, the date, and citation. It is given to recognize contributions of members to public affairs and to encourage geologists to take a more active part in public affairs.

1971 – Dewey F. Bartlett
1972 – William T. Pecora
1973 – Ian Campbell
1974 – Dean A. McGee
1975 – Lee C. Lamar
1976 – No Recipient
1977 – William J. Sherry
1978 – George T. Abell
1979 – A. V. Jones, Jr.
1980 – G. Frederick Shepherd
1981 – Wilson M. Laird
1982 – Wallace W. Hagan
1983 – Daniel N. Miller, Jr.
1984 – John Wesley Rold
1985 – Joseph J. Simmons III
1986 – Robert D. Gunn
1987 – Jack G. Elam
1988 – Charles J. Mankin
1989 – John A. Taylor
1990 – James W. Vanderbeek
1991 – John David Love
1992 – John H. Gray
1993 – Virgil E. Barnes
1994 – William Kenneth McWilliams, Jr.
1995 – Norbert E. Cygan

Wallace E. Pratt Memorial Award

The Wallace E. Pratt Memorial Award (formerly a category of the President’s Award) is to honor and reward the author(s) of the best AAPG Bulletin article published each calendar year. The cash award is $1,500.

1982 – Roelof J. Murris
1983 – James K. Crouch
1984 – William E. Galloway
1997 – Samuel T. Pees
1998 – Mary Elizabeth Dowse
1999 – James E. Brooks
2001 – John W. Hickenlooper
2002 – No Recipient
2003 – Richard D. Fritz
2004 – Jorge Ferrer
2005 – John W. Gibson, Jr.

Pioneer Award

The Pioneer Award is an oak plaque bearing the recipient’s name, date and place to be given, and year of membership. It is given to long-standing members who have made significant contributions to the Association but have been unrecognized.

1996 – Alan L. DeGood
1997 – Robert G. H. Reynolds
1998 – E. Gerald Rolf
1999 – David G. Rensink
2000 – John C. Dolson
2001 – No Recipient
2002 – Philip W. Choquette
2003 – John W. Hickenlooper
2004 – No Recipient
2005 – Frank P. Sonnenberg
2006 – Frank P. Sonnenberg
2007 – William H. Hunt

1995 – Norbert E. Cygan
1996 – Fred L. Smith, Jr.
1997 – Marcus E. Milling (posthumously)
1998 – John Robert Dewey
1999 – Randy A. Fouch
2001 – Alvin L. Schultz
2002 – M. Lee Allison
2003 – Charles E. Brown II
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2007 – Peter T. Flawn

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2007 – Peter T. Flawn
1986 – Tod P. Harding
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1988 – Shankar Mitra
1989 – Bernard P. Tissot
Regis Pelet
Philippe Ungerer
1990 – Charles D. Winker
Richard T. Buffler
1991 – David Richard Dawson Boote
Robert Bruce Kirk
1992 – David Trowbridge Lawrence
Mark A. Doyle
Tom Aigner
1993 – Gerard J. Demaison
Bradley J. Huizinga
1994 – Kevin T. Biddle
Wolfgang Schlager
Kurt W. Rudolph
Terry L. Bush
1995 – Carlos A. Dengo
Michael C. Corey
1996 – Charles Kerans
F. Jerry Lucia
Rainer K. Senger
1997 – F. Jerry Lucia
1998 – Ulisses Thibes Mello
Garry D. Karner
1999 – John W. Robinson
Peter J. McCabe
2000 – Karla E Tucker
Paul M. "Mitch" Harris
Richard C. Nolen-Hoeksema
2001 – Robert G. Loucks
2002 – John S. Bridge
Robert S. Iye
2003 – Roger J. Barnaby
Stephen C. Ruppel
2004 – Donald S. Stone
2005 – Hongliu Zeng
Charles Kerans
2006 – Keith W. Shanley
Robert M. Cluff
John W. Robinson
2007 – Shankar Mitra
Gerardo C. Figueroa
Jesus H. Garcia
Antonio M. Alvarado

Robert H. Dott, Sr.,
Memorial Award
The Robert H. Dott, Sr., Memorial Award (formerly the President’s Award) is to honor and reward the author/editor of the best Special Publication dealing with geology published by the Association. The cash award is $500.

1950 – F. M. Swain
Frank Reedy, Jr.
1951 – Walter B. Spangler
Jahn J. Peterson
1952 – Raymond Siever
1953 – Donald F. Towse
1954 – Charles C. Bates
1955 – Paul V. Smith, Jr.
1956 – J. Law
Robert H. Dott, Jr.
1957 – Robert H. Parker
1958 – John C. Ludwick
William R. Walton
1959 – John M. Andrichuk
1960 – Robert L. Folk
1961 – Richard W. Fetzner
1962 – J. G. C. M. Fuller
1963 – P. G. Temple
L. J. Perry
1964 – James M. Fogtson, Jr.
1965 – Harry V. Spooner, Jr.
1966 – Dietrich H. Welte
1967 – No Recipient
1968 – Ghansham D. Sharma
1969 – Leo F. LaPorte
1970 – Ernst Cloos
1971 – Peter Lehner
1972 – Hollis D. Hedberg
1973 – Mason L. Hill
1974 – Rufus J. LeBlanc
1975 – Ronald E. Wilcox
Tod P. Harding
Donald R. "Don" Seely
Daniel A. Busch
Edgar W. Owen
Tod P. Harding
Robert M. Mitchum, Jr.
Peter R. Vail
John B. Sangree
Brian D. Evamy
Jean Haremboure
Peter Kamerling
William A. Knapp
Felix A. Molloy
Paul H. Rowlands
Special Publication
Peter A. Scholle
1980 – Bulletin
Michael A. Arthur
Seymour O. Schlanger
Special Publication
Peter A. Scholle
1982 – Special Publication
Robert J. Cordell
William H. Roberts, III
1983 – Michel T. Halbouty
1984 – George B. Asquith
1985 – Albert W. Bally
1986 – Gerard Demason
Roelof J. Murris
1987 – Ovville Roger Berg
Donald G. Woolverton
1988 – James A. Peterson
1989 – Albert W. Bally
1990 – Peter A. Ziegler
1991 – Anthony J. Tankard
Hugh R. Balkwill
1992 – John C. Van Wagoner
Robert M. Mitchum, Jr.
Kirt M. Campion
Victor David Rahamanian
1993 – Kevin Thomas Biddle
1994 – Roger W. Macqueen
Dale W. Leslie
1995 – Diana Morton-Thompson
Arnold M. Woods
1996 – Leslie B. Magooon
Wallace G. Dow
1997 – Anthony Tankard
Ramiro Suarez Soruco
Herman J. A. Welsink
1998 – Martin P. A. Jackson
David G. Roberts
Sigmund Snelson
1999 – Ronald C. Sunda
2000 – Ben E. Law
Gregory F. Ulmishekh
Vyacheslav I. Slavin
2001 – John F. Jordan
Richard A. Schatzinger
2002 – Marcio R. Mello
Barry J. Katz
2003 – Marlan W. Downey
William A. Morgan
Jack C. Threet
2004 – Alan R. Huffman
Glenn L. Bowers
2005 – Peter A. Scholle
Dana S. Ulmer-Scholle
2006 – G. Michael Grammer
Gregor P. Eberli
Paul M. "Mitch" Harris
2007 – Amos Salvador

J. C. “Cam” Sproule
Memorial Award
The J. C. “Cam” Sproule Memorial Award is to honor and reward the younger authors of papers on petroleum geology. It is awarded to a member of the Association, 35 years of age or younger at the time of submittal, whose paper, published in any publication of the Association or an affiliated society, division, or section, is sufficiently outstanding and is judged to be the best contribution to petroleum geology by a person of those qualifications during that year. The cash award is $500.

1970 – John C. Van Wagoner
1971 – Jahn J. Peterson
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2007 –十三五

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1983 – Marc B. Edwards
1984 – Judith Totman Parish
1985 – Martin P. A. Jackson
       Steven J. Seni
1986 – Martha O. Withjack
       Daryl J. D. Pollock
1987 – Stephan Alan Graham
       Loretta Ann Williams
1988 – Shankar Mitra
1989 – David W. Houseknecht
1990 – Richard John Hubbard
1991 – Donald A. Medwedeff
1992 – Paul Weimer
1993 – Bradford E. Prather
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1995 – Robert D. Walters
1996 – Isabel Patricia Montañez
1997 – Laurel B. Alexander
       Peter B. Flemings
1998 – Scott W. Tinker
1999 – Andrew David Hindle
2000 – Sebastián Galeazzi
2001 – Anthony Reynolds
2002 – Lesli J. Wood
2003 – No recipient
2004 – Tobias H. D. Payenber
2005 – No Recipient
2006 – No Recipient
2007 – No Recipient

George C. Matson Memorial Award

The George C. Matson Award is made to the speaker presenting before the annual convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists that paper which is judged to be best. Papers are judged by the Matson Award Committee on the basis of both scientific quality of content and excellence in presentation. The name of the Matson Award winner is engraved on a large, beautiful silver cup provided by the Matson family. The recipient also receives a plaque on which an engraved miniature replica of the silver cup is displayed. Anyone named as Matson Award winner at three annual conventions is given permanent possession of the large silver trophy.

1957 – John A. Masters
1958 – James W. Gwinn
1959 – Daniel A. Busch
1960 – Harold W. Owens
1961 – Horace D. Thomas
1962 – Eric A. Rudd
1963 – John Drummond Moody
1964 – William R. Muehlberger
1965 – Gordon J. Atwater
1966 – Lloyd C. Pray
1967 – Max G. Pitcher
1968 – Charles A. Biggs, Jr.
1969 – Arthur A. Meyerhoff

1970 – Douglas J. Shearman
1971 – H. O. Woodbury
1972 – H. E. Cook
       R. P. Naxon
1973 – Leigh C. Price
1974 – N. A. Anstey
1975 – Leigh C. Price
1976 – Curtis C. Humphris, Jr.
1977 – Stephen C. Franks
1978 – Colin Barker
1979 – Philip H. H. Nelson
1980 – Robert G. Todd
       Peter R. Vail
1981 – Roger K. McLimans
1982 – Colin Barker
1983 – Clement H. Bruce
1984 – Thomas J. Schull
1985 – Ralph S. Kerr
1986 – Lisa M. Pratt
1987 – James Francis Dolan
1988 – Jon F. Bickwede, Sr.
1989 – Ian E. Hutcheon
1990 – Martin P. A. Jackson
1991 – Michael D. Lewan
1992 – John Richard Underhill
1993 – P. Joe Hamilton
1994 – Steven G. Henry
1995 – Kenneth J. Thies
1996 – James P. DiSiena
1997 – Mark B. Allen
1998 – Joachim E. Amthor
1999 – Martha Oliver Withjack
2000 – Wafik Beydoun
2002 – Henry W. Posamentier
2003 – Mark Cooper
       Richard G. Harris
2004 – Frank J. Peel
2005 – Marrian J. Warren
2006 – Michael R. Hudec
2007 – Steven H. Brachman

Jules Braunstein Memorial Award

The Jules Braunstein Memorial Award recognizes the author(s) of the best AAPG poster session paper presented at the annual convention. Funded by the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies to honor Mr. Braunstein, who recommended and arranged for the first poster session at the 1976 AAPG Annual Meeting, it is an attractive engraved walnut plaque and a cash award of $500.

1984 – Dale S. Sawyer
1985 – Richardson B. Allen
       Jeffrey Feehan
       Jeff Gernand
       Miguel Giraut
       Bruce H. Nickelsen
1986 – John R. Suter
       Henry R. Berryhill
1987 – Alan Ronald Daly
       Janell Diane Edman
1988 – John C. Lorenz
       Sharon J. Finley
       David I. Norman
1989 – Alan C. Kendall
       Gill M. Harwood
1990 – L. M. "Mike" Grace
       Paul Edwin Potter
       R. Gordon Pirie
1991 – Kate S. Weißenburger
1992 – Erik R. Lundin
1993 – Jesús Maguregui Solaguren
1994 – Rob B. Leslie
1995 – John R. Sutter
       Kevin M. Bohacs
1996 – Cynthia L. Blankenship
       Douglas A. Stauber
       David S. Epps
       Chuck Guderjahn
       John D. Oldroyd
1997 – James C. Niemann
1998 – Hege Malt Nordgård Bølas
       Christian Hermanrud
       Erik Vik
       Britta Paasch
1999 – Eloise Doherty
       Stephen E. Laubach
2000 – Brad E. Prather
       Joseph R. Stracca
2002 – Martin K. Dubois
       Alan P. Byrnes
       W. Lynn Watney
2003 – Vítor Dos Santos Abreu
       Thomas David De Brock
       Kendall Meyers
       Dag Nummedal
       Steven L. Pierce
       William A. Spears
2004 – Alan P. Byrnes
       Martin K. Dubois
       Evan K. Fransese
       W. Lynn Watney
2005 – Mark Allen
       Eric J-P. Blanc
       Clare Davies
       Adrian Heafford
       Robert A. Scott
       Stephen J. Vincent
2006 – Hege Marit Nordgård Bolås
       Christian Hermanrud
       Gunn Mari Grimsmo Teige
2007 – George W. Shurr
       Thomas N. Haggar
       Sarah A. Chadima

Geosciences in the Media Award

Geosciences in the Media Award (formerly Journalism Award) is given each year to a person in recognition of notable journalistic achievement in any medium which contributes to public understanding of geology, energy resources, or the technology of oil and

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gas exploration. The recipient need not be a member of the Association.

1972 – James A. Clark
1973 – No Recipient
1974 – Max B. Skelton
1975 – William D. Smith
1976 – No Recipient
1977 – Philip H. Abelson
1978 – No Recipient
1979 – No Recipient
1980 – Walter Sullivan
1981 – No Recipient
1982 – John McPhee
1983 – Ron Redfern
1984 – James A. Michener
1985 – No Recipient
1986 – David Attenborough
Richard Gore
1987 – John McPhee
1988 – No Recipient
1989 – Horst Heise
Stephen Schwochow
1990 – William Rintoul
1991 – Robert T. Bakker
1992 – Richard F. "Rick" Williamson
Daniel Yergin
1993 – Stephen Jay Gould
1994 – John R. Horner
1995 – Wallace R. Hansen
1996 – Lee C. Gerhard
Linda Davis Harrar
1997 – Donald L. Baars
John Paul Pitts
1998 – Walter Alvarez
1999 – Sarah Andrews
2000 – Walter Youngquist
2001 – Mountain Press
2002 – No Recipient
2003 – Ron Redfern
Simon Winchester
2004 – Halfdan Carstens
Halka Chronic
2005 – Bill Bryson
2006 – Michael Crichton
2007 – Michael J. Economides

A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award
The A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award was established as the result of contributions from many individuals and societies who wished to contribute a lasting memorial to A. I. Levorsen. A plaque is given at the regional meetings of the sections of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for the best paper, with particular emphasis on creative thinking toward new ideas in exploration. The papers are judged by committees established for each meeting and are presented through the local A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award Committee.

Only the authors presenting winning papers are recipients of the Levorsen Award. Their names are shown below in bold type, with their co-authors listed in regular type.

Eastern Section
1972 – Sigmund Snelson
1973 – C. F. Upshaw
1974 – Douglas G. Patchen
Richard Smosna
H. Buchanan
1975 – B. Charlotte Schreiber
R. Catalan
E. Schreiber
1976 – G. R. Keller
R. K. Soderberg
M. L. Ammerman
A. E. Bland
1977 – No Recipient
1978 – Richard Smosna
Douglas G. Patchen
1979 – Mark W. Presley
1980 – Robert M. Cluff
1981 – A. B. Watts
M. S. Steckler
1982 – Vance P. Wiram
Howard R. Schwalb
1983 – Robert A. Sedivy
1984 – Ralph Burwood
Gary A. Cole
Richard J. Drozd
Henry I. Halpern
1985 – Helen M. Sestak
1986 – Karen Rose Cercone
1987 – Brian D. Keith
1988 – Richard Smosna
J. M. Conrad
T. C. Maxwell
1989 – Dennis R. Swager
Neil F. Hurley
1990 – Bruce V. Sanford
A. C. Grant
1991 – James W. Castle
1992 – Lisa K. Goetz
J. Gary Tyler
Roger L. Macarevich
David L. Brewster
Jagadeesh R. Sonnad
1993 – Robert E. Davis
1994 – Stephen F. Nowaczewski
Nicholas B. Harris
1995 – James A. Drahozval
1996 – Robert Marc Bustin
C. R. Clarkson
1997 – T. Joshua Stark
Lawrence H. Wickstrom
1998 – David G. Morse
1999 – John R. Hogg
2000 – James A. Drahozval
Lawrence H. Wickstrom
Timothy R. Carr
John A. Rupp
Beverly Seyler
Scott W. White
2001 –
2002 – Albert S. Wylie, Jr.
2003 – Langhorne B. (Taurus) Smith
Richard Nyahay
2004 – Langhorne B. (Taurus) Smith
Richard Nyahay
2005 – J. Fred Read
2006 – Frank R. Ettensohn

Gulf Coast Section
1967 – Hunter Yarborough, Jr.
1968 – John D. Myers
1969 – James K. Rogers
1970 – John J. Amoroso
1971 – Hunter Yarborough, Jr.
1972 – Robert R. Berg
1973 – James M. Coleman
L. D. Wright
1974 – Donald H. Kupfer
1975 – John D. Myers
1976 – Arthur R. Troell
J. D. Robinson
1977 – David K. Davies
William R. Almon
1978 – Charles T. Siemens
1979 – Robert R. Berg
1980 – Ernest A. Mancini
Mark Eidelbach
Nancy Trumbly
1982 – Thomas E. Ewing
S. Christopher Caran
1983 – John W. Cagle
M. Ali Khan
1984 – Gary L. Kinsland
1985 – William E. Galloway
1986 – Shirley P. Dutton
1987 – Shirley P. Dutton
Robert J. Finley
Karen L. Herrington
1988 – Ian Lerce
John J. O’Brien
1989 – Peter J. Hutchinson
1990 – Michael P. Prescott
1991 – Andrew J. Davidoff
1992 – Harry H. Roberts
Douglas J. Cook
Mark K. Sheedlo
1993 – Wayne Carew
Glenn L. Krum
Paul F. Ostendorf
1994 – John A. Rhodes
1995 – Mary J. Broussard
Brian E. Lock
1996 – David J. Hall
1997 – Brad A. Robison
Roco Detomo, Jr.
R. David Garner
Arie Speksnijder
Michael J. Stynes
1998 – Thomas E. Ewing
1999 – William C. Dawson
William R. Almon
2000 – Fuping Zhu
Richard L. Gibson, Jr.
Mid-Continent Section (Biennial Meetings)
1967 – Philip C. Withrow
1969 – Thomas R. Cambridge
1971 – Terrence J. Donovan
1973 – Thomas W. Amsden
1977 – D. W. Stearns
1979 – Donald C. Swanson
1981 – David W. Houseknecht
1983 – David Gagliardo
1985 – J. Reed Lyday
1987 – David W. Houseknecht
1989 – Edward D. Pittman
1991 – William A. Miller
1993 – Robert J. Weimer
1995 – R. Nowell Donovan
1999 – Kenneth S. Johnson
2001 – Michael Brummer
2003 – Allen K. Chamberlain
2005 – Raymond P. Sorenson

Pacific Section
1968 – David W. Scholl
1969 – Robert F. Dill
1970 – John W. Harbaugh
1971 – No Recipient
1972 – M. Keith Scribner
1973 – No Recipient
1974 – John A. Minch
1975 – David R. Butler
1976 – D. L. Ziegler
1977 – David W. Scholl
1978 – William R. Dickinson
1979 – C. Elizabeth Koch
1980 – Lee F. Krystinik
1981 – No Recipient
1982 – Margaret A. Keller
1983 – Richard P. Thomas
1984 – John N. Thomson
1985 – Ronald C. Crane
1986 – R. E. Chamberlain
1987 – No Recipient
1989 – Donald D. Miller
1990 – No Recipient
1991 – John M. Lohmar
1992 – Donald A. Medwedeff
1994 – Michael D. Campbell
1995 – Ronald C. Crane
1996 – No Recipient
1997 – Joseph A. Nahama
1998 – Michael F. Ponek
1999 – Brian J. Casey
2000 – Dalton F. Lockman
2001 – Michael J. Richey
2002 – H. W. Swan
2003 – Morgan D. Sullivan
2004 – Michael S. Clarke
2005 – Jacob A. Covault
2006 – No Recipient

Rocky Mountain Section
1966 – Lloyd C. Pray
1967 – Frank A. Exum
1968 – No Recipient
1969 – James E. Fassett
1970 – No Recipient
1971 – Richard W. Volk
1972 – Robert J. Weimer
1973 – Esther R. Jamieson Magathan
1974 – Fred Meissner
1975 – Donald E. Owen
1976 – John P. Lockridge
1977 – William E. Galloway
1978 – Randi S. Martinsen
1979 – Henry W. Roehler
1980 – Norman H. Foster
1981 – Charles W. Spencer
1982 – Mark W. Longman
1983 – James R. Steidtmann
1984 – Gary C. Mitchell
1985 – Robbie R. Gries
1986 – Thomas A. Ryer
1987 – Alan K. Chamberlain
1988 – Jerry L. Clayton
1989 – Edmund R. Gustason
1990 – John C. Lorenz
1991 – Michael L. Hendricks
1992 – Arnold Wood
1993 – Eric H. Johnson
1994 – No Recipient
1995 – Thomas A. Ryer
1996 – Michael L. Hendricks
1997 – Lawrence A. McPeek
1998 – No Recipient
1999 – Kurt N. Constenius
2000 – Laird B. Thompson
2001 – No Recipient
2002 – David R. Pyles
2003 – No Recipient
2004 – Robert A. Lamarre
2005 – Glenn Ulrich
2006 – Geoff D. Thyne
Southwest Section
1968 – Donald C. Swanson
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1970 – Edward R. Teigland
1971 – Daniel A. Busch
1972 – Orville L. Bandy
1973 – John J. Amoruso
1974 – Ralph L. Horak
1975 – No Recipient
M. H. Mitchell
1977 – Clayton S. Valder, Jr.
1978 – Stephen E. Collings
1979 – James O. Lewis
1980 – David Austin Jones
Jack H. Kelsey
1981 – Naresh Kumar
Jack Dolph Foster
1982 – Craig D. Caldwell
John P. Hobson, Jr.
Donald F. Toomey
1983 – S. J. Mazzullo
1984 – Dean C. Hamilton
1985 – Robert Berg
John T. Leethem
1986 – S. J. Mazzullo
Alastair M. Reid, II
Sue Tomlinson Reid
1987 – Edwin Pinero
Ronald D. Kreisa
1988 – Terence L. Britt
1989 – John L. Thoma
1990 – Louis J. Mazzullo
1991 – Arthur W. Cleaves
1992 – J. F. “Rick” Sarg
1993 – David Childers
Mark W. Shuster
1994 – Salvatore J. Mazzullo
1995 – John M. Armentrout
1996 – George B. Asquith
1997 – Donald C. Swanson
1998 – Greg A. Norman
1999 – Louis J. Mazzullo
2000 – Shirley P. Dutton
Mark D. Barton
William A. Flanders
Helena H. Zirczy
2001 – Bob A. Hardage
2002 – Ron F. Broadhead
2003 – Russel K. Davies
Jimmy D. Thomas
2004 – Eugene Rankey
2005 – Daniel M. Jarvie
Ronald J. Hill
Richard M. Pollastro
2006 – Robert G. Loucks
Stephen C. Ruppel

Gabriel Dengo Memorial Award
The Gabriel Dengo Memorial Award (formerly the Best International Paper Award) is given to the speaker presenting, before the AAPG International Conference, the paper judged to be the best, as determined by a judging committee, based on both scientific quality of content and excellence in presentation.

1991 – Frank J. Picha
1992 – P. Joe Hamilton
1993 – Chris Clayton
1994 – John Van Wagoner
1995 – Martin Schoell
1996 – John O’Leary
1997 – Peter R. Rose
1998 – Kevin M. Bohacs
1999 – Rob J. Knipe
2000 – Alfredo E. Prelat
2001 – No Recipient
2002 – Robert F. Marten
James A. Keggin
2003 – Roy C. Davies
Ron Boyd
John Howell
2004 – José Alejandro Luquez
2005 – Marek Kacewicz
2006 – Dale A. Leckie

Ziad Beydoun Memorial Award
The Ziad Beydoun Memorial Award (formerly the Best International Poster Award) is given to the author(s) of the best AAPG poster session paper presented at the AAPG International Conference.

1991 – A. Ewan Campbell
Jan Stafleu
1992 – John M. Armentrout
Lei-KuangLeu
Jorge J. Faz
1993 – Richard Wrigley
1994 – Zainuddin Yusoff
1995 – Claude Guyot
André Coajou
A. Ribeiro
1996 – Leon J. Aden
Robert E. Bierley
1997 – Rémi Eschard
Olivier Lerat
Didier Granjeon
Brigitte Doligez
Guy Desauliaux
François Lafont
1998 – Stanley T. Paxton
Gary C. Stone
Barbara L. Faulkner
1999 – Joseph M. Finneran
Yatindrath Keith Bally
2000 – Richard Hills
2001 – No Recipient
2002 – Philip D. Heppard
Daniel Ebrom
Michael Mueller
Leon Thomsen
Toby Harrold
2003 – Tore M. Loseth
Ole J. Martinsen
Jan C. Rivenaes
Kristian Soegaard
John Thurmond
2004 – Richard H. Fillon
Harry H. Roberts
2005 – Denis Marchal
Jean-Marc Daniel
Misael Alvear
2006 – Jonny Wu

Teacher of the Year Award
The Teacher of the Year Award is given to a K–12 teacher for “Excellence in the Teaching of Natural Resources in the Earth Sciences.” Nominations are submitted by AAPG Affiliated Societies and Sections, with the final selection made by a subcommittee of the AAPG Youth Education Activities Committee. Funded by the AAPG Foundation, the winning teacher’s school is given $2,500 for the teacher’s use in the classroom, and the teacher also receives $2,500 cash, plus an expense paid trip to the next AAPG Annual Meeting to receive the award.

1996 – Jane Justus Frazier
1997 – No Recipient
1998 – No Recipient
1999 – Herbert L. Turner
2000 – Peggy Lubchenco
2001 – John McKinney
2002 – Kevin Leineweber
2003 – Amy J. John
2004 – Michael Fillipow
2005 – Marilyn Bachman
2006 – James G. Schulz
2007 – Ryan Henry
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### 2007 Fifty-Year Members

List is not comprehensive. It includes only those who attained 50-year membership in 2006.

- Edward J. Ackman
- Floyd Jones Adcock
- Larkin James Akers
- James Owen Ambrose
- Willis F. Ammentorp
- Walter Alfred Anderson
- Sanford Glen Andrew
- John Andriuk
- James Kaye Baird
- Donald R. Baker
- Roy R. Baker
- William Wayne Ballard
- Norman Kay Barker
- Robert E. Barker
- John Clancy Barnes
- Frank Theodore Barr
- James Denny Bartell
- Charles Samuel Bartlett Jr.
- Walter Wesley Barton
- Lewis C. Beach
- Alan Crumley Bell
- William Alfred Berggren
- Reed Kirkman Bitter
- Robert Lawrence Blanton
- Dudley Wood Bolyard
- Eugene Ray Bottoms
- Robert Ernst Boyer
- Malcolm K. Brachman
- Jordan C. Braun
- John Dallas Bredelhoft
- Elwood Bailey Bredell Jr.
- Robert H. Breitenwischer
- William Clayton Bridges
- George Thomas Browder
- Ben Buongiorno
- Burrell Clark Burchfield
- Robert E. Burrow
- E. Ann Butler
- Byrl D. Carey Jr.
- Donald Gail Carpenter
- John Arthur Carver
- Kenneth George Cervenka
- John H. Chain
- B. Jane Hughes Christian
- John H. Church
- James S. Claassen
- James Bruce Coffman
- Walter Ferrell Coleman
- Donald Charles Conner
- R. Jan Cook
- Robert D. Cowdery
- Howard Ross Cramer
- Robert L. Cramer
- William L. D’Olier
- Donald William Davis
- Maxwell Alexander Davis
- Ross Elmo Dawson Jr.
- Theodore Anthony DeBrosse
- John Milton Delay
- Bruce Burton Dice
- Hugh Holt Doney
- George Alexander Doumani
- Marlan Wayne Downey
- Edwin Harris East
- William R. Edwards
- Charles Albert Eldridge
- Ralph Homeward Espach Jr.
- James Bernard Ewbank
- Leonard Wesley Fahrmeier
- Tom E. Fanning
- Oswald Cornell Farguhar
- Kenneth Roland Fetzer
- John J. Fleming
- Robert Hugh Forde
- Robert Wilbur Forster
- William Blake Fox
- Joseph Cyril Franklin
- Guy W. Franson
- Arthur John Fritz
- James Horton Frizell
- John George C. M. Fuller
- Robert Louis Fuller
- Walter Barmore Fulton Jr.
- Irvin Lee Gallaspy
- Weston Clive Gardner
- Donald S. Garvin
- Richard Brownley Gayle Jr.
- John Robert Gealy
- Leon Horace Gerlich
- Anthony T. Gibbon
- James A. Gibbs
- Cecil Conrad Gillum
- Richard Allen Glenn
- Robert Lee Glossop
- Lawrence Gordon
- Robin C. B. Gourlay
- Philip Robert Grant Jr.
- Joseph Richard Green
- Leslie Lohr Greenfield
- Francis Milton Groce
- Craig Eugene Gunter
- Curry Walker Hall
- Paul Moore Hardwick Jr.
- Edward Fabra Haye
- Joe Edgar Hedge
- Alan Paul Hewitt
- Edward Eugene Hickam
- Sumner (Dave) Hixon
- Bill Deward Holland
- Jasper Laverne Holland
- Richard Rainey Holland
- Frank Bryan Hoyer
- Ronald A. Howard
- Roger Gaige Hubbell
- John G. Hudson
- John Winan Irving
- Paul Reece Jackson
- Billy James Johnson
- Faris Thayer Johnson Jr.
Robert Kern Johnson
Robert Lee Johnson
Joseph T. Kalkman
William G. Kardos
Frederick William Kelly Jr.
Frank L. Kerstetter Jr.
Stanley Lee King
Walter P. Kieweno
Paul Kenneth Kopper
Raymond Frank Kosatka
Daniel Boone Kowert
Donald Harry Kuper
Andrew Edmunds Kurie
Francis E. La More
Jack W. Latham
Peter Karl Link
Thomas Patrick Lovett
Kenneth Dale Luff
David Brindley MacKenzie
Robert Weaver Maclay
James Lee Martin
George Mark McAleenan
Richard Emerson McCrghan
Robert Paul McMurtry
Robert Allison Meneley
Eric Robin Michaelis
Alfred Edgar Miles
George Howard Miller
Ross Miller
Edward Dean Minihan
John J. Mitchell
Virginia Phipps Monaghan
Frederick Nelson Murray
George Morrison Nevers
Paul Wallace Nygreen
Jerry Clyde Olds
Robert Eugene Owen
Earl Wayne Patterson
Alan E. Peckham
John Joseph Pedry
Charles Kenneth Petter Jr.
Phillip Elliott Playford
Bobby Joe Posey
Alvin Wayne Powell
James Carter Richard
Robert W. Richter
David Blair Roberts
Richard Alvin Rogers
Emil Gerald Rolf
John Flett Rollins
Samuel I. Root
William Dake Rose Jr.
Tommy Lee Rowland
Willard Eugene Rubarts
Domingo Trujillo Sanchez
Joseph Theodore Sandberg
Jack Steele Sanders
Gary Stuart Sandlin
Alan Charles Sedam
Robert Alan Selzer
Curtis L. Sessions
Vinton Hubbard Sholl
Jerry Macon Sides
Richard Arnold Sikes
Joe Marion Sloan
Foster D. Smith Jr.
Allen Rathjen Spelman
Harry V. Spooner Jr.
Daniel Jean Stanley
Robert Kenneth Steer
Waldon William Steiner
Richard Steinmetz
Joan Beverly Stough
John Frank Sulik
John A. F. Sutherland
Eral Maurice Sutton
William Edward Sweet Jr.
Donald Paul Teason
Ronald E. Tepley
George Martz Thomas
John Moore Thomas
Wayne Dewitt Thornton
Jack C. Threet
Earle F. Tingley Jr.
Clarence Norman Tinker
Byron Lawrence Tolar
Loren Milton Toohey
William B. Travers
Harold J. Trepagnier
James Ross Underwood Jr.
Richard James Wallace
Alice E. French Weis
Joseph Werner
Ernest Gottlieb Werren
Leslie Pittman White
Richard Lee Whitney
Michael Alan Wiley
Robert Lee Williams
Gene Jacob Wiloth
Richard Clanton Wilhusen
Gene Douglass Wilson
Henry Hugh Wilson
John Lee Wray
Robert M. Wynne
Ernest Porter McCall
Bobby Gene Kerr
Ronald E. Evenson
Duane O. Le Roy
Herman Friday Middleton
Theodore Wells Oppel
William Lyne Monroe
William Ellis West
Walter William Wornardt Jr.
Andrew L. Austin
Robert D. Walker
Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME
This Association, which is incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado, shall be called “The American Association of Petroleum Geologists.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES
The purposes of this Association are to advance the science of geology, especially as it relates to petroleum, natural gas, other subsurface fluids, and mineral resources; to promote the technology of exploring for, finding, and producing these materials in an economically and environmentally sound manner; to foster the spirit of scientific research throughout its membership; to disseminate information relating to the geology and the associated technology of petroleum, natural gas, other subsurface fluids, and mineral resources; to inspire and maintain a high standard of professional conduct on the part of its members; to provide the public with means to recognize adequately trained and professionally responsible geologists; and to advance the professional well-being of its members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.
The members of this Association shall consist of persons concerned with the professional applications of the geological science.

SECTION 2.
Various classifications of memberships and the qualifications thereof shall be established by the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 1. General Principles
(a) Geology is a profession, and the privilege of professional practice requires professional morality and professional responsibility.
(b) Honesty, integrity, loyalty, fairness, impartiality, candor, fidelity to trust, and inviolability of confidence are incumbent upon every member as professional obligations.
(c) Each member shall be guided by high standards of business ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct. The word “member” as used throughout this code includes all classes of membership.

SECTION 2. Relation of Members to the Public
(a) Members shall not make false, misleading, or unwarranted statements, representations or claims in regard to professional matters, nor shall they engage in false or deceptive advertising.
(b) Members shall not permit the publication or use of their reports or maps for any unsound or illegitimate undertakings.
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(ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT

(TEXT EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007)
The government of this Association shall be vested in six (6) elected officers, an Executive Committee, a House of Delegates, and an Advisory Council. The composition of each body, the manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to such bodies and officers shall be as provided in the Bylaws of this Association. Any responsibility and authority of government of this Association not otherwise specified in these governing documents shall be reserved to the Executive Committee.

(TEXT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007)
The government of this Association shall be vested in seven (7) elected officers, an Executive Committee, a House of Delegates, and an Advisory Council. The composition of each body, the manner of selection, the terms of office, the specific duties, responsibilities, and other matters relevant to such bodies and officers shall be as provided in the Bylaws of this Association. Any responsibility and authority of government of this Association not otherwise specified in these governing documents shall be reserved to the Executive Committee.
ARTICLE VI. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists is a non-profit organization. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Association shall distribute any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities, for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes in strict compliance with exemption provided under Section 501 (c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is recognized that, under these circumstances, no member of the Association shall have any right or interest in or to the property or assets of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS

The Bylaws, consisting of fourteen (14) articles as appended hereto, are hereby adopted and may be amended, enlarged, or reduced as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

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

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

SECTION 2. Proposal of Amendments

Such amendments may be proposed by the following:
(a) Resolution by the Executive Committee;
(b) Resolution by a special constitutional committee appointed by the President;
(c) Resolution of the House of Delegates;
(d) A proposal in writing signed by any fifty (50) members of the Association.

All such resolutions or proposals must be submitted to, and action must be taken during, the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of this Association, as provided in the Bylaws and in conformance with Section 3 of this Article.

SECTION 3. Legality of Amendments

The legality of all amendments shall be determined by the Executive Committee with advice of counsel prior to consideration by the House of Delegates. In the event that a proposed amendment is revised by the House of Delegates, such revision will again be referred to the Executive Committee for determination of legality prior to balloting.

SECTION 4. Publication of Amendments

Upon affirmation of legality of the proposed amendments, the Executive Committee shall cause them to be published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

SECTION 5. Voting on Amendments

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

Bylaws


ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership

Membership in this Association shall consist of the following classifications:
(a) Active Members
(b) Emeritus Members
(c) Honorary Members
(d) Students
(e) Associates

SECTION 2. Definition of Term “Member”

Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaws, the term “member” shall refer only to Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members. Only members may hold office, vote in Association affairs, sponsor membership applications, or refer to themselves as members of the Association.

SECTION 3. Active Members

Any person engaged in the practice or teaching of geology may apply for Active membership, provided the applicant holds a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctor’s Degree in geological science from a college of acceptable academic standards and, in addition, has had three (3) years of experience in the practice or teaching of geology. Credit for experience can be counted as follows: Master’s Degree—one (1) year; Doctor’s Degree—two (2) years. The Executive Committee may waive degree or current professional activity requirements if in its judgement an applicant has adequate professional experience and has attained standing in the profession.

SECTION 4. Emeritus Members

When Active Members in good standing in the Association, with all dues paid to date, become sixty-five (65) years of age and have been members of the Association (regardless of classification) for a total of thirty (30) years including time spent in military service, those members shall become Emeritus Members of this Association upon advising the Executive Director of the Association of their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, and by requesting such classification of membership. Thereafter the emeriti members shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the amount of dues for Active Members and shall be entitled to all privileges and advantages of Active membership in this Association.

SECTION 5. Honorary Members

Honorary Members shall be those Active Members of this Association who shall have contributed distinguished service to the cause of petroleum geology. Such determination shall be made by the Executive Committee. A recipient of the Sidney Powers Memorial Medal Award shall become automatically an Honorary Member. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay dues, but shall have all the privileges and advantages of Active membership in the Association.

SECTION 6. Students

Any student majoring in geology or in a field of study related to or generally associated with geology at a college
of acceptable academic standards may apply for Student membership. Student membership shall terminate upon termination of academic enrollment.

SECTION 7. Associates
Any person not qualified for any other class of membership who is a graduate of a college of acceptable academic standards whose employment is associated with geology, may apply for election as an Associate. The Executive Committee may waive degree requirements, if in its judgement an applicant has adequate professional experience, and has attained professional standing.

SECTION 8. Election to Membership
Every candidate for admission as an Active Member shall submit a formal application on an application form authorized by the Executive Committee, signed by the applicant, and endorsed by not less than three (3) individuals, at least two (2) of whom are members who are in good standing, stating the applicant's training and experience and such other facts as the Executive Committee shall from time to time prescribe. The Executive Committee shall be the sole judge of the eligibility of the applicant for membership and the adequacy of the applicant's qualifications. If the Executive Committee after due consideration, judges that the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements of the Constitution and these Bylaws, the committee shall cause to be published in the Bulletin or by other suitable means, the applicant's name and the names of the sponsors. If, after sixty (60) days have elapsed since such publication, no reason is presented why the applicant should not be admitted, the applicant shall be deemed eligible to Active or Associate membership, as the case may be, and shall be notified of election to membership. An objection to the admission to membership of an applicant must be submitted by an Active Member of the Association, must be in writing, must be received by the Executive Director at the Association's headquarters within sixty (60) days after publication of the applicant's name, must include a full statement of the circumstances on which the objection is based, and must be signed by the member raising the objection. If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, the objection has merit, the Executive Committee shall reconsider the application.

SECTION 9. Resignation
Any member of whatever classification may resign at any time from the Association; such resignation shall be in writing and shall be accepted by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 10. Loss of Membership Rights
Any member of whatever classification who resigns, or who forfeits membership for non-payment of dues, or who is expelled for ethical reasons ceases to have any rights in the Association and ceases to incur further indebtedness to the Association.

SECTION 11. Reinstatement
Any person who has ceased to be a member of whatever classification who has resigned or who has forfeited membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee upon fulfillment of such requirements as may be established by the Executive Committee. Any person who has been expelled from membership for ethical reasons may be reinstated as provided for in Article XI, Section 7 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

SECTION 1. Designation
(Text effective through June 30, 2007)
The officers of this Association shall be the following:
(a) President
(b) Vice President
(c) President-Elect
(d) Secretary
(e) Treasurer
(f) Editor

(Text effective July 1, 2007)
The officers of this Association shall be the following:
(a) President
(b) Vice President, Sections
(c) Vice President, Regions
(d) President-Elect
(e) Secretary
(f) Treasurer
(g) Editor

SECTION 2. President
The President shall be the chief executive officer of this Association. The President shall be spokesman for the Association on all matters pertaining to the public; shall appoint the members of all committees within the limits prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws; shall appoint delegates to cooperating organizations to represent the Association; and shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Vice President
(Text title and text effective through June 30, 2007)
The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve. The Vice President shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy for any cause in that office; and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.

SECTION 3. Vice President, Sections
(Text title and text effective July 1, 2007)
The Vice President, Sections, when elected earlier than the Vice President, Regions, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve. The Vice President, Sections, when elected earlier than the Vice President, Regions, shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy for any cause in that office; and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President, Sections shall, with his or her other duties, concern himself or herself with the activities of the Association in respect to United States Sections. A Vice President, Sections elected pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of this Article II shall be presumed for the purposes of this Section 3 to have been elected on the date of his or her predecessor's election. The Vice President, Sections, while serving as such during the Association's fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, shall be presumed to have been elected earlier than the Vice President, Regions.

SECTION 4. Vice President, Regions
(New Section 4 effective July 1, 2007)
The Vice President, Regions, when elected earlier than the Vice President, Sections, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve.
The Vice President, Regions, when elected earlier than the Vice President, Sections, shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy for any cause in that office; and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice President, Regions shall, with his or her other duties, concern himself or herself with the activities of the Association in respect to International Regions. A Vice President, Regions elected pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of this Article II shall be presumed for the purposes of this Section 4 to have been elected on the date of his or her predecessor’s election.

SECTION 4. President-Elect
(Renumbered as Section 5 effective July 1, 2007)
The President-Elect shall serve for one (1) year as such and in the following year shall assume the office of President. The President-Elect shall have no administrative authority except as a member of the Executive Committee; shall become acquainted with all the details of the office of President, and generally become prepared to serve as President. The President-Elect shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year for approval by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5. Secretary
(Renumbered as Section 6 effective July 1, 2007)
The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the actions of the Executive Committee; shall keep possession of the corporate seal and affix the same; and, subject to Executive Committee approval, shall have policy oversight of all non-technical and non-peer reviewed publications and communications. The Secretary shall perform other duties as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 6. Treasurer
(Renumbered as Section 7 effective July 1, 2007)
The Treasurer shall supervise the receipt of all funds and, under the direction of the Executive Committee, be responsible for all disbursements of funds of the Association; shall serve ex officio as a member of the Committee on Investments; shall give bond, the amount of which shall be determined by the Executive Committee, shall make the annual report as Treasurer, and perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7. Editor
(Renumbered as Section 8 effective July 1, 2007)
The Editor shall have general supervision and final authority in soliciting, accepting, and rejecting all material on technical subjects for publication. The Editor shall have policy oversight and responsibility for editorial content of all technical and peer reviewed publications. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the Editor shall appoint, replace, and reappoint such volunteer associate editors from among the membership of the Association that may be required to accomplish the publication activities of the Association. The Editor shall submit an annual report of editorial activities to the Executive Committee.

SECTION 8. Executive Director
(Renumbered as Section 9 effective July 1, 2007)
Executive Committee policies shall be implemented by the Executive Director who shall have charge of the Association headquarters and staff personnel as authorized by the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall be the person to whom all official notices to the Association will be addressed; shall be responsible for the physical custody of all official documents held in repository at Association headquarters; shall be under the personal direction of the President; and will assist in the work of all committees to ensure the effectiveness of the activities of this Association. The Executive Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall be chief administrative official of the Association, shall have the authority to execute contracts on behalf of the Association, shall not be an officer of the Association, and shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 9. Terms of Office
(Renumbered as Section 10 effective July 1, 2007)
(Text effective through June 30, 2007)
(a) The President, Vice President, and President-Elect, each as such, shall serve a one (1)-year term and shall not succeed themselves in office. The Secretary and Treasurer, each as such, shall serve a two (2)-year staggered term and shall not succeed themselves in office. The Editor, as such, shall serve a three (3)-year term and shall not serve successive terms as Editor.

(b) The terms of office shall commence on July 1 following election.

(Text effective July 1, 2007)
(a) The President and President-Elect, each as such, shall serve a one (1)-year term and shall not succeed themselves in office. The Vice President, Sections and the Vice President, Regions, each as such, shall serve a two (2)-year staggered term and shall not succeed themselves in office. Secretary and Treasurer, each as such, shall serve a two (2)-year staggered term and shall not succeed themselves in office. The Editor, as such, shall serve a three (3)-year term and shall not serve successive terms as Editor. Notwithstanding the above, the term of the Vice President, Sections which commences July 1, 2007, shall be for one year.

(b) The terms of office shall commence on July 1 following election.

SECTION 10. Election of Officers
(Renumbered as Section 11 effective July 1, 2007)
(a) These officers shall be elected from among the members of the Association by means of secret ballot in the following manner: not later than June 30 of each year the Advisory Council shall annually recommend two (2) or more candidates each for the office of President-Elect, biennially recommend two (2) or more candidates each for offices of Vice President, Sections; Vice President, Regions; Secretary; and Treasurer; and triennially recommend two (2) or more candidates for the office of Editor to stand for election during the following fiscal year, and, if elected, to serve during the second succeeding fiscal year. The Executive Committee shall approve the candidates recommended in the order (if the Advisory Council recommends candidates in a particular order) and for the office recommended by the Advisory Council unless the Executive Committee, by the affirmative vote of not less than five of its members in each instance, alters the order in which candidates are recommended or changes the office for which a particular candidate is recommended; provided, however, that no person shall be a candidate who declines such candidacy. The Executive Committee shall annually approve two (2) candidates each for the office of President-Elect, biennially approve two (2)
candidates each for the offices of Vice President, Sections; Vice President, Regions; Secretary; and Treasurer; and triennially approve two (2) candidates for the office of Editor. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Advisory Council shall recommend two (2) or more candidates and the Executive Committee shall approve two (2) candidates for each of the offices of Vice President, Sections and Vice President, Regions for the elections to be conducted in the Association’s fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006. Additional nominations may be made by written petition of fifty (50) or more members in good standing received at Association headquarters not later than October 15 following. A candidate or nominee for the office of Vice President, Sections must reside within the United States and be a member of a Section at the date of his or her approval by the Executive Committee as a candidate for such office as described in this Section 11 (Note: as renumbered effective July 1, 2007) or when otherwise initially becoming a candidate or nominee for such office. A candidate or nominee for the office of Vice President, Regions must reside outside of the United States and be a member of a Region at the date of his or her approval by the Executive Committee as a candidate for such office as described in this Section 11 (Note: as renumbered effective July 1, 2007) or when otherwise initially becoming a candidate or nominee for such office. The names of candidates shall be published in the Explorer or by other suitable means ninety (90) days prior to distribution of ballots to members. The Executive Committee shall then prepare a printed, electronic, or other suitable ballot, listing the candidates for each office, and one (1) ballot shall be mailed, electronically distributed, or distributed by other suitable means to each member on or before April 1. Such ballots may consist of any combination of printed, electronic, and other suitable ballots. Marked ballots returned to and received by the Association after May 15 shall not be counted. The ballot committee shall count the ballots promptly after May 15 and report the results to the President. A majority of all votes cast for an office is necessary for election. In case of a tie vote the Executive Committee shall cast one (1) additional deciding vote.

(b) In the event that there are more than two (2) candidates for any office, whether through petition or other means as provided for in these Bylaws, then the candidate elected to that office shall be determined as provided in this subsection (b). The ballots for offices having more than two (2) candidates shall provide for the candidates to be voted upon by the voters in order of preference; i.e., first choice, second choice, etc. The candidate receiving a majority of the first choice votes shall be elected to that office. If no candidate receives a majority of the first choice votes cast, then the candidate that received the least number of first choice votes shall be dropped from consideration, and the second choices of those voters whose first choice was the dropped candidate shall be deemed those voters’ first choice. Upon a tabulation of the votes according to the provisions of the previous sentence, a candidate with a majority of first choice votes shall be elected; if no candidate yet has a majority, the candidate remaining with the least number of first choice votes shall be dropped from consideration, and the process described above shall again be applied in another tabulation of the votes to determine if a candidate has received a majority of the first choice votes. The process provided in this subsection (b) shall be re-applied until a candidate receives a majority of the first choice votes cast. In the process described in this subsection (b) the first choice of any voter in any tabulation shall be deemed to be the candidate chosen highest by that voter after removing from that voter’s selections the candidate or candidates who have been dropped from consideration prior to the pertinent tabulation.

SECTION 11. Vacancies

(Renumbered as Section 12 effective July 1, 2007) (Text effective through June 30, 2007)

A vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Editor shall be filled by the unsuccessful candidate for that office in the most recent election. If there were more than one unsuccessful candidate for that office in said election, the candidate to fill the vacancy will be selected in accordance with the election process in Article II, Section 10, subsection (b), of these Bylaws. Should the unsuccessful candidate or candidates be unwilling or unable to fill such vacancy, the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy.

A vacancy occurring in the office of President-Elect or Vice President shall be filled by mail, electronic mail, or other suitable ballot by membership, through a special election called by the Executive Committee. Any such ballot may consist of any combination of mail, electronic mail, and other suitable means.

(Text effective July 1, 2007)

(a) A vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Editor shall be filled by the unsuccessful candidate for that office in the most recent election. If there were more than one unsuccessful candidate for that office in said election, the candidate to fill the vacancy will be selected in accordance with the election process in Article II, Section 11, subsection (b), of these Bylaws. Should the unsuccessful candidate or candidates be unwilling or unable to fill such vacancy, the Executive Committee may fill such vacancy.

(b) A vacancy occurring in the office of President-Elect, Vice President, Sections, or Vice President, Regions shall be filled by mail, electronic mail, or other suitable ballot by membership, through a special election called by the Executive Committee. Any such ballot may consist of any combination of mail, electronic mail, or other suitable means.

SECTION 12. Release of Election Results

(Renumbered as Section 13 effective July 1, 2007)

If all candidates in any AAPG election for a specific office approve in writing a statement authorizing the release of the numerical results of their election, those results shall be released to each of the said candidates. Any of those candidates may subsequently disclose such election results to any person provided all candidates agree in writing. For the purposes of this Section 12, AAPG elections include, but are not limited to, elections for officers of the Association, the House of Delegates, and the Divisions, and any other election between members of any classification conducted by the Association.

SECTION 13. Limitations on Association Positions

(Renumbered as Section 14 effective July 1, 2007) (Text effective through June 30, 2007)

(a) No member of any classification may hold more than one of the following offices at any one time; Association President; Association Vice President; Association President-Elect; Association Secretary; Association Treasurer; Association Editor;
The executive authority of this Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall serve as its Board of Directors and which shall be composed of the following members:

(a) President
(b) Vice President
(c) President-Elect
(d) Secretary
(e) Treasurer
(f) Editor
(g) Chairman, House of Delegates

(Text effective July 1, 2007)

The executive authority of this Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall serve as its Board of Directors and which shall be composed of the following members:

(a) President
(b) Vice President
(c) Vice President, Sections
(d) Vice President, Regions
(e) Immediate Past Chairman, House of Delegates
(f) President-Elect
(g) Secretary
(h) Treasurer
(i) Editor
(j) Chairman, House of Delegates

SECTION 2. Jurisdiction

(a) The Executive Committee shall have general executive control and management of the affairs and funds of this Association; these shall include, but not be limited to: designation of time and place of the annual meeting of the Association; supervision of election of officers and filling vacancies; determination of applicant qualifications and classifications; maintaining a headquarters and staff; accepting, creating, and administering funds for purposes provided under the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association; appointing trustees to manage such funds; establishing such fiscal policies as may be appropriate; and performing such other administrative duties as required to accomplish the objects and purposes of this Association.

(b) The Executive Committee shall also serve as an appeal authority in all matters involving grievance proceedings and professional certification of members.

(c) The Executive Committee shall have sole responsibility and authority for all matters involving the external affairs of this Association.

SECTION 3. Meetings

(a) The Executive Committee shall meet immediately before the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and at such other times during the year and at such places as designated by such Executive Committee and at the call of the President. Robert’s Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings, except as the same may be inconsistent with any procedure authorized by this Section 3. A quorum shall consist of four (4) members. No proxy votes shall be allowed and no alternates may be appointed for absent members.

(b) A member of the Executive Committee may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or the meeting may be conducted through the use of, any means of communication allowed under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporations Act.

(c) Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting to the full extent allowed by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporations Act.

(d) Five (5) days notice of regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given, which shall include the date, time, place, and, if a special meeting, purpose of the meeting. Notice may be given in any manner permitted by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporations Act.
and shall be effective as provided by such Act. Members of
the Executive Committee may waive notice as provided
under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporations Act.

SECTION 4. Indemnification and Relief from Liability
The officers and directors of the Association, being the
Executive Committee, shall be indemnified by the Association
and shall be relieved from personal liability in all matters
regarding the Association to the full extent authorized by the
laws of the State of Colorado.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation
The Executive Committee shall have the authority, by a
two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, to amend the Certificate of
Incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Jurisdiction
(a) All of the legislative function of this Association, within
the scope of the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be vested in a
House of Delegates.
(b) All matters involving the external affairs of the
Association shall be referred to the Executive Committee of
the Association.

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

SECTION 3. Selection of United States Affiliated Society
Delegates and International Region Delegates
Delegates shall be selected by popular vote of American
Association of Petroleum Geologists members in elections
conducted annually by United States Affiliated Societies and
International Regions. Voting shall be restricted to those
Association members claiming the Affiliated Society or Region
as their home society or region. Association members residing
in the United States and not members of any United States
Affiliated Society may be assigned for the purpose of voting
in elections for Delegates to the nearest United States
Affiliated Society upon request to that society, without
enjoying any of the membership privileges. All Association
members residing outside of the United States shall be
assigned to the International Regions in which they reside
and shall vote in that Region in elections for Delegates unless
claiming a United States Affiliated Society or another Region
as their home society or region. All members of an
International Region shall be entitled to vote in all elections
for all Delegates from that Region. Each International Region
shall elect, in an election or elections in which all members of
such region shall be entitled to vote, not less than one (1)
Delegate from among the Association members of each
Affiliated Society within that International Region. Additional
Delegates, if any, to which a Region may be entitled shall be
elected as determined by the Region; provided, that all
Association members assigned to an International Region
shall be entitled to vote in all elections of Delegates from that
International Region. Any Association member may be a
candidate for Delegate from the United States Affiliated
Society or International Region in which the member votes
upon the member's timely written request. Delegates shall be
elected for three (3)-year terms and may succeed themselves;
provided, however, that any Delegate elected as an officer of
the House of Delegates during the third year of the
Delegate's three-year term shall automatically be a voting
At-Large Member of the House of Delegates for the one year
such person serves as such officer. Terms of office shall begin
on July 1 following their election. Vacancies in office, or
alternates for Delegates unable to attend meetings of the
House of Delegates may be filled or obtained from among
the candidates not receiving a sufficient number of votes for
election, and in order of the total number of votes received.
In the event alternates for Delegates are not available from
the candidates described above, then the members of a
United States Affiliated Society or an International Region who
are Association members may appoint alternate Delegates for
said meeting. The names of these appointed alternate
Delegates must be received in writing by the Headquarters
office of the Association at least fifteen (15) days prior
to the meeting of the House of Delegates for which
they are appointed.

SECTION 4. At-Large Members
(a) Each current member of the Executive Committee of
the Association, each past-chairman of the House of
Delegates, and each past-president of the Association more
than three (3) years out of office, shall be a non-voting
member of the House of Delegates. Any At-Large Member
may also serve as a voting member if selected by the
procedure provided in Article IV, Section 3 above.
(b) An officer of the House of Delegates shall be a voting
At-Large Member of the House of Delegates if such officer is
not otherwise a voting Delegate.

SECTION 5. Duties of United States Affiliated Society
Delegates and International Region Delegates
(a) Delegates shall serve as representatives of the
Association members of their United States Affiliated Society
or International Region.
(b) Delegates shall familiarize themselves with the
Association's Constitution and Bylaws.
(c) Delegates shall acquaint themselves with the
Association's current policies and programs.
(d) Delegates shall inform the leaders of their society or
region regarding the Association's program of activities,
especially as it relates to cooperative participation and service,
and shall keep alternates fully apprised of such matters.
(e) Delegates shall process requests from the Executive
Committee for information regarding eligibility of applicants
for membership in the Association.
(f) Delegates shall function as local Certification
committee members and process requests from the Board
of Certification for information regarding applicants for
Certification by the Association.
(g) Delegates shall actively solicit applications from eligible
geologists for membership in this Association.
Members of the Association before becoming candidates for the office of Delegate should recognize the obligation to attend all meetings of the House of Delegates during their term, and to perform to the best of their ability all duties imposed upon them by these Bylaws.

SECTION 6. Meetings of House of Delegates
The House of Delegates shall meet at least once each year during the annual meeting of the Association. Voting shall be by the Association members having served at least one (1) year as such Delegate shall be eligible to hold any of the offices mentioned in subsection (a) above. Only Delegates may be candidates for any of the offices mentioned in subsection (a) above.

(a) The officers of the House of Delegates shall be a Chairman, a Chairman-Elect and a Secretary/Editor. The House of Delegates shall elect the Chairman-Elect and the Secretary/Editor at its annual meeting. The term of office shall be one year commencing July 1 following election of officers. The Chairman-Elect shall assume the office of Chairman of the House of Delegates the year following his or her term of office as Chairman-Elect.

(b) Only those members of the House of Delegates having served at least one (1) year as such Delegate shall be eligible to hold any of the offices mentioned in subsection (a) above. Only Delegates may be candidates for any of the offices mentioned in subsection (a) above.

(c) The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall become ex officio a member of the Executive Committee of the Association with full voting privileges, and may not serve succeeding terms.

(d) A vacancy occurring in the office of Chairman shall be filled by the Chairman-Elect who shall, in the event such vacancy occurs prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates during such Chairman-Elect’s term of office remain as Chairman during the succeeding year. A vacancy occurring in the office of Chairman-Elect shall be filled by the Secretary/Editor. A vacancy occurring in the office of Secretary/Editor shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman.

ARTICLE V. ADVISORY COUNCIL

SECTION 1. Jurisdiction
The advisory function of this Association shall be vested in an Advisory Council. The Council shall have no executive authority, but shall report to the Executive Committee on all matters involving ethics and discipline referred to it. The Council shall conduct long-range planning and undertake the necessary studies and investigations in connection therewith. It shall report to the Executive Committee on all matters involving constitutional review referred to it. The Council shall recommend to the Executive Committee nominations for Association officers and also honors and awards, with the exception of the Matson Award and the Jules Braunstein Memorial Award. The Council shall review the organization of the Association and the standing committee structure of the Association. It shall also undertake any special projects wherein guidance is requested by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Ethics and Discipline
Five members of the Advisory Council shall serve as the Hearing Body in grievance proceedings as provided in Article XI of these Bylaws, except as otherwise provided in Article XI, Section 8, of these Bylaws.

SECTION 3. Long-Range Planning
The Advisory Council shall serve as a functioning long-range planning body to review the Association’s activities and recommend to the Executive Committee appropriate changes of programs and policies.

SECTION 4. Constitution Review
The Advisory Council shall constantly review the Constitution and Bylaws and recommend to the Executive Committee appropriate amendments to meet the changing needs of this Association.

SECTION 5. Nominations
The Advisory Council shall recommend candidates for Association officers as provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 6. Honors and Awards
The Advisory Council shall recommend recipients for all honors and awards which may be established by the Executive Committee with the exception of the Matson Award and the Jules Braunstein Memorial Award.

SECTION 7. Additional Duties
The Advisory Council shall be charged with reviewing relationships among the Association, Sections, and Divisions, and other organizations in order to recommend adjustments which will benefit the Association and its members.

The Advisory Council shall engage in such other special projects and shall perform such duties as the Executive Committee may, from time to time, direct.

SECTION 8. Composition and Terms of Office
Except as set forth in subparagraph (a) and (c) below, the members of the Advisory Council shall each serve for three (3)-year terms in rotation. The members of the Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

(a) The immediate past-president and the two (2) former presidents who have served most recently or their designated representatives from their respective Executive Committees and the immediate past chairman of the House of Delegates;

(b) One (1) or more members of the Association elected every third year by the Association members of each United States Section and International Region, in accordance with a schedule established by the Executive Committee to provide staggered terms and subject to the provisions of subparagraph (d) of this Section 8;

(c) The chief elected officer of each Division who shall serve ex officio during the officer’s term, provided said Division has not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members on the first day of the fiscal year of the Association. The chief elected officer of each Division with less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members
shall be entitled to attend Advisory Council meetings as an Observer but will not be a member of the Advisory Council.

(d) Each United States Section and International Region with not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members will elect for a three (3)-year term an Observer to attend Advisory Council meetings but who will not be a member of the Advisory Council except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws. If a Section or a Region which elected an Observer has seven hundred and fifty (750) or more Association members on the first day of any fiscal year of the Association, such Observer shall become a member of the Advisory Council as of that date and continue as such for the remainder of the Observer's three (3)-year term. A Section or Region shall be entitled to elect an additional Advisory Council member for each additional five thousand (5,000) members, or any fraction thereof. For the purposes of this subparagraph (d), the number of members of a section or region shall be determined as of the first day of the Association's fiscal year in which an election is to occur. Once elected, an Advisory Council member from a Section or Region shall serve for three (3) years, regardless of the number of members in such section or region during the term of that Advisory Council member.

SECTION 9. Meetings

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once each year during the annual meeting of the Association, and shall submit annual reports to the Executive Committee. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of members. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings. No proxies shall be allowed, but alternates for absentee members may be appointed in accordance with Section 8, paragraph (a), or the procedures prescribed in Section 12 of this Article V. Mail canvasses may be conducted when necessary for interim action requested by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 10. Presiding Officer

The immediate past-president of this Association shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Council, unless, in the event the immediate past-president cannot serve, another member of the Council is elected by the Councillors, to serve. The Chairman shall appoint a Recording Secretary who shall keep minutes of each meeting.

SECTION 11. Observers at Advisory Council Meetings

The Advisory Council will invite the following Observers to attend its meetings:

(a) The Executive Director;
(b) The President;
(c) The Chairman of the House of Delegates;
(d) The chief elected officer of each Technical Division that has less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members, provided, that the Technical Division would otherwise qualify to elect a member of the Advisory Council were its membership not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members; and
(e) The elected representative from any United States Section or International Region that has less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members, provided, that the United States Section or International Region would otherwise qualify to elect a member of the Advisory Council were its membership not less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members. Observers are not Advisory Council members, may not vote, and will not attend executive sessions of the Advisory Council unless authorized to do so by a vote of the Advisory Council.

SECTION 12. Alternates at Advisory Council Meetings for Absent Members

The alternate representative for an absent Advisory Council member shall be that absent member's immediate predecessor as a member of the Advisory Council, except as prescribed in Section 8, paragraph (a) of this Article. If the absent Advisory Council member represents a Region, Section, or Division and did not have a predecessor, or if that predecessor is unwilling or unable to attend in place of the absent Advisory Council member, then the alternate representative shall be designated by the Region, Section, or Division President, and shall be a current member of its executive committee. If an Advisory Council member dies or resigns, then prior to the election of a successor member as prescribed in Article VI, Section 1, such former member's alternate representative shall be as otherwise provided herein for an absent member. An alternate representative may be seated at any time during an Advisory Council meeting. The alternate representative shall have the authority, including the right to vote, of the absent member.

ARTICLE VI. UNITED STATES SECTIONS, INTERNATIONAL REGIONS AND TECHNICAL DIVISIONS

SECTION 1. United States Sections and International Regions

This Association shall establish United States Sections within the United States and International Regions outside the United States on a geographical basis to include Association members as individuals or as groups of federated affiliated geological societies, for the purpose of sponsoring technical meetings and publications and otherwise furthering the objectives of the Association within such Sections or Regions. United States Sections shall be the:

(a) Eastern Section;
(b) Mid-Continent Section;
(c) Southwestern Section;
(d) Gulf Coast Section;
(e) Rocky Mountain Section; and
(f) Pacific Section;

as constituted on January 1, 1999.

International Regions shall be the:

(a) Canadian Region;
(b) Mexican, Central American, and South American Region;
(c) European Region;
(d) African Region;
(e) Asian/Pacific Region; and
(f) Middle Eastern Region.

The Executive Committee shall prior to August 1, 1999, assign countries to each International Region and shall designate an interim president of each International Region who shall coordinate the initial election of officers, Delegates to the House of Delegates, and a member or members of the Advisory Council (if the Region qualifies for such member or members). Subsequent to August 1, 1999, the composition of each Section and Region may be revised, individual Sections...
and Regions may be dissolved, and additional Sections and Regions may be established upon application of interested individuals and upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee by vote at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. The internal affairs of such Sections and Regions shall be administered by each Section and Region consistent with the purposes and policies of this Association.

Each Section and Region shall be entitled to elect, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 8, subparagraph (d), of these Bylaws, from among Association members in such Section or Region, a Councillor or Councillors to serve for three (3)-year terms as elected members of the Advisory Council. Each United States Section and International Region with less than seven hundred and fifty (750) Association members shall be entitled to elect an Observer as provided in Article V, Section 8, subparagraph (d), of these Bylaws. Each such Councillor and Observer shall be elected by ballot, submitted to all Association members of the respective Section or Region, from among not less than two candidates nominated by the Section or Region governing body or by submission of a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) members of such Section or Region and delivered to the Section or Region president at least 30 days prior to start of said election. Vacancies in Councillor or Observer positions shall be filled by election to be held within 120 days of said vacancy.

SECTION 2. Technical Divisions
Technical Divisions may be established, provided that the members interested perfect an organization and make application to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall submit the application with its recommendations to a vote at an annual meeting of the House of Delegates, an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present and voting being necessary for the establishment of such a Division. In like manner, the Association may dissolve a Division by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present and voting at an annual meeting of the House of Delegates. A Technical Division may have its own officers, and it may have its own Constitution and Bylaws provided that, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, these do not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make arrangements with the officers of the Division for the conduct of the business of the Division. Technical Divisions may affiliate with other scientific societies, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

SECTION 1. Affiliated Societies
This Association may affiliate with duly organized groups or societies which serve the needs of members of the Association in geographically defined areas and which by objects, aims, constitutions, bylaws, or practice are functioning in harmony with the objects and aims of the Association, subject, however, to the recommendations of the Executive Committee and to the affirmative vote of the House of Delegates. Affiliated Societies within the United States (referred to in these Bylaws as "United States Affiliated Societies") and International Regions shall be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Association.

SECTION 2. Associated Societies
This Association may associate with duly organized groups or societies which serve the needs of members of the Association in topically and/or geographically defined areas and which by objects, aims, constitutions, bylaws, or practice are functioning in harmony with the objects and aims of the Association, subject, however, to the recommendations of the Executive Committee and to the affirmative vote of the House of Delegates. Associated Societies shall not be eligible to elect Delegates to the House of Delegates of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Standing Committees
Except as provided in Article XI of these Bylaws, the Executive Committee of this Association, acting on Advisory Council recommendations, shall have the authority to establish, maintain, and dissolve standing committees of the Association. In like manner, the charge to each standing committee may be modified. A list of standing committees, the charge to each committee, and the names of the chairmen, vice-chairmen, and committee members shall be published annually. The Executive Committee shall report to the House of Delegates at its annual meeting as to the establishment or dissolution of any standing committees since the last meeting of the House of Delegates.

SECTION 2. Appointments and Tenure
Except as provided in Article XI of these Bylaws, the President shall appoint all committee chairmen, vice chairmen and other committee members and fill vacancies whenever they occur, except where otherwise specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each standing committee. The Executive Committee may remove any committee chairman, vice chairman, or other member with or without cause. The term of office of a member of a standing committee, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, shall be three (3) years beginning July 1. Appointments of chairmen and vice-chairmen shall be for one (1) year beginning July 1. Members of standing committees (other than chairmen and vice chairmen) shall serve in rotating terms. One-third (1/3) of the members of each standing committee (other than the chairman and vice chairman), unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed each year. No chairman of a standing committee may serve as such for more than three consecutive years. Each chairman and vice chairman of a committee shall be a member of such committee by virtue of his or her office. Committee members shall be Association members of any classification.

SECTION 3. Special Committees and Delegations
In addition to the standing committees, the President may appoint, annually, such special committees and delegations as the Executive Committee may authorize. Members of special committees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year only and the President shall designate the chairman.

ARTICLE IX. FOUNDATION

This Association shall establish an autonomous Foundation as a permanent entity to receive contributions, invest same, and distribute funds for the purposes and provisions as stipulated in Article II of the Declaration of Trust Agreement.
ARTICLE X. CERTIFICATION

This Association may establish a technical division to conduct a program of voluntary certification of members in such professional categories as approved from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Association. Each professional category of certification will be sponsored by a technical division which need not be the technical division conducting the certification program. Upon certification a member would be designated as certified in the pertinent professional category by such title as approved by the Executive Committee of the Association. Implementing procedures, including the issuance of appropriate certificates, shall be adopted by the technical division conducting the certification program.

ARTICLE XI. GRIEVANCE PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 1. Adoption and Publication of Implementing Procedures

The Executive Committee shall, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, adopt procedures governing the investigation, hearing, and disposition of charges of misconduct in violation of Article IV of the Constitution, in accordance with the provisions of this Article XI, and shall publish such procedures in the Bulletin or by other suitable means.

SECTION 2. Investigation Procedure

Charges of misconduct in violation of Article IV of the Constitution shall first be submitted in writing to the Executive Director at Association headquarters with a statement of the evidence on which the charges are based. The Executive Director shall submit the charges to the Ethics Committee of the Association which shall be a standing committee and which shall consist of five (5) members of the technical division of the Association charged with conducting the program or programs of certification of members in professional categories and who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association for staggered three (3) year terms as members of the Ethics Committee. The provisions of Article VIII of these Bylaws shall not apply to the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall be charged with the investigation and prosecution of such charges, and may conduct such investigation as the Ethics Committee deems necessary to reasonably and thoroughly investigate the charges. If in the judgment of the Ethics Committee and after consultation with AAPG legal counsel, the evidence supports further action by the Association on the charges, the committee shall prepare and file with the Advisory Council at Association headquarters formal charges against the accused member. Upon such filing the Chairman of the Advisory Council shall appoint a Hearing Body from the Advisory Council members, in accordance with Section 3 of this Article XI, and the Ethics Committee shall appoint one of its members as the prosecutor. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bylaws and except for proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of this Article, disposition of the charges on any terms or conditions agreed to by all of the Ethics Committee, the Chairman of the Advisory Council, and the accused member, and approved by the Executive Committee of the Association (regardless of whether such terms or conditions are listed in phrases (a), (b), (c), or (d) of Section 4 of this Article XI) may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the proceedings provided for in this Article XI and upon such disposition all proceedings under this Article XI concerning the charges of misconduct against the accused member shall cease. The existence of allegations against any member, and the basis and content thereof, is confidential.

SECTION 3. Hearing Procedure

The Hearing Body shall consist of five (5) members of the Advisory Council, including at least one (1) past president of the Association, all of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Advisory Council. Each of the prosecutor and the accused member may challenge and have removed not more than two (2) members of the Hearing Body and such removed members shall be replaced with other members of the Advisory Council selected by the Chairman of the Advisory Council. The Hearing Body shall set the time, date, and place for a hearing on the charges and the accused member shall be given notice in writing of the time, date, and place of the hearing, mailed to the member by registered mail to the member’s last-known mailing address not less than thirty (30) days prior to such date, accompanied by a copy of the formal charges and a copy of this Article. The accused member may appear with legal counsel before the Hearing Body, hear any witnesses called in support of the charges and, at the member’s option, cross-examine the same, present witnesses in the member’s behalf, and submit oral or written statements in the member’s behalf. The prosecutor may likewise be represented by legal counsel, present witnesses, and cross-examine the accused member’s witnesses. The Hearing Body may consult at any time with legal counsel of its choosing at all stages of the proceedings in which it is involved. At the accused member’s option, the accused member may, by registered letter addressed to the Chairman of the Advisory Council at Association headquarters, postmarked not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, waive personal appearance and request the Hearing Body to adjudge the matter on the basis of a written statement of the member’s defense accompanying such letter.

SECTION 4. Decision of Hearing Body

After the conclusion of the hearing or study of the written defense submitted in lieu thereof, the Hearing Body shall consider and vote to sustain or dismiss the charges. If, by not less than a four-fifths (4/5) vote of all of the members of the Hearing Body, the Hearing Body shall declare sustained the charges against the accused member, then the Hearing Body may impose the following discipline:

(a) issue a private or public admonition of the member; or
(b) suspend the member for a stated period of time; or
(c) allow the member to resign; or
(d) expel the member.

Failure of the accused member to appear, or to submit a waiver letter and a written defense, as provided in this section, shall not prevent the Hearing Body from rendering final judgement. Notice of the decision of the Hearing Body shall be sent by registered mail to the accused member at the member’s last-known post office mailing address.
SECTION 5. Appeals Procedure
Action taken by the Hearing Body may be appealed to the Executive Committee of the Association by either the accused member or the Ethics Committee within thirty (30) days of the date notice of the decision of the Hearing Body is sent to the accused member. The Executive Committee shall have final authority whether to sustain or order a rehearing on the decision of the Hearing Body.

SECTION 6. Resignation
Resignation by the accused member from the Association, at any stage in the foregoing prescribed proceedings, shall automatically terminate the proceedings. Following resignation, the accused person so resigning shall not be eligible for reinstatement to membership unless by unanimous vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

SECTION 7. Expulsion
Persons expelled from the Association under these proceedings shall thenceforth be ineligible for reinstatement to membership unless by unanimous vote of all members of the Executive Committee of the Association.

SECTION 8. Alternative Procedure
Any member who pleads guilty to a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or to any felony or who admits to the violation of any governmental statute, regulation, rule, or code of ethics relating to the practice of geology 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 expulsion of a member so pleading guilty or so admitting violation or 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 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, a copy of any applicable order of an appellate court or other appellate body, 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, 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 or testimony of witnesses are presented, shall consider said statements 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.

SECTION 9. Authority
Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have primary authority over matters of professional conduct and discipline. No member, committee, Division, Section, or Region of the Association shall initiate or conduct any investigation or hearing or impose any sanction concerning the professional conduct of an Association member or applicant for Association membership, except as expressly permitted by these Bylaws. Procedures adopted by the Executive Committee as authorized by Section 1 of this Article XI shall be in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of these Bylaws.

SECTION 10. Definition
The term “member” as used in this Article XI shall refer to a member of the Association of any classification.

SECTION 11. Publication of Grievance Matters
The Executive Director of the Association shall cause to be published annually in the Bulletin or by other suitable means a summary of all grievance proceedings initiated, pending, or considered each year. The summary shall include, but not be limited to, the general type of complaint, the level of grievance procedure attained, and status or disposition of the case. Names of parties shall not be published, except that the name of any member expelled from the Association shall be published in said summary.

ARTICLE XII. MEETINGS
The Association shall hold at least one (1) stated meeting of its members each year, at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII. DUES

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following calendar year.

SECTION 2. Dues Benefit
The payment of annual dues for any fiscal year entitles the Active Member, Emeritus Member, Student, or Associate to receive without further charge a copy of the Bulletin and the Explorer of the Association for that year.
SECTION 3. Dues Schedule and Billing

The annual dues of members shall be payable in advance of the fiscal year in accordance with a schedule to be established annually by the Executive Committee, provided that the dues shall not exceed the sums set forth below:
- Active—Up to $125
- Emeritus—Up to $62.50
- Honorary—None
- Student—Up to $10
- Associate—Up to $125

The above schedule shall be subject to the following provisions:
(a) That dues are not refundable;
(b) That members having previously obtained exemption under the former Life Member category shall not be required to pay dues;
(c) That students who join while undergraduates will be reclassified as Associates upon termination of academic enrollment or upon commencement of full-time professional employment or practice.
(d) An Associate who has completed the degree requirements, but not the experience requirements, for Active membership shall pay one-half of the regular Active membership dues for not more than four (4) years while not having satisfied such experience requirements and shall pay regular Associate dues thereafter while an Associate.
(e) That the annual change in dues for Active Members cannot exceed twenty percent (20%), and that this annual change is noncumulative; and
(f) That a penalty to be established annually by the Executive Committee will be levied for each quarter year of delinquency beginning on July 1.

A statement shall be mailed to each Active Member, Emeritus Member, Honorary Member, Student, and Associate before July 1 of each year, stating the amount of annual dues.

SECTION 4. Arrears and Suspension

Any member of whatever classification whose dues are in arrears for more than sixty (60) days and for less than one (1) year shall be suspended from membership in the Association and shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership.

SECTION 5. Forfeit of Membership

Any member of whatever classification who is more than one (1) year in arrears in payment of dues shall forfeit membership in the Association and the member’s name shall be removed from membership rolls.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Proposal of Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the following means:
(a) Resolution by the Executive Committee;
(b) Resolution of the House of Delegates;
(c) Written proposal signed by fifty (50) members of the Association.
(d) Resolution by a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates.

SECTION 2. Amending Procedure

(a) Upon receipt of such proposals, they shall be referred to the Chairman of the House of Delegates, who shall then forward them to (a) the Executive Committee and (b) to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates for review and a report to be presented to the members of the House of Delegates, in accordance with its Rules & Procedures.
(b) Amendments proposed by resolution of the Executive Committee, by resolution of a majority vote of the Officers of the House of Delegates and the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee of the House of Delegates, or by fifty (50) members of the Association shall within thirty (30) days of their receipt by the Chairman of the House of Delegates be distributed to the Executive Committee, the members of the House of Delegates, the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates, the Advisory Council, and any committee or member(s) of the Association designated by the Executive Committee to receive them.
(c) Each of the bodies and members receiving proposed amendments pursuant to Section 2, paragraph (a) above, may submit comments to the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall cause all such comments to be sent with the proposed amendment to the members of the House of Delegates prior to such annual meeting.
(d) Each of the bodies and members to receive proposed amendments under Section 2, paragraph (b) above, may submit comments concerning amendments proposed by resolution of the House of Delegates to the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the House of Delegates not later than the next October 31st following the adoption of the resolution. The Chairman of the House of Delegates shall cause all such comments to be sent with the proposed amendment to the members of the House of Delegates as provided in its Rules and Procedures.

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.

SECTION 4. Consideration of Amendments

Proposed amendments shall be considered at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and shall be passed upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.

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