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.

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These names are taken from the bronze plaque in the AAPG Headquarters building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, dedicated on March 20, 1953, to the Founders of the Association—Lawrence Tenney Stevens, sculptor.
President

As always, the year served as president of AAPG went by quickly and much was left to my successor, Randi Martinsen. My principle efforts as President were for AAPG to focus on strategic business activity and decision process that would ensure AAPG surviving and prospering through our next 100 years. Through the efforts of an excellent Executive Committee (EC) and our dedicated and hard working AAPG Staff some good progress was made and the items below highlight our activities for the year.

Three-Year Business Plans

During the last year, AAPG Staff has been preparing three-year business plans to link AAPG operations as a business to our long-term strategic plan. This is to ensure a consistent approach that focuses effort and prioritization on meeting our critical goals through an integrated and directed effort by the AAPG team. While this seems an obvious course, it is a massive undertaking for our Staff as they continue to do their day job. We believe it will bear the fruit of a more efficient and focused AAPG.

DEO-GIS

The EC aggressively supported the development of the Datapages Exploration Object search system (yes, it deserves another name more fitting to a really cool map based search system). This system allows our corporate clients and their employees to access maps and cross sections and tie them directly to a map. DEO is now being marketed through Datapages and we wish them success in this effort.

Fiscal Responsibility

We focused heavily on maintaining fiscal viability for AAPG this year and to that end, approached several issues.

• IBA: The Imperial Barrel Award is one of our most popular flagship programs but it costs AAPG about $750,000 per year. We undertook a study to determine contingency plans for downturns in our industry and how to keep this excellent program running in the event that sponsorship funding diminished. These contingency plans can now be implemented sequentially if needed.

• 100th Anniversary Committee: Celebrating our 100th anniversary only comes along, well, every 100 years, but the EC was concerned that expenditures not exceed reasonable bounds, while generating product that would benefit our membership and society at large for some time to come.

• Financial Buffer: As AAPG’s efforts have grown globally, our annual budget has grown accordingly. Our financial buffer in the form of investments, etc., had fallen to about 9 months. This year, we were able to move $750,000 in net surplus out of our operating fund and into our investments portfolio. We hope this trend will continue so that our buffer grows to 18 months or so. This would hopefully see us through the worst of a major downturn and keep the doors open and the presses rolling.

Advisory Council Initiatives

The AC, EC and House of Delegates have approved a revision of the sponsorship requirement for membership to one sponsor and membership application forms have been changed accordingly, along with the inclusion of a copy of the AAPG Code of Ethics to every prospective member. Although not directly linked to this decision, the EC also approved including the AAPG Code of Ethics in every membership renewal to emphasize our professional responsibilities as AAPG members.

Cooperative Efforts with Sister Societies

AAPG’s various meetings basically pay for all of our other scientific and service activities. By joining forces with our sister societies in creating new meetings and expanding old ones, the intent is to increase the spread of good geoscience while also increasing our net income. To that end, the Unconventional Resources Technology Conference (URTeC), the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC) and Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) all represent very successful joint efforts with societies including SPE, SEG and EAGE. We will be expanding our ICE conferences to two per year and SEG will be working as a partner at those events.

New AAPG Website Design

While the EC claims no credit for AAPG’s new website was rolled out this year. As issues arise AAPG staff are continuously improving the site, but a big step on a long journey has been accomplished and we thank our staff for their diligent, ongoing efforts!

Looking to the future

AAPG is a reflection of our industry and our industry is global, diverse, and constantly changing. For AAPG to survive we must be responsive to these changes. In times past, my colleagues and I joined AAPG because it was a source of invaluable information we couldn’t get anywhere else. Today, when we can get most any information we want with a few swipes on our smart phones, AAPG has lost a lot of that critical informational relevance. AAPG is still useful, but not the only source and frankly, most of our users are not overly concerned about the source of the information.

• Inclusivity and Unity: Because we are a global industry and a global organization (AAPG members live in approximately 120 countries), acceptance and inclusivity become critical aspects of our business and professional activities. I invite all of you to remember how important it is to your ultimate success to be inclusive of colleagues who bring different perspectives to the table, whether by gender, ethnicity or place of birth. In applied geoscience, it is often the new idea or different perspective that leads to a new discovery or makes that discovery vastly more economic.

• Relevance: AAPG has been indispensable in my career, but is it to today’s young geoscientists. I think not, at present. And are we relevant for the people who pay our bills... the big companies who sponsor our events? That answer is more complex, but to make it a simple and emphatic “YES” matters to the future of AAPG. We must seek ways to maximize our relevance to every potential member and member, while remembering to find ways to have an impact in an industry that constantly sees more hands reaching for a limited sponsorship budget.

• Our most valuable product at AAPG: Going forward, I believe the product we offer that is most valuable and is virtually irreplaceable in our industry is our ability to provide a link to other geoscience colleagues across the globe. These ties
of mutual technical interest, shared business interest (often leading to partnerships and deals) and friendship can last for all of our professional or personal lifetimes and often delineate the boundary for success vs. failure for individuals or whole corporations in this business!

A Note of Thanks
Finally, I would like to thank Randi Martinsen, now your president, along with Richard Ball (Secretary), Tom Ewing (VP Sections), John Kaldi (VP Regions), Deborah Sacrey (Treasurer), Mike Sweet (Editor) and Larry Wickstrom (HoD Chair) for their service on the Executive Committee. They were a great group to work with and they did an excellent job this year! I would also like to offer huge thanks to David Curtiss (Executive Director) and David Lange (Deputy Executive Director) and the people of our wonderful AAPG Staff for all their hard work and patience! Finally, I would like to thank each of you AAPG members who have worked so tirelessly as volunteers and offered me suggestions along the way. Without you and others like you in the past, AAPG would not be what it is today!

Lee Krystinik

Treasurer
Fiscal Year 2014 was projected to be a reasonably good year for the Association, and turned out to be an exceptionally good year.
Our income from advertising, sales of publications, educational and convention activities was up over the prior year. On the meeting activity, we greatly benefited from the strong results at both our ACE (Houston) and ICE (Cartagena) event. We also benefited from a healthy positive return from our investments in cooperative partner events, including the NAPE meeting and our interest in the Offshore Technology Conference and IPTC.
We had budgeted expenses of nearly $22.5 million, though we continue to challenge ourselves and the staff to be good stewards of our members' resources while still striving to deliver a high level of member benefits. As a result of these efforts, our overall expenses for the year were just under budget, coming in at $22.5 million, which is favorable to budget by just under $3,700.

All in all, we enjoyed the results of Fiscal Year 2014. Although for many years we have been enduring widely-varying asset values in the stock market, affecting our investment holdings as well as our pension liability, we are actively trying to position the portfolio for the future and plan for economic uncertainties. We enjoyed a stimulating ICE meeting in Istanbul and are working to complete the financial figures right now. We are anxious to see how that meeting turns out, and expect we will have an outstanding time at the ACE in Denver next year as well.

We are closely watching the evolution of scientific publishing, as hardcopy paper hardcopies are gradually being replaced by electronic forms. The Datapages online information service is financially healthy, and with the new Datapages DEO, will provide a service to Members and to the profession. As the Association enters new ventures, some jointly with sister organizations, we are vigilantly watching the financial results in order to prudently bring the greatest professional benefits at the best value.

Jim Tucker
The Editor oversees all technical publication of AAPG, including the AAPG Bulletin, Special Publications, and GIS/Spatial Publications, which are all peer-reviewed, and Search and Discovery, which is not peer-reviewed. Michael L. Sweet was elected Editor in 2013 succeeding Steven Laubach who completed his three-year term as Editor at the end of June.

AAPG Bulletin

The AAPG Bulletin publishes papers on the geology and associated technology of hydrocarbon exploration, development and production and other energy mineral resources. Since 1917 it has occupied an important place in the scientific literature of petroleum geoscience. As of December 2013 all 40,958 members of the AAPG received the Bulletin either digitally, or on paper along with 600 institutional subscriptions. As a highly selective peer-reviewed journal it attracts papers from leading petroleum geology and engineering researchers. The AAPG Bulletin enjoys one of the highest rates of downloads among the collection of journals in the GeoScienceWorld, an aggregation of high-impact, peer-reviewed earth science journals to which many research and academic institutions subscribe. Downloads of Bulletin papers through GeoScienceWorld and our own Datapages archive provide another means to disseminate our science to the academic and corporate community beyond our membership. Royalties from downloads and other permissions usage are an important source of revenue for AAPG totaling over $240,000 in 2013.

Submissions to the AAPG Bulletin have been rising for the last three years. The 232 manuscripts submitted to the AAPG Bulletin in 2013 exceeded the 228 received in 2012 and is the highest number of submissions since record keeping began in 1990. Of the manuscripts received in 2013, 71 were accepted for publication with revisions and 111 were rejected (48%). Because submissions are high we have had the flexibility to be more selective about the papers that we are publishing. We continue to receive a significant number of manuscripts written by authors for whom English is a second language. These submissions add greatly to the geographic diversity of our science, but require volunteers and staff assisting the authors with communicability of the science. In November 2013 the Bulletin published a Special Issue edited by Drs. Ernest Mancini, William Morgan, Paul (Mitch) Harris and William Parcell on Microbial Carbonates.

In calendar year 2013, 84 (88 including Discussion and Replies) papers were published, including 26 (31%) non-geographical, topical studies, with the balance describing petroleum-related research and applications with regional examples. Of studies having a regional aspect, 21% addressed subjects from areas in the United States, 10% from the Asia/Pacific area, 5% from Africa, 4% from the Middle East, 21% from Europe, 4% from Latin America, and 4% from Canada. Associate Editors appointed from all AAPG Regions and Sections encourage manuscript submissions from their geographic areas. Most of the papers published were rated as major articles.
The Editorial Board has revised the descriptions of the parts of the Bulletin to better delineate shorter, topical contributions in science, technology, and exploration (Geologic Notes, Geohorizons, and E&P Notes, respectively) with the aim of attracting more contributions in these categories. These contributions will receive expedited editorial handling to fast-track them to publication.

The average number of days required to review and act on manuscripts in 2013 increased to 94 days from submittal to decision rendered. This increase in response time from last year may be in part due to having the Senior Associate Editors take on some of the process of selecting reviewers and making the acceptance decisions. While having this extra layer of editorial input may slightly slow the overall review process, I believe that it greatly improves the quality of reviews and ultimately papers. Providing that it greatly improves the quality of papers, I believe it may slightly slow the overall review process, I believe that the first two issues of Interpretation were published in August and November of 2013. Response from authors has been strong, and a total of 39 papers were published in the first two issues.

**New Journal: Interpretation**

During 2013 AAPG joined with the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) to launch a new quarterly journal dedicated to the integrated aspects of geophysical interpretation. This journal also incorporates an editorial board appointed by each society. The first two issues of Interpretation were published in August and November of 2013. Response from authors has been strong, and a total of 39 papers were published in the first two issues.

**AAPG Special Publications 2013 Releases**

Seven books, six CDs and three digital downloads were published in 2013.

**Books Released in 2013**

2. Memoir 100—Tectonics and Sedimentation: Implications for Petroleum Systems
4. Memoir 102—Electron Microscopy of Shale Hydrocarbon Reservoirs
6. Studies in Geology 64—Heavy-oil and Oil-sand Petroleum Systems in Alberta and Beyond
7. Studies in Geology 65—Application of Structural Methods to Rocky Mountain Hydrocarbon Exploration and Development

**Reprint Collections on CD**

3. Hydrocarbon Seepage: From Source to Surface
4. The Trenton Group (Upper Ordovician Series) of Eastern North America: Deposition, Diagenesis, and Petroleum
6. Getting Started 22—Economics, Chance, and Uncertainty

**Digital Downloads Released in 2013**

1. Southern Rocky Mountains Geological Highway Map
2. Africa Basin Classification Map
3. Africa Geology and Hydrocarbons Map
4. The Publications Committee (Colin North, Chair) has goals that include markedly increasing the number of books published per year, reducing the time from conception to production, and increasing linkages to technical communities within the association. The Publication Committee is the home of the book series editorial board. An ahead-of-print capability for book chapters is a high priority that will be implemented soon.

**GIS/Spatial Publications**

The Geographic Information Systems Committee (Bret Fossum, Chair) recently completed several projects.

**Peer-Reviewed and Published on GIS**

Open-File Website


St. John, B., 2013, Geology of Ethiopia (GIS by OSU completed and delivered to Datapages Sep 26, 2013)

Lignite (GIS by OSU completed and delivered to Datapages Nov 14th, 2013). These are significant projects addressing topical issues, with numerous maps, many thousands of data entries and a high level of complexity. All were peer-reviewed to ensure high standards of presentation and science.

Search and Discovery
Search and Discovery continued to show significant numbers of new articles posted and significant usage during 2013. Over the year, 596 new individual articles were posted as were 25 abstract sets (containing 2,912 total abstracts) and 6 audio-visual presentations. Articles were obtained mostly from presentations made at ICE, ACE and AAPG Section and Region meetings and also Geoscience Technology workshops. Several approved unsolicited manuscripts were also received and posted. Usage included 943,394 visits for a rate of 2,585 visits per day. In addition, Search and Discovery developed mobile applications (apps) of abstracts and schedules for eight AAPG meetings during 2013: ACE, ICE, European Region (Barcelona), 3P Arctic (Stavanger), Rocky Mountain Section (Salt Lake), Mid-continent Section (Wichita), Pacific Section (Monterey), and GCAGS (New Orleans). There were more than 2,000 downloads of the apps which were developed in both Apple and Google formats. Search and Discovery was a sponsor of the Imperial Barrel Award providing tracking of contest progress as well as presenting IBA jackets to the winning team. And finally, Search and Discovery procured corporate sponsorship during 2013 from Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. In addition several other corporate entities have provided advertising support throughout the year.

Charles H. Taylor Fellowship
Last year Elected Editor Steven Laubach established the Charles H. Taylor Fellowship. The role of the Fellowship, which has the status of a special committee, is to advise and assist the Elected Editor with emphasis on journal publications. The fellowship is named for Charles H. Taylor, the first editor for the association. The Charles H. Taylor Fellowship held their second annual meeting in Houston on January 27th, 2014. The meeting is described in an article that ran in the March 2014 issue of the AAPG Explorer. The primary objective of this annual meeting was to select books and papers for AAPG’s Pratt (Best Paper), Sproule (Best Paper by an author under 35 years old), and Dott (Best Book) Awards. The attendees also heard reports on aspects of AAPG’s Publications and discussed ways to improve the process of reviewing and soliciting papers for publication.

Open Access Policy
In August 2013 AAPG instituted an Open Access Policy to facilitate publication of publicly funded research.

Michael L. Sweet, Editor
AAPG Foundation

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

The AAPG Foundation was established to support programs that benefit the geologic profession and the general public. Founded in 1967 as an Oklahoma Trust, and incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 organization in 1968, the Foundation’s purpose is to encourage a better understanding and advancement of the geosciences, and to establish programs and fund projects that support the education, training and career enhancement for earth scientists.

This report will provide an update on the preliminary financial activities for the past fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2014.

Financial Overview

The Foundation’s financial audit had not yet been completed at the time of this reporting, thus the financial information is preliminary.

For fiscal year 2014, the Foundation operating revenue amounted to $5.53M, compared to last year for the same period of $6.95M. Revenues came primarily from rental income, interest, dividends, capital gains and oil and gas royalties. Operating expenses totaled $2.36M compared to the previous year of $2.69M.

The Foundation’s investment portfolio is conservatively invested and well diversified and includes public and private equity mutual funds, fixed income mutual funds, international investments and real estate. Last year the Foundation’s investment portfolio showed a healthy increase of 12.1%, and amounted to $47.4M as of June 30, 2014 compared to $42.3M on June 30, 2013, and $38.1M on June 30, 2012.

Contributions

Contributions to the Foundation this past fiscal year amounted to $1.34M. Contributions to the Foundation for FY 2013 were $2.75M. Approximately 7% of AAPG members in the U.S. and 4.5% of members overall contributed to the Foundation this past fiscal year, compared to last year’s 8% of U.S. members and 5.4% of total members. Not surprisingly, 70% of the donors and 83% of total contributions are from AAPG members.

The Trustee Associates support has been and continues to be a critical and important factor in the growth and development of the Foundation. Out of the total contribution dollars received by the Foundation in FY 2014, $607K came from Trustee Associates.

To continue to cultivate the strong and important financial support for the AAPG Foundation, a Fundraising Advisory Committee, chaired by Rick Fritz, has continued the work of the Financial Campaign Committee. The committee has been active the past few years in helping continue to raise funds for the Foundation’s programs with particular focus on the Military Veterans Scholarship Program and the Imperial Barrel Award. The Military Veterans Scholarship Program was approved by the Trustees last year and is expected to begin awarding funds to military veterans in 2015. This program was created to promote educational advancement and career opportunities in the geosciences for U.S. veterans.

Program Support

The Foundation continues to provide funding for many programs which support its mission of funding programs that benefit the geologic profession and the general public.

During the past year, the Foundation awards and grants amounted to $1.16M, and continued to support many of the important geological programs it has supported previously including (in $thousands):

- Imperial Barrel Award $ 202
- Bulletin Fund $ 212
- Weeks Memorial Fund $ 149
- Grants-in-Aid $ 207
- Distinguished Lecture $ 100
- L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate $ 65
- Visiting Geoscientists Fund $ 23

In addition, the AAPG Foundation Trustees approved proposals for funding totaling $158,000 which included the following:

- James A. Hartman Student Chapter Leadership Summit
- Earth Science Week
- Boy Scouts of America Geology merit Badge Program
- Teacher of the Year Award
- The Halbouty Lecture
- The Professorial Award
- The Michel T. Halbouty Endowed Fellowship
- The Holland Professorial Award
- Search & Discovery
- OSU Consortium

The Grants-In-Aid program continues to grow with 92 Named/Memorial grants. The Grants-in-Aid program supports graduate and post-graduate students in their studies related to earth science aspects of the petroleum energy industry, including exploration and development of hydrocarbons and economic sedimentary minerals and relevant applications of environmental geology. Student recipients were invited to submit their abstracts for publication in the AAPG Bulletin and on the Search and Discovery website.

Biographies of all Named and Memorial Grants continue to be listed on the Foundation’s Web site at http://foundation.aapg.org/gia/names.cfm.

Foundation Awards

The L. Austin Weeks Memorial Medal was established in 2008, and is the Foundation’s highest award given in recognition for extraordinary philanthropy and service directed to advance the mission of the Foundation. The premier award honors the late L. Austin Weeks, whose philanthropic legacy set an exemplary standard. This year, the award went to James A. Hartman. While he
could’ve been present to receive the award, he was honored at the AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition (ACE) All-Convention Luncheon in Houston Texas, in April, 2014.

Charles Weiner was the 16th recipient of the Chairman’s Award for his support to the Foundation. Weiner accepted his award at the AAPG Foundation Chairman’s Reception at the AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition (ACE) in Houston, Texas in April, 2014.

The AAPG Foundation Trustees named Bob Ardell and Mike Wisda as the 2014 Trustee Associates Service Award recipients. Awards were presented at the September, 2014 Trustee Associates Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. The Trustee Associate Service Award is presented to individuals or corporations who have distinguished themselves in beneficial long-term service to the AAPG Foundation. The 2013 recipient was Jack P. Martin.

The Board of Trustees extends a heartfelt thank you to each contributor for the continued support of the Foundation’s vision and mission. Together we can build a better foundation for the geosciences.

James A. Gibbs
AAPG Foundation Trustee Chairman
Energy Minerals Division

This year’s EMD activity focused on increased participation by EMD leadership, continued efforts to fill vacancies within EMD leadership and worked with the Advisory Council and Executive Committee on issues of Association governance. EMD members participated in developing the program and presented numerous papers at both the 2013 Unconventional Resource Technology Conference in Denver and the 2014 ACE in Houston; and were actively engaged in both programs for 2014, and will be for 2015.

Highlights

- 2014 ACE Technical Program - AAPG Theme 2: Unconventional Resources - What Have We Learned So Far and Where Are We Going?
  - Five oral sessions – New Play Concept/Research, Evaluation Methods, International Plays, Tight Oil Plays, Shale Plays
  - Two poster sessions – Unconventional Reservoirs (I and II)
  - Two field trips – (1) Inside NASA Space Flight Center Houston; (2) Unconventional Petroleum Systems: A Geologic Transect Across Colorado
  - Two short Courses – (1) Handheld X-ray fluorescence: Theory, Calibration and Application to Mudrock Geochemistry; (2) Mudrock Petrology and Pore-Scale Imaging
  - EMD luncheon – The Future of U.S. Shale, Scott Tinker, Texas State Geologist
- Sponsorship of Oil Sands and Heavy Oil Symposium: A Local to Global Multidisciplinary Collaboration, a joint meeting of the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists and AAPG in Calgary, October 2014.
- Preparation of semi-annual reports of EMD’s Commodity Committees like the 150-page report for Shale Gas and Liquids summarizing activity in dozens of basins globally in this area central to AAPG’s technical and scientific mission.
- Publication of the article “Unconventional Energy Resources: 2013 Review in Natural Resources Research,” and four columns in the AAPG Explorer.
- Publication of AAPG Studies in Geology 64: Heavy-oil and Oil-sand Petroleum Systems in Alberta and Beyond, edited by F.J. Hein, D. Leckie, S. Larter, and J. Suter. (May 2013)
- Updating of the EMD procedures document to better represent roles of the leadership.

Through the Advisory Council and an ad hoc committee chartered by the AAPG Executive Committee, the EMD president worked to realign the governance of AAPG. EMD supports creation of divisions that expand the technical breadth of AAPG and meet AAPG and EMD missions to advance the science. The ad hoc committee will define options for creation of divisions, technical interest groups (TIGs) and special interest groups (SIGs), and for their integration into the governing bodies of AAPG. EMD will highlight recommendations to enhance conduct of its scientific and technical mission, such as:

- Following elimination of separate dues, AAPG should cover the cost of support staff, reducing the need for division leadership to spend time on financial rather than technical issues.
- AAPG should seek to put a division/TIGs/SIGs sponsor on as many conference sessions as can be justified, to acknowledge the contribution of members of those groups.
- AAPG should encourage divisions/TIGs/SIGs to sponsor and participate in relevant technical conferences and workshops held especially by affiliated societies.

The Advisory Council has considered merging the Advisory Council (on which divisions sit) and the House of Delegates (where they are not represented). Streamlining means fewer participants, raising concerns that led to creation of the HoD (leadership by a self-perpetuating cadre). But, are leaders staying because they love wielding power or because AAPG, Divisions, Sections and Regions can’t recruit people to replace them? EMD will support governance of AAPG that focuses as much on scientific and technical interests as on regional interests.

While it is a good time for EMD, there are challenges ahead such as enticing members to take on leadership roles, to keep up with industry trends in the commodities, to support EMD committees, and to participate in developing the technical programs that AAPG delivers. EMD faces budgetary shortfalls as noted. As the mission of EMD’s Shale Gas and Liquids Committee has become a steadily larger part of the scope of the Association, acknowledgement of EMD leadership in this field has steadily waned, and sponsorship of sessions has been reduced. Unconventional plays are evolving around the globe, and EMD must maintain awareness of global activity, create products in which the technical contributions of EMD members can be realized, captured and rewarded, and thereby increase revenue for further EMD activities. EMD continues to advance the science and push the boundaries of alternative and unconventional resources. I am pleased with the progress made this year within the Division, and look forward to working with president-elect Fran Hein next year.

Jeremy Boak, EMD President

Division of Environmental Geosciences

The Division of Environmental Geosciences (DEG) continued improvements in mission, membership, budget, quality of publications, program and value to members, and in participation and visibility within AAPG for the organizational year 2013-2014. The DEG also acted as AAPG lead in developing a white paper on hydraulic fracturing for use by the general membership.

Mission

The mission of the DEG continues to be:

- Educate the membership of AAPG and the general public about important issues that affect petroleum energy minerals exploration and production.
- Communicate to the general public and government agencies the Association’s commitment to protect the environment while developing the world’s natural resources in a responsible manner.
• Support and encourage research into the effects of petroleum/energy minerals exploration and production on the environment, and make available to concerned agencies, companies, and individuals the results of these studies and recommendations.
• Apply the expertise developed in the petroleum/energy minerals industries and hydrogeology to resolve environmental problems.
• Promote environmental self-regulation within the petroleum/energy minerals industries.
• Establish a liaison between and among AAPG and other professional societies for the purposes of constructive dialogue and defining mutually obtainable goals.
• Provide relevant educational opportunities and services for professional development of the AAPG membership through seminars and conferences in environmental geosciences, hydrogeology and related fields.

This mission was promoted through our DEG publication, Environmental Geosciences, and the informational and professional value of our newsletter, Spheres of Influence, is a high priority for the DEG and possibly our major asset. Environmental Geosciences is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal that includes scientific papers relevant to environmental issues in the oil and gas industry. It has been in publication since 1994 and can be referenced through all major search engines and the AAPG. Spheres of Influence is a quarterly newsletter inaugurated in July 2011 that addresses current events in oil and gas environmental issues, promotes the mission of the AAPG and DEG, engages members, and communicates across the AAPG divisions. We have over 30 editors in the United States, Africa, Canada, Europe, Middle East and Asia-Pacific. In 2013-14, 17 manuscripts were received and to date 8 have been or soon will be published.

Initiated at the 2013 ICE in Cartagena, the DEG was asked to lead the efforts in the drafting of a white paper on hydraulic fracturing that could be reviewed by the AAPG leadership and offered to the membership as a tool for use as necessary. A final draft has been written and is under committee review, then will go to expanded review. This is an important activity for the DEG and a valuable tool for the AAPG.

Program
The DEG sponsors technical sessions, short courses and field trips. This year more than 50 DEG sponsored oral and poster papers have been presented at the national, international and regional meetings and our short course during the Houston ACE was well attended and well received. In several DEG talks in the Pacific Section meeting it was standing room only and many of the talks in Houston were completely full. Plans have been made for expanded DEG participation at the 2015 ACE in Denver and for a topical meeting on environmental issues associated with oil and gas production to be held. Anthony Fiorillo, curator of earth science at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, was the guest DEG luncheon speaker and a 2014 AAPG ACE highlight.

Our DEG Executive and Advisory committees are committed, active and engaged in the organization, government, and industry and are highly qualified individuals who work effectively as a team. This is a gift to any organization, and our members are actively engaging the public by providing knowledge and skills supporting environmental considerations for improved and efficient oil and gas production.

Value to the AAPG and to Industry
The DEG is providing ever-increasing value to AAPG and to industry. All that we do in the exploration and development of natural gas and oil has critical environmental components. The DEG exists to provide a forum and support for environmental stewardship for our industry and our organization.

Douglas Wyatt, DEG President
Africa Region

The year 2013-14 was a very eventful year for the Africa Region. One of the major highlights of the year is the establishment of the Africa Region office after many years of planning. The Africa Region office, located in Lagos, Nigeria, currently resides in the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists' (NAPE) office building.

Delia Kuye is an alumnus of both the University of Reading, England and University of Aberdeen, Scotland was employed as the programs manager. She assumed office in October 2013 and positive effects of the AR office are already being felt.

The AR leadership continues to intensify its efforts to increase membership. The numbers of associate, student-YP and members (active) increased from 2012.

With no formal DL assigned to the AR, the Region was able to organize a Regional Lecture Program (RLP) in Lagos in Association with NAPE with Henry Posamentier in September 2013 and a joint SPE-AAPG distinguished lecture in Tunisia in February 2014 featuring by professor John G. Kaldi - AAPG's vice president-Regions.

Young Professionals' activities have grown to levels of significant advantage in the region; with recorded increase in participation from YPs in more countries namely Cameroon, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tunisia, and Uganda.

Student Chapter activities also continue to witness significant growth both in terms of number of chapters and level of activities. Despite the language barrier, the Region now has 44 student chapters in Africa, with new additions from Kenya, Uganda, and Ghana.

There were 23 universities across the African continent that participated in this year's Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) competition. Africa Region finals were held in Lagos in February 2014 at Dover Hotel, Lagos. The University of Western Cape emerged winner with the faculty of science, Tunis El Manah University and University of Lagos, Nigeria taking second and third position respectively. University of Western Cape shall represent the Africa Region at the global competition in Houston in April 2014.

AAPG AR inaugurated the Angola on Oct. 9, 2013, at an event attended by over 200 industry practitioners including Angola's Minister of Petroleum, José M. Botelho de Vasconcelos. Also in attendance were the managing directors of Chevron, Exxon, Total, ConocoPhillips, BP, STATOIL, Schlumberger and Maersk Oil.

Despite all these achievement there is significant untapped opportunity to increase AAPG footprints in the African Continent. It is imperative that an official AAPG event takes place in the not-to-distant future.

Africa Region Office, Lagos

AAPG’s Nigerian affiliate, the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists, NAPE offered office space to AAPG within the NAPE Secretariat in Lagos. The office space was inspected by AAPG leadership in 2013. It measures 9 sq m and has shared amenities with the rest of the secretariat. Renting of this office space was based on an MOU between AAPG and NAPE, which was finalized and signed in October 2013. The following summarize the terms contained in the MOU.

• NAPE will charge the AR rent for the region equal to the rent paid by SPE, with current and future rent adjustments.
• The AR programs manager will be functionally accountable to the AR Executive Committee and the AAPG headquarters, and to the NAPE Executive Director.
• AAR will pay the AR programs manager through NAPE, i.e., NAPE will pay the...
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AAPG Africa and assists the leadership in proffering solutions to geoscience challenges within the region. She is also involved in business development, office administration, website management, AR membership management and logistics coordination for AAPG AR activities.

Membership

Active, associate and student-YP members have increased from year 2012 values, with student-YP numbers showing the most significant increase. Emeritus and Honorary member numbers have remained constant while student membership has shown a 20 percent decline from 2013 to 2014.

The language difference for non-English speaking Africa countries has reduced communication effectiveness across the region. Low salaries and problems with dues payment is still a major issue across countries in the region, as some local bank credit/debit cards are not accepted via the AAPG online membership payments portal. This challenge continues to impact on active and associate member figures, and also affect the planning, organization and attendance of events.

However, the presence of the newly established region office is helping to mitigate some of the challenges in the region. The frequently updated AR website, periodic email blasts, quarterly e-newsletter and social networking sites like Facebook are being employed as tools to enhance effective regional communication.

Membership payments can now be made at the office with a targeted awareness campaign of the office presence for enquiries and provision of membership support. However, remitting membership payments made at the region office to headquarters and the resulting delay in processing times remains a challenge that must be resolved between the region and headquarters to facilitate membership increase and effectiveness.

2013/2014 AAPG Africa Region Activities at a Glance

Renovation was carried out by NAPE on behalf of AAPG, and the space was fitted with an air conditioner before the hiring of the programs manager in October. AAPG initiated purchase of new office furniture through NAPE and this was completed in November 2013.

Hiring of the Programs Manager

The Region leadership team conducted a panel interview to shortlist candidates in August 2013. After review of overall qualifications Delia Kuye was recommended for the job. Delia holds a bachelor’s in geology from the University of Reading, England and an master’s in petroleum geology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. A successful telephone interview from Tulsa was also conducted for her by Carol McGowen and Alan Wegener from the AAPG headquarters in Tulsa. Delia was offered employment late September 2013 and she started in her new position at the Region office on October 3, 2013.

Upon her resumption at the new office, Delia underwent a one-week job orientation at the headquarters in Tulsa in October 2013. In her position as programs manager, Delia works closely with the leadership team. She has been involved in the development and deployment of programs and services for AAPG Africa and assists the leadership in proffering solutions to geoscience challenges within the region. She is also involved in business development, office administration, website management, AR membership management and logistics coordination for AAPG AR activities.

AAPG Africa Region Membership Statistics 2012–2014

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Distinguished and Regional Lectures

The Distinguished Lecture program was discussed extensively at AAPG ACE in Long Beach, California, in April 2012. The key action item from the meeting was that a list of distinguished lecturers would be made available to the Africa Region in order for the Region to choose suitable distinguished lecturers who would potentially tour the Region during 2013. However, the Region never received any list as promised. Taking a step ahead, the Africa Region hosted Henry Posamentier in September 2013, to a regional lecture program (RLP) in collaboration with the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists, NAPE in Lagos, Nigeria. This RLP was followed by a joint SPE-AAPG distinguished lecture delivered by John G. Kaldi in Tunisia in February 2014.

Regional Lecture, Lagos 2013

NAPE and AAPG Africa Region jointly hosted a regional lecture delivered by Henry W. Posamentier, senior exploration advisor, Chevron Energy Technology Co. The lecture took place in Lagos in August 2013. Turnout for the lecture was impressive as both NAPE and AAPG members were present.

Distinguished Lecture, Tunis 2014

In February 2014, Professor John G. Kaldi, the AAPG vice president-regions and an SPE Distinguished Lecturer who serves on the SPE committee for carbon capture and storage delivered a distinguished lecture on carbon capture and sequestration to a joint forum of over 82 SPE and AAPG members. This well-attended event took place at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Tunis, and provided an opportunity for exchange of ideas between engineers from SPE and geoscientists from AAPG. This is in line with AAPG’s commitment towards increased involvement and collaboration with sister societies and our desire for greater inclusivity, integration and partnership. Event collaboration was facilitated by Chokri Chiboub, Tunisia SPE section chair and Professor Mohammed Hedi Inoubli, AAPG country representative.

In the absence of an AAPG distinguished lecturer, the Region is proceeding with plans for a regional lecture in September 2014 involving professor Terry Engelder – an expert on hydraulic fracturing and shale reservoirs. He is scheduled to deliver a lecture in Cairo, Egypt. The Region may extend Terry’s regional lecture to South Africa. Financial and other obligations are being worked out by AAPG AR and affiliates in these countries. Corporate sponsors are also being sought to potentially take full financial responsibility for the lecture tour.

The challenge faced by the Region in obtaining a suitable distinguished lecturer has been discussed extensively various Africa Region teleconference meetings with agreed clarity on the way forward. However, the AR distinguished Lecture committee representative, K. Kanu was absent at this year’s ACE, therefore the AR vice president, Femi Esan and programs manager, Delia Kuye represented him at the distinguished lecturer committee meeting at ACE 2014 in Houston and spoke on behalf of the region.

AAPG AR Young Professionals

Young Professionals activities have grown to levels of significant advantage in the region, with recorded increase in participation of YPs in more companies and countries. Current activities include the following.

• Networking Programs - YP Meet n Greet
• Educational Activities - Career mentoring sessions, Basin Evaluation Competition, Gain and Give program and Discover Egypt workshop series
• Student Support Activities - African Geosciences Student Conference Careers fair and AR IBA competition coordination.

Nigeria

In Nigeria, the benefits and impact of effective collaboration were easily evident at the Young Professionals booth at the
recently concluded NAPE 2013 conference held in Lagos. YPs under the aegis of NAPE-AAPG YP had a successful outing at the conference. The feedback from participants and post-conference reflection exercise reflected the strength of collaboration. YP activities at the NAPE conference included career mentoring sessions, made up of oil and gas industry keynote addresses, engagements by industry experts on career guidance and choice of specialization, geoscience focus and the need for it, entrepreneurial skills, financial aid and leadership skills.

Other events included the YP Meet n Greet—an informal networking/mentoring session that had over 250 people in attendance, a conference enriching event called the Barrel Odyssey and the Basin Evaluation competition. Active participation of most YPs has given rise to a more connected group of individuals willing to volunteer in the various activities of the association. Highlights of these events are to be published in the maiden edition of the region’s e-newsletter.

**Egypt**

The Egypt YP team launched series of educational and networking programs for the student and YP communities, which have become annual events with visible increase in participation and industry support over the years. They include Discover Egypt, IBA Simulation, Gain n Give Program and the Al Amal training program.

**Gabon**

YP activities in Gabon are currently run by Shell geologists as part of their organizational Young Professional Network group. Effort is currently geared at involving people from academia to fully integrate into this initiative. There has been an increase in the number of registered members after the first networking session, which occurred in Q3, 2012.

**Cameroon**

A second Meet n Greet session for YPs and students was held in Q4 2012. There have been no newly recorded YP activities in this country. However, effort is been made to reach out to the available YPs as registered on the global membership.

**Uganda**

A contact meeting is yet to be held, however we have identified with the Academia in this country especially as there exist a very active student chapter. The participants of the 2014 IBA competitions will be used as ambassadors in establishing YP and other AAPG activities in this country.

**Ghana**

Student and YP activities is on the growth path in Ghana, as they have enjoyed a first-hand opportunity of been at the 2013 NAPE conference, participated at the regional leadership summit and also were present at the 2014 IBA competition. It is hoped that these exposures with adequate support will jumpstart the country in the development of their student and YP focused activities.

**South Africa**

The region has enjoyed and encouraged the yearly appearance of graduate students at the IBA competition. With South Africa representing the region at the global event, the region will be using the opportunity to generate more commitment for other AAPG, students and YP activities.

**Tunisia**

Tunisia first participated in the IBA competition in 2013 with the faculty of science, University of Tunis, El Manah representing the country. In 2014 two teams from Tunisia participated in the event, indicating a growing awareness of the IBA in this country.

In January 2014, professor Hedi Inoubli, faculty advisor for the faculty of science, Tunis indicated interest in volunteering for AAPG in Tunisia. He is now country representative for AAPG and he has shown keen interest in propagating AAPG programs in Tunisia. With Inoubli onboard
working together with AAPG AR leadership team, programs manager and YP Leads, we hope to see more AAPG student and YP activities in this country.

Outlook and Strategies for 2014–2015

- The YP leadership has been split into two to increase effectiveness in coordination. North Africa is led by Ola Adly (Khalda Energy, Egypt). Akintunde Okuboyejo (Shell, Nigeria) is the sub-Saharan region lead and YP coordinator for the Africa Region.
- The Region’s goal is to increase the YP numbers by active company membership scouting.
- NAPE and other affiliates shall be utilized as vehicles for sourcing new members into AAPG YP.
- Surveys and questionnaire are to be generated to determine knowledge and expectations of existing and potential YP members.
- Exposure to Updates on/Provide alerts on job opportunities for graduates/graduating students through awareness and social media publicity.
- There will also be effective collaboration with local association in their various activities towards providing student and YP education support, mentoring and Networking opportunities. There is no doubt that the YPs have a strategic role to play in the future of hydrocarbon exploration and development. The Region will continue to create an enabling environment for empowerment and capacity building in the lives of Young Professionals.

Student Chapters

Student Chapters Growth
AAPG Africa Region operates in English. Only 22 out of 52 of the African countries have English as their official language (or one of the official languages). In spite of the language barriers, the Region continues to witness an increase in the number and spread of AAPG student chapters across the region. We have recorded 44 student chapters in Africa, with new additions from Kenya, Uganda and Ghana. With a number of applications recently submitted from Nigeria and Tunisia, numbers will continue to increase.

Local-Student Chapter Leadership Summit (L-SCLS)
Following the success of the maiden regional L-SCLS organized at the 2012 NAPE Conference, the region again had 31 student leaders from Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda and Kenya come together for the second time in 2013 at the 31st NAPE AICE in Lagos. Invitees were Student Chapter members in various leadership roles and the goals of the summit were vision building, value creation and development of leadership attitudes. The L-SCLS will become an annual event for the Region and its hosting may be rotated to other African countries in the future.

L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grant
AAPG Foundation for the 2013 L. Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grant was awarded to six Africa Region Student Chapters.
- Mohamed Gebril, Cairo University, Egypt
- Khairy Wahid, Suez Canal University, Egypt
- Teluwo Lungu, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
- Teluwo Lukmom, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- Faniran Oriyomi, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
- Hillary Mumbere, Makerere University, Uganda

Visiting Geoscientist Program (VGP)
A regional visiting geoscientist team has been put together for Africa Region student chapters. Volunteers are experienced professionals and YPs who are committed to educational development and AAPG growth. Currently, we have six volunteers on this team who have shown great keenness in delivering geoscience lectures and career talks to student across the region. Visiting geoscientists shall be made available to student chapters upon request or may be assigned to universities as an industry support/mentor for membership activities and growth.

Proposed initiatives for 2014–2015 (in planned collaboration with affiliates)
- Educational development – More student specific geoscience content that can support academic knowledge such
as the Basin Evaluation Competition. Creation of an industry lecture series for schools to be delivered by geoscience ambassadors.

- Mentoring and student participation – Developing a mentoring scheme for final year students with the participation of professionals and explore the possibility of building more student participation/interest at conferences.
- Support – To provide logistics/welfare supports for student chapter activities and recognize and reward the contributions of faculties, faculty advisers and students.

**2014 Imperial Barrel Award (IBA)**

Given the increasing number of universities participating in the IBA yearly, the Africa Region IBA committee decided to uphold the inter-regional semi-final events as a cost effective and yet more accommodating initiative to involve more participating teams in the region; hence, the northern Africa semi-final and the southern Africa semi-final events since 2013.

This year, 23 schools from Tunisia, Egypt, Uganda, South Africa, and Nigeria registered for the program. North Africa semi-finals took place in Cairo in February with the faculty of science, Tunis El Manah University taking first position, followed by Helwan University, Egypt in second place. These two schools represented North Africa in the finals of the competition.

Sub-Saharan semi-finals took place in February in Lagos, Nigeria with the University of Western Cape, South Africa coming first in this competition, followed by University of Lagos, Nigeria in second place. Both teams represented southern Africa at the finals.

Africa Region finals were held in Lagos on February 28, 2014, at Dover Hotel, Lagos. The University of Western Cape emerged winner with the faculty of science, Tunis El Manah University and University of Lagos, Nigeria taking second and third position respectively. University of Western Cape will be representing the Africa Region at the global IBA competition in Houston by April 2014.

**Field trips**

A field trip was organized for recent earth science graduates by Apache Egypt in conjunction with the Al Amal training program. There were 41 students from 13 universities present.

**Short Courses and Workshops**

AAPG student chapters benefited from short courses and workshops taught by Apache Egypt professional staff. Seven classes were taught covering seismic exploration, petrophysics, petroleum systems, well-site procedures and subsurface mapping. There were 133 students total attendance in these classes.

**Discover Egypt** – This is a series of workshops aimed at introducing the geology of each province within Egypt with main focus on seismic and sedimentary characterization and features of petroleum system elements. Three workshops have been successfully achieved covering the Nile Delta and Western Desert petroleum system provinces.

Gain & Give Program – This is an initiative targeted at providing more information about the various geology specialist courses to third-year students in the university. This is to ensure that they have broader appreciation of the various fields of geology as well as information on how to identify and leverage on their academic strengths. Sessions and workshops held so far include Seismic Acquisition, Processing & Interpretation, Sedimentology, Stratigraphy, Petroleum Systems, Volumetric Calculation, Petrophysics & well logging, Human Safety & Environment, Curriculum Vitae writing and Presentation skills.

**KAYAN Ventures**

AAPG Young Professionals “KAYAN Ventures” provides resources and expert advice for young earth scientists in Egypt interested in pursuing start-up companies specifically in the fields of alternative energy supply, mining and geohydrology.

**Egypt Country Report**

**Imperial Barrel Award**

IBA Egypt Simulation: 2013 witnessed the third IBA simulation event, which was concluded on December 8, 2013 at Sky Resort, Cairo. Twenty-three teams from 12 universities across the country participated in the competition. The event had the Honorable Minister of Petroleum Resources of Egypt, Engr. Sherif Ismail in attendance. Also, Egypt hosted the IBA North Africa semi-finals with six Egyptian universities and two Tunisian universities participating at the event while the University of Tunis, El Manah, Tunisia emerged winner.

**Ghana Country Report**

In November 2013, two representatives from the student chapter were invited to participate in the 2013 L-SCLS in Lagos, Nigeria. The chapter representatives were Marissa Obeng (student chapter president) and Abigail Ayikwei (student chapter secretary). Both representatives of the Student Chapter returned to brief chapter members on what the summit was about and the way forward to ensure
development of the Chapter. They also encouraged new AAPG membership registration from freshmen, which has led to a significant increase in the number of AAPG student chapter members at the school since the summit last year. Jacob Kutu, faculty advisor of the University of Ghana, Legon, and Marisa Obeng, president of the University of Ghana Student Chapter were invited to witness the southern Africa semi-final competition in order to prepare the Ghanaian Schools for the 2015 IBA competition.

Nigeria Country Report

NAPE/AAPG – 20 Years of Affiliation

In the year 1994, AAPG/NAPE began a long lasting, cordial and mutually beneficial relationship and the year 2014 is significant as it marks 20 years of this positive and mutually beneficial affiliation. This is reflected today in the various geoscience-related activities co-hosted by both societies. Such landmark collaborations include but are not limited to Field Immersive Program, AAPG/NAPE Young Professional and Student Chapter events, educational support to tertiary institutions (journal/books donation), regional conferences (DOWAC), distinguish lecturer program, student sponsorship/financial activities such as the grants-in-aids scheme, technical and professional seminars/exchanges, membership drives.

The offer by NAPE to provide office space for AAPG in Africa within her secretariat and the opening of AAPG’s Africa Region office within the secretariat in Lagos in 2013 also reflects the long-term cordiality between both associations. With the Region office fully functional and the programs manager on board, the Region’s leadership targets greater levels of collaboration with other affiliates within the region such as is shared with NAPE.

Student and Young Professionals Activities at 2013 NAPE AICE

NAPE/AAPG AR jointly hosted the Local Student Chapter Leadership Summit (L-SCLS) and Young Professionals events at the NAPE AICE in November 2013. L-SCLS invitees were Student Chapter leaders. The summit provides the students the opportunity to network and be inspired through contact with young and experienced geoscience professionals. Other registered students present at the conference were engaged in a career mentoring session, which was geared towards assisting them in career choice. Students and YP Participants learned more about industry specialization, such as exploration and operations geology, as well as industry software demo sessions. Selected industry experts from Shell, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Transocean, Baker Hughes, Degeconek, Sinopec-Addax to mention a few. Resume writing workshops and mock interview sessions were organized for the benefit of participants. The students and young professionals also enjoyed a cocktail and freestyle mentoring evening during the conference. It was an opportunity for learning and collaboration. Young geoscience professionals were matched with students and engaged in focused discussions related to growth opportunities within the earth science discipline.

NAPE/AAPG YP Get-Together, 2014

A mini get together was organized by the NAPE/AAPG YP and Student Committee members at Terra Kulture Restaurant in Victoria Island, Lagos. The get-together was organized to engender social networking among the YP committee members and create an opportunity to reflect on previous achievements. It also provided a rare opportunity for the YPs to cultivate, sustain and champion a renewed impetus for an eventful 2014.

The event was a joyful occasion and refocused YP energy. It had in attendance Gilbert Odior (AAPG president, Africa Region), Mrs. Doja Ojelabi (NAPE president) and other YP committee members.

The NAPE/AAPG YP team has been at the forefront of bridging the gap between students and young oil and gas professionals thereby creating an enduring platform for the YPs and students to actualize their dreams of positive contribution to the development of the oil and gas industry.

Apart from the fantastic activities and events organized by NAPE/AAPG YPs in previous years, there are a lot more career motivational activities in the offing for 2014, which will assist in creating a knowledge sharing atmosphere between students and young Oil and Gas professionals.

Aapg AR & NAPE Leadership with YPs at TerraKulture, Lagos

The Exciting World of Geology initiative was designed by NAPE/AAPG Young Professionals as a geoscience outreach program targeted at high school students particularly across the African Region. The objective is to create early awareness and encourage possible interest in pursuing a career in the geosciences.

The outreach initiative started out with educating student leaders who attended the SCLS training and at the YP booth sessions at the 2013 NAPE conference in Lagos, Nigeria on the need to introduce the exciting world of geology to secondary schools across Africa. Each student chapter was given a minimum of three (3) CDs entitled “Exciting World of Geology” containing presentations and ten (10) geoscience video clips. The student chapters were then charged to have career talks in 5 to 10 secondary schools in their vicinity within one year.

The outreach was also introduced to students, YPs, lecturers and industry professionals during the Africa Region IBA 2014 final competition in Lagos. Using the IBA platform provided the opportunity to carry this initiative to other countries in Africa with the help of the participants involved.

South Africa Country Report

In 2012, an IBA simulation competition was organized among 10 postgraduate petroleum geosciences students at the University of Western Cape. Students were grouped in threes and provided IBA data from previous years for evaluation. A similar IBA simulation competition was arranged in 2013 and the event has come to stay. Fifteen students participated in the 2013 competition. The top four participants in the 2013 IBA simulation represented South Africa in the Africa Region IBA competition held in February. Following the success of the South African team at the 2014 AR IBA competition, faculty advisor for the University of Western Cape, Opuwari Mimonitu has committed to making greater effort to create a student chapter at the university.

On addition, Tim O Sullivan has been invited to deliver a series of lectures on Petrophysics at the geoscience department, University of Western Cape in 2014.

New In-Roads into East Africa

AAPG AR successfully established a student chapter in Uganda and Kenya in 2012. Following their establishment,
student chapter presidents from these countries were invited to participate in the L-SCLS in November 2013. Attending the summit gave these representatives a renewed zeal, drive, and a new focus for developing the AAPG student chapters in their respective universities. AAPG AR leadership team and programs manager have also been working hard at building rapport with faculty advisors of these chapters for the purpose of having an effective and sustained, long term communication in this newly established region.

The participation of Makerere University, Uganda in this year’s IBA has also provided a vital link, which the region shall fully exploit for the development of YP focused activities in this country.

Future Events

AAPG operates in English, and only 22 of 52 African countries use English as official language. Many national geoscience associations in Africa are not AAPG affiliates, and there is a low level of interaction among geoscience associations in Africa. These challenges to mention a few have created significant barriers to the hosting of regional AAPG workshops and conferences. The region is working towards having more AAPG representatives across Africa and achieving greater levels of collaboration with sister societies and affiliates so as to have a better foothold in achieving her goals on the continent, including those of hosting more local and regional events.

2014 AGSC

This year’s AGSC summit themed “Exploring the Depth and Breadth of the Geosciences” took place May 20-24 at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. The summit will feature paper and poster presentations, a near-surface summer school, a field trip to an impact crater, short courses, workshops, special sessions on career development, and networking sessions.

NAPE Mini Conference

AAPG’s Nigerian affiliate, NAPE, hosted a mini-conference for tertiary institutions in association with the Department of Geology, University of Port Harcourt. The conference themed “Enhancing Geoscience Education to Meet Future Energy Demands” took place at the University of Port Harcourt June 5-8, 2014. A pre-conference field trip on “Sedimentology of the Anambra Basin” shall also take place.

Short Courses and GTWs

AAPG AR provided short courses within Nigeria in collaboration with their Nigerian affiliate, NAPE in mid-2014 to commemorate the 20-year affiliation of NAPE with AAPG. Considerations are also being made towards hosting an APPEX in Egypt and a GTW in Ghana later this year.

Regional Conference

This is targeted to be an AAPG led conference in partnership with sister societies including EAGE, SEG, and SPE. It is currently conceived to be multidisciplinary, bringing together geoscience and engineering and shall be supported by IOCs, NOCs, technical service providers, local companies, and geoscience societies. With the AR having made new in-roads in Uganda and Kenya as well as a rapidly developing energy sector, East Africa will likely be the location for this conference. Nairobi, Kenya is being considered for the event as there are hotel facilities available which can support a conference capacity of 500-700 delegates. The Region plans to hold the conference between late 2015 and 2016. Holding a GTW prior to a Region event was discussed as an Ice Breaker, to test keenness for such events in East Africa.

Aapg-AR 2013–2015 Strategic Goals and Action Items

Membership

1. Goal: Increase active AAPG membership throughout Africa by developing a system whereby AAPG members or new members can always use local currency (credit or debit card, cash) to pay their dues.
   • Action Item: Develop option of having members pay in local currency through the affiliated societies or via online system such as PayPal.
2. Goal: Reduce the number of Africa Region suspended members by 5%
   • Action Item: Obtain from AAPG headquarters updated list of members in danger of being suspended or recently suspended for non-dues payment plus instructions on steps to reinstatement. (headquarters staff)
   • Action Item: Develop personalized letter from Africa Region Leadership encouraging colleagues to pay outstanding AAPG dues in order to retain membership. (president, immediate past president)
3. Goal: Increase the number of Africa Region voting Members by 7% per year by encouragement and sponsorship of qualified Associate members (associate members with one year or more industry work experience who are current on AAPG dues payment).
   • Action Item: Each Region leader should take responsibility for analyzing AAPG membership database to identify coworkers within their company eligible for upgrade from associate to full member status. (all region leadership)
   • Action Item: Develop a plan appropriate for each company to contact, encourage and assist coworkers to upgrade their AAPG membership.
   • Action Item: Hold an annual all-Africa Region membership meeting during ACE to discuss membership and facilitate AAPG Member sponsors to sign application forms.

Students

4. Goal: Replicate the Local-Student Chapter Leadership Summit (L-SCLS) model successfully implemented at the 2012 and 2013 NAPE Conference in a new Africa Region target country each year.
5. Goal: Promote and Support Educational programs to 12 schools in the Region for knowledge sharing/networking opportunities and importantly to share the values and benefit of AAPG.
   • Action Item: Involve faculty advisors to identify specific and most pressing gaps in their student chapters.
   • Action Item: Form a team that will map these schools and source for industry support especially for teaching aids and professional availability, and key into schools’ geoscience week program to deliver
lectures, field trips, short courses, workshops or mentoring activities.

6. Goal: Increase number of student chapters from 31 to 50 by December 31, 2015
   • Action Item: Encourage participating universities in IBA program to start student chapters if there is none existing in their university.
   • Action Item: Continue to make personal contacts in universities and countries with no student chapter, including Region leadership visits to local universities.

   Goal: Increase number of student chapters participating in the IBA Competition.
   • Action Item: Develop a plan to encourage participating universities to sign up for the IBA program.
   • Action Item: Develop a plan to encourage participating universities to move to the Student-YP Bridge.

   Young Professionals
7. Goal: Increase membership of YP in the Africa Region by 10% per year by encouragement and sponsorship of Student members to move to associate members as soon as they are qualified.
   • Action Item: Work with Antonio Ingles to facilitate an Angolan YP event/reception in 2014.
   • Action Item: Develop a plan to inform current student members about the Student-YP Bridge, whereby membership dues are $10 per year for the two-year period immediately following university graduation.
   • Action Item: Have the northern Africa and southern Africa YP Reps attend the YP Leadership Days to be trained first hand at the Global YP event in preparation for their leading roles in North and South Africa zones.

IBA Program
8. Goal: Increase the number of countries and universities participating in the IBA Competition.
   • Action Item: Rotate the location of the regional IBA finals event on an annual basis to broaden the base of participating companies, members, and universities.
   • Action Item: Encourage previously non-participating universities and colleges to organize IBA Teams.
   • Action Item: Encourage participating universities and colleges to give academic credit for IBA participation or otherwise, incorporate IBA into existing course curriculum requirements.
   • Action Item: Develop a plan to increase publicity and awareness of the IBA program by showcasing benefits of IBA participation at affiliate society meetings, Regional events, etc.

9. Goal: Increased funding and sponsorship base for the IBA program
   • Action Item: Increase the sponsorship base using AAPG AR network.
   • Action Item: Invite companies operating in each country to mentor and financially sponsor an IBA team from their country.
   • Action Item: Work on getting two-five year sponsorship commitments from companies.

   European Region
The last twelve months have been another successful year for AAPG in the European Region. The organization has continued to build on the success of recent years. The year can be summarized by the following highlights:
   • Regional membership continued to grow – by an impressive 28% in the last year.
   • We held our largest regional conference in Barcelona with over 500 attendees.
   • The 2014 APPEX meeting in London was the best ever attended with over 700 delegates and exhibitors.
   • The European Region IBA competition involved the largest number of university teams (26) ever with representatives from all parts of the region.
   • The range and number of geoscience topics and events continued to broaden and expand in more locations throughout the region.
   • The region continued to modernize and globalize its procedures and events with an increasing number of student chapters and more young professionals serving the organization as officers.
   • Throughout the year I continuously canvassed the views of our members and encouraged all members of the Regional Council to do the same as we strive to deliver the products and services that our membership requests while balancing this goal with those of the larger organization.
   • Our two guiding principles continue to be the delivery of great geoscience to our members while safeguarding the future health of the AAPG with a clear focus on recruitment; and there are clear indications of success in both of these areas.

   • During the year the Region held four geoscience technical workshops (GTW) in Italy, Georgia, and the United Kingdom on topics ranging from induced seismicity, through carbonate petroleum systems to carbon capture and sequestration. In addition to the largest ever regional conference, which was held in Barcelona, we were involved in the 3P Arctic conference in Stavanger, which was very well attended. The global APPEX meeting in London is now a well-established event in the oil industry calendar as evidence by the record numbers attending this year and also we held a further regional APPEX meeting in Athens, Greece during the year.
   • Our mission to deliver great geoscience was further augmented by two very successful Distinguished Lecturer tours by Terry Engelder and Pat Corbett who between them visited 32 cities in total.

   • Our activity plan for the next year will continue to focus on geoscience delivery and increase publicity and awareness of the IBA program by showcasing benefits of IBA participation at affiliate society meetings, Regional events, etc.

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President, AAPG Africa Region

Education/Professional Development
10. Goal: Host at least one regional technical conference annually.
    • Action Item: Move forward with contacts in Ghana to assess feasibility and optimal dates for a 2014 GTW.
    • Action Item: Develop a plan for an Africa Region conference similar to the recent successful European Region conference (in Barcelona) either as an AAPG stand-alone or jointly held with the SPE and/or SEG. Assess feasibility and appetite of each society for holding a joint conference. Possible venues: Ghana, Egypt (Sharm el Sheik), Kenya, Ivory Coast.

Region Leadership Development
11. Goal: Promote cohesive, diverse Region leadership team.
    • Action Item: Continue in the scheduling of monthly teleconferences among Region officers, delegates and committee chairs.

Distinguished Lecturer/Regional Lecturer Program
12. Goal: Develop a lecturer program that will service all industry-active countries in Africa.
    • Action Item: Request funds for bono fide AAPG distinguished lecture program.
    • Action Item: Working with affiliated societies and local companies in a cost-sharing arrangement with the Region; plan and execute two regional lecturer tours

Gilbert Erelumbe Odior, FNAPE
President, AAPG Africa Region
with GTWs and core workshops planned in Italy and the United Kingdom; global and regional APPEX meetings in London and Istanbul; and our support of the Istanbul ICE, which will be followed by our regional conference in Lisbon in 2015.

Our focus on the recruitment of the petroleum geoscientists of the future has led to a significant increase in the number of student chapters in our region and our provision of over 35,000 Europeans to support student awards and events throughout the region. We plan an equally successful self-funding IBA regional final in Prague next year and an extension of our DL program, which acts as one of our most effective recruiting tools. The motion passed at the House of Delegates this year to reduce the requirement of membership support to a single sponsor will greatly assist in our recruitment of new members of all levels of experience.

I am continually impressed by the commitment of our members and volunteer officers and was delighted to see that this was recognized by the global AAPG leadership with the Distinguished Service Awards to three members from the European Region:

- Grover Murray Award to professor Joe Cartwright.
- Honorary membership being bestowed on Istvan Berczi for the outstanding service he has given to this organization throughout a number of years.
- Our goals for the future are clear:
  - We will continue to improve and expand the dialogue with our members and evergreen the Value Proposition of AAPG membership.
  - We will deliver great geoscience and expand our services in response to demands from our membership and use the full range of methods and means at our disposal to do so.
  - We will support all moves to make the organization more modern and efficient.
  - We will continue our recruitment drive to ensure the future health of the global AAPG organization.

Keith Gerdes
AAPG European Region President

Eastern Section

Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium and Student Job Expo

The AAPG Eastern Section held a special meeting, the Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium in November 2013, in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium highlighted the best presentations from the AAPG ACE in Pittsburgh, along with new and exciting presentations on the Utica and Marcellus Shales in the Appalachian Basin. Over 120 professionals attended this one-day event to hear a total of eight presentations on mudrocks in the Appalachian Basin.

Preceding the Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium, the Eastern Section held a two-day Student Job Expo. Over 90 students attended the Student Job Expo, with eight companies interviewing students. A Student Chapter Leadership workshop and a student poster session was held. The focus of the Student Chapter workshop was to teach techniques to build AAPG student chapters. The workshop had 37 students from nine chapters attend from around the Eastern Section.

Honors and Awards

During the luncheon at the Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium, the Eastern Section presented its annual awards for 2013:

- Honorary Member: David G. Morse
- Distinguished Service Award: David E. Harmon
- George V. Cohee Public Service Award: Beverly Seyler
- Gordon H. Wood Jr. Memorial Award: Ronald L. Martino
- Outstanding Educator Award: Gordon Baird
- Division of Environmental Geosciences Mentorious Contributions Award: Tom J. Temples
- Presidential Award: Gregory R. Wrightstone
- A.I. Levorsen Memorial Best Paper Award (2012): Hannes E. Leetaru and Robert Finley
- Margaret Hawn Mirabile Memorial Best Student Paper Award (2012): Taylor G. McClain
- Best Student Poster Award (2012): Seth J. Workman and G. Michael Grammer
- Energy Minerals Division Best Poster Award (2012): Clifford Kelley
- Division of Environmental Geosciences Best Paper Award (2012): Jared T. Freiburg and Hannes E. Leetaru
- Division of Environmental Geosciences Best Poster Award (2012): Kyle W. Siemer and Richard Becker

New Officers

New officers were elected at the Appalachian Mudrocks Symposium. The new officers include James McDonald, president; Joan Crockett, vice president; Langhorne “Taury” Smith, secretary; newly elected to Eastern Section Executive Committee is Craig Eckert, treasurer. Pete Mackenzie was elected Eastern Section representative to the AAPG Advisory Council. His term began July 1, 2013 and runs through June 30, 2016.

Eastern Section Teacher of the Year

For the second year in a row, the Eastern Section Teacher of the Year was named the AAPG Foundation Teacher of the Year at the AAPG ACE in Houston, in April 2014. Heather McArdle is an award-winning geosciences teacher from Mahopac High School in Mahopac, New York. She has been described as an incredibly creative and dedicated geosciences teacher, who is also the author of three geosciences lab manuals for secondary school classes.

Imperial Barrel Award

The Eastern Section AAPG imperial Barrel Award competition was held in March 2014, in Pittsburgh. Seven teams competed: Boston College (BC); Kent State University (KSU); Penn State University (PSU); University of Kentucky (UK); University of South Carolina (USC); University of Wisconsin-Madison (UWM); and West Virginia University (WWU). The PSU team won first place and represented the section at the finals at ACE in Houston in April 2014. The WVU team took second place and the USC team took third place.

New Initiatives

At the Eastern Section Council meeting held in April at the ACE 2014 meeting in Houston, a number of new initiatives were approved. These initiatives include increasing the Teacher of the Year award, giving presentation travel grants to students presenting at the AAPG ACE, and making annual contributions to the two Eastern Section Grants-in-Aid at the AAPG Foundation.

Jim McDonald
Eastern Section President

Southwest Section

The Southwest Section (SWS) of AAPG includes nine affiliate societies scattered across the north central Texas, west Texas
and the southeastern New Mexico. The 2013-2014 SWS board set several lofty goals that included such topics as the students, young professionals, membership, communications, conventions and budget. The following 2013-14 achievements included the following.

1. Establishing a stronger rapport with the colleges and universities in the SWS AAPG
   - We grew from five to nine student AAPG chapters.
   - We grew from one to four IBA school teams along with more financial support ~$9,500.
   - We increased our scholarships from a few thousand dollars to over $10,000 (awarded to nine graduate students and one undergraduate).
   - We awarded $2,500 in scholarships to three students who made presentations at the SWS annual convention.

2. Supporting and integrating our Young Professionals into the SWS AAPG
   - We now have two YPs on each of our SWS committees.
   - We have two active YP groups: one in the Dallas-Fort Worth area (~200) and one in the Midland-Odessa area (~30).

3. Working with our affiliate societies to strengthen their membership and activity as an AAPG affiliate society.

4. Working with all our board, committees, student groups, young professionals, and affiliated societies to utilize the SWS website to communicate with our membership the many events and opportunities available to them.

5. Making sure we hosted a great convention
   - Our convention was May 11-14. We hosted one field trip, one short course (free to all SWS members), two-and-one-half days of presentations, an all-convention luncheon, DPA luncheon, and two great evening events.
   - We had 633 attendees.
   - We had 39 exhibit booths.

6. Assembling an operating manual that includes all the board positions, committee chairs and other key positions within the SWS. We are working on a convention operation manual, which we hope to have completed by this fall.

7. Establishing a budget early in the year that helped the board see that they could support more scholarships this year and still maintain a healthy balance sheet.

Southwest Section Awards given out in 2014 were:
- A.L. “Al” Cox Best Poster Award: Johnathon Bogacz, University of Texas at Arlington.
- Monroe G. Cheney Science Award: David Feavel, Exl Petroleum, LLC., Midland, Texas.
- John Emery Adams Distinguished Award: Charlotte Klenk, independent, Dallas.
- Distinguished Educator Award: John Wickham, University of Texas at Arlington.
- Special Commendation Award Award: Sam Samford, Suttles Logging, Midland, Texas.

Thanks to the board, the committee members and all the other volunteers, SWS is strong and vibrant.

David J. Entzminger
AAPG SWS President

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Astrogeology

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

Objectives

Organizing symposia at AAPG and professional meetings, recommending speakers for distinguished lectures, publications, technical sessions and astrogeology field trips, and acting as liaison with groups having similar interests such as NASA. All who are interested in astrogeology, planetary science, and their applications to energy and resource issues are invited to join the Astrogeology Committee.

Relevance

The Astrogeology Committee supports the development of space resources. Comet composition provides a starting point for understanding the origin and evolution of Earth's oceans. Recent interest in mining rare earth elements and platinum group metals from asteroids and helium-3 on the moon is facilitated by our understanding of the origin and economics of terrestrial ore deposits.

Major Goal in 2013–2014

This goal is to establish partnerships with the private space industry to promote exploration and development of space energy resources. Institutional and private space-related products and services are estimated to include 120,000 full-time-equivalent positions, generating $150 billion annually. Private space companies comprise a $10 to $17 billion industry per year with 8%-15% annual growth rates. SpaceX is developing the Falcon 9 and Dragon launch systems with Orbital Sciences contributing equipment and services. Lockheed-Martin and other firms are expanding launch capabilities.

Other Activities

1. Arranging symposia at AAPG conventions that emphasize astrogeology and exploration for energy resources.
   - Astrogeology Committee member Mike Raines coordinated an astrogeology session at the annual 2013 meeting of the West Texas Geological Society in Midland, Texas. Speakers included representatives from the space industry and members of the Astrogeology Committee.
   - The Energy Minerals Division and the Astrogeology Committee sponsored a field trip to NASA at the 2014 ACE in Houston. Led by Bill Ambrose and Bruce Cutright, the field trip had 60 attendees and featured lectures from Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt and Shuttle astronauts Jim Reilly and Drew Feustel.

2. Establishing a series of AAPG Astrogeology student chapters in conjunction with the AAPG Student Chapter. Their goal is to link interested students with professionals in the aerospace and planetary science community. Activities include technical meetings with guest speakers and astrogeology projects. Matt Duncan, Astrogeology Committee student liaison, and committee co-vice chair Darwin Boardman lead these efforts.

3. Co-chair Jim Reilly served as an invited panelist for future policy challenges at the AGU Science Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., in June 2014, a direct result of the ACE session presentation in Houston in April 2014 and AAPG Memoir 101.

Astrogeology Committee Membership and Leadership

The Astrogeology committee, which conducts business via e-mail and at annual AAPG conventions, welcomed new members Martin Messmer, Dave Eby and Ken Wright. Jim Reilly and William Ambrose served as co-chairs. Darwin Boardman and Doug Peters served as co-vice chairs. Charles and Linda Sternbach were co-vice chairs for the 2014 ACE in Houston. Harry Mueller serves as the vice chair for 2015 ACE in Denver, with Doug Peters as facilitator. Matt Duncan is student liaison, Ronald Hart is AAPG staff liaison officer, and Laura Zahn is committee manager. Richard Ball is AAPG EC liaison.

Website

The Astrogeology Committee’s website includes its mission statement, goals, business plan, committee member information, calendar of events, convention activities, abstracts, presentations, calls for papers and PowerPoint presentations. We appreciate the services of Janet Brister at AAPG who designed, created and updates the website: http://www.aapg.org/committees/astrogeology/index.cfm.

William A. Ambrose and James F. Reilly II, Co-chairs

Distinguished Lecture

The function of the Distinguished Lecture Committee is to select lecturers and instructors speaking on important and timely geoscientific topics that provide knowledge transfer between the Association, affiliated societies, and academia and serve the educational needs of its members by providing outstanding lectures. To reach these goals the Distinguished Lecture Committee identifies topics that support science-based business decisions; showcases the state-of-the-art technology and concepts utilized in the oil and gas industry to academia; works with the Regions in developing a regional program of distinguished lectures; encourages lecturers to develop their presentations into proposals for Special Publications or into manuscripts to be submitted to the Bulletin; works with the Education Committee in encouraging lecturers to develop their presentations into workshops; works with other professional societies, such as SPE, SPWLA, SEG, and EAGE, in sponsoring inter-society distinguished lecturers.

The function of the AAPG Distinguished Lecture Committee is to select outstanding speakers that will provide lecture tours to affiliated societies and academia on timely subjects relevant to the AAPG. The committee was co-chaired for the term covered by this report (June 2013–June 2014) by Katherine A. Giles and Ole J. Martinsen with administrative support provided by Lorry Oldefest. Matt Jackson and Craig Shipp served as vice chairs. A major change in the last year has been the merging of Domestic and International Distinguished Lecturer committees into one Global Committee with a global candidate list. Another goal has been to more efficiently put speakers out on tour to the international regions. A key goal for the DL Committee over the last year has been to implement and operationalize the organizational consolidation of the North American and International DL committees into one single global committee, approved by the Executive Committee at the 2012 ACE in Long Beach. In practice, this organizational change is now effective, and there was only one global committee meeting at the ACE in Houston this spring. This has large benefits in terms of coordinating globally and ensuring that all regions are treated equally in terms of access to qualified and selected speakers. The consolidation has also meant that the DL meetings are more time efficient and much less redundant. Challenges have existed in some regions in terms of selection and execution of tours, particularly those outside North America. Measures thus had to be taken to secure equal influence and access to speakers. The committee has had and still should have a clear ambition to expand the Distinguished Lecturer programs to have more presence worldwide. Nevertheless, for some regions, such as South America, Africa, and in long periods the Asia-Pacific Region, have none or too few speakers. The European Region, despite a very high activity level, also has had too few speakers, although special emphasis has been placed on selecting speakers for this important region for AAPG growth.

Another important goal for the DL committee this year was to increase the number of universities that DLs visited in order to forge a stronger relationship between academia and the petroleum industry. The committee decided to waive the $300 fee requested of universities for receiving a DL. The thought was that with today’s very tight university budgets the cost might be prohibitive for many university programs. The 2013–14 DL schedule saw a 41% increase in university participation in the DL program. This significant increase suggests that elimination of the fee was a successful strategy and should be continued if possible.

Nine speakers toured the North American region from September 2013-May 2014 covering a vast range of topics from ethics to environmental challenges and earth systems modeling. The total number of speaking engagements was 76, including universities and local geological societies. Thirty-four states and provinces were visited and the average number of attendees per talk was 50. The chairs consider the North American tour yet again to be a major success. Some challenges still exist. To make the North American tour fully “international,” more non-North American lecturers should be selected for this tour. In the last year, there was only one out of nine. In addition, new topics of interest to the general geological community should be considered that bridge the perceived lack of communication between the energy industry and the general geological community. This is important for a sustainable impression that AAPG also is focused on building a sustainable energy future.

Four speakers went on tours outside the United States. Among them was the Shell Distinguished Lecturer, Al Fraser. Professor Fraser toured Canada, as desired by Shell and his stops included Calgary, Halifax, Kingston, and London (Ontario). The Shell DL is selected from the regular DL voting process. The Shell DL subcommittee is operational, but its composition should be reviewed by the new DL chairs in cooperation with the sponsor (Shell) and AAPG staff.

Three other speakers toured international locations outside North America. They visited 13 countries and made 32 talks. Two of the speakers, Patrick Corbett and Terry Engelder toured Europe, while Phil Resor toured Australia. The talks were generally very well attended (45 people on average). For these regions, it is fair to state the number of speakers is way too low and the committee has not been successful in expanding the DL program efficiently to regions beyond North America. There are several reasons for this:

• A much closer cooperation with the European Region as well as the Asia-Pacific Region is needed to set a clear and sustainable schedule for speaker regularly.
• Logistical and security challenges are greater at least in the Asia-Pacific Region to send speakers out on long tours (tours are generally much longer in this region and speaker flexibility is needed to a much larger extent to be able to take time off from employers).
• The DL committee, AAPG HQ, and region representatives need to work with a set number of responsive and reliable local representatives to ensure long-term planning and execution of the tours.
• The AAPG DL Committee needs to plan for and target a higher number of speakers to do dedicated tours to regions outside North America.
• All tours should be handled by the DL tour coordinator at AAPG HQ. The International DL selection process is challenging as outlined in last year’s report. The purpose of the organizational changes is to provide the regions with more influence on the DL selection process.

The current DL chairs will pass the torch to the new incoming co-chairs Matt Jackson of Imperial College, London and Craig Shipp of Shell. This has been a challenging but very interesting task as a volunteer in the AAPG organization. The world is large, and new and different challenges will be put on the new co-chairs to deliver a great series of AAPG Distinguished Lecturers in the next three years. We trust and hope that the conscientious steering and changes we have made will make a good basis for their efforts.

Katherine Giles, Co-chair
Ole J. Martinsen, Co-chair
Committee members: Salem Mohammed Al-Baker, Janok P. Bhattacharya, Katherine Giles (co-chair), Harris Scott Cander, April Stuart (staff liaison), Matthew David Jackson, John George Kaldi (EC liaison), Ole J. Martinsen (co-chair), James S. McGhay (committee manager), Susan Smith Nash (staff liaison), Lorry Oldefest (staff liaison), Martin A. Perlmutter, Greg Schoenborn, R. Craig Shipp, Toni Simo, Mark David Sonnenfeld, and Carl Kristian Steffensen.

Ethics

The Ethics Committee is charged with investigating and prosecution of charges of misconduct by AAPG members who are in violation of the AAPG Code of Ethics. Charges of misconduct in violation of the code of ethics (Article IV) of the AAPG Constitution must 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 submits the charges to the Ethics Committee of the Association which is a standing committee and which consists of five (5) members of the Division of Professional Affairs. The AAPG Executive Committee appoints the members of the committee for staggered three (3) year terms.

The Ethics Committee may conduct an investigation 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 prepares and files with the Advisory Council at Association headquarters formal charges against the accused member. Upon such filing the chairman of the Advisory Council appoints a hearing body from the Advisory Council members and the Ethics Committee appoints one of its members as the prosecutor. The grievance procedures are described in the AAPG Bylaws. The existence of allegations against any member, and the basis and content thereof, is confidential.

The Ethics Committee also is charged with locating and designating a Distinguished Lecturer on Ethics with that person being part of the AAPG’s Distinguished Lecturer Program. The Committee shall biennially place in nomination one (1) or more persons who would be willing to provide lectures on the topic of professional ethics and select, by a simple majority committee vote, one (1) person to serve in that capacity.

The Ethics Committee has had another quiet year with no complaints of ethics violations brought before the Committee during 2014. We should be pleased that our membership has displayed such exemplary behavior. Our current Distinguished Ethics Lecturer, Donald D. Clarke, has completed a very active first year on tour. His lecture titled “Hydraulic Fracturing and Earthquakes: Ethically, How Do We Move Forward and Do the Right Thing?” will have been presented more than 34 times in the year running June 2013 through June 2014.

To view the abstract of Don’s talk go to www.aapg.org/career/training/in-person/distinguished-lecturer/abstract/articleid/3075/hydraulic-fracturing-and-earthquakes-ethically-how-do-we-move-forward-and-do-the-right-thing.” Don will wrap up his second year of the Distinguished Lecture tour in June of 2015. Planning is under way for the Distinguished Lecturer for the following two-year tour, which will run from July 2015 to June 2017.

I want to thank my 2013-2014 committee members Michael Fogarty, Norman Hyne, Robbie Gries and Clint Moore, as well as John Kaldi (EC Liaison), Jim McGhay (committee manager) and David Curtiss (staff liaison).

Bob Countryman, Chair

Committee members: Robert Loren Countryman (chair), David Curtiss (staff liaison), Michael Alan Fogarty, Robbie Rice Gries, Norman John Hyne, John George Kaldi (EC liaison), James S. McGhay (committee manager), Clint Moore, and Kay L. Pitts.

GIS Publications

The GIS Publications committee and Datapages, under the leadership of the Elected Editor and Geoscience Director, solicit and evaluate proposals for publications, recommend standards for format and quality, and ensure quality and rigor through peer review. (1) Improve quality of GIS publications by soliciting many proposals and increasing selectivity from among these. (2) Manage expectations for acquiring and publishing GIS material. Develop and implement standards for quality and for technical review. (3) Create a global network of GIS committee members and collaborators from industry, academia, and geological surveys. (4) Partner with the print-focused Publications Committee to produce joint print and GIS projects whenever practical. (5) Contribute to the management of consortium funds by providing two AAPG GIS Committee representatives to sit on the OSU-AAPG Consortium Advisory Board; high-grade Datapages and GIS Publications Committee project funding proposals and liaise with the OSU consortium cartography department to ensure production of high quality and timely results.

Accomplishments

Committee Focus

- Soliciting / peer review / publish externally-funded GIS projects
- Peer reviewing / publish projects funded by the OSU-AAPG Foundation GIS/Geosciences consortium.
- Support AAPG Datapages Exploration Objects (DEO-GIS) portal initiative.

1. Externally-funded GIS projects
Peer-reviewed and published in the AAPG Open-File library:

2. OSU – AAPG Foundation GIS / Geosciences Consortium
A main focus of the GIS committee has been to solicit and review projects funded by the consortium. The captured and peer-reviewed projects are published to the GIS open-file library and to the GIS-UDRIL / DEO-GIS (subscription) libraries.
Significant operational improvements were realized by the OSU cartography department, leading to a marked increase in productivity and output quality. However due to staffing limitations at Datapages, publishing to the GIS open-file library in a timely manner remains to be a challenge.

Completed, published to GIS Open-File library:
Completed, waiting to publish in GIS Open-File library:
- Gosnold, W., 2013, Global Heat Flow database of the IHFC
Capture completed, peer review in progress:
Capture in progress, peer reviews planned 2014-2015:
• Ross, M., Bally, B and Bishop, R.A., 2014-2015, Shell North America Source Rock Atlas,

3. AAPG Datapages DEO-GIS Portal
AAPG Datapages successfully rolled out the DEO-GIS portal to industry in 2014. The GIS Publications committee will provide industry-aligned technical and content guidance to the DEO-GIS team going forward and aims to ensure all pertinent GIS open-file project data can be discovered via the portal.

Path Forward

Challenges
With the significant improvement of productivity and captured project quality by the OSU cartography department, challenges for the overall GIS open-file publishing program now moves to Datapages and the timely publishing of completed projects. Due to limited Datapages staff, the existing focus is ensuring that GIS-UDRIL and DEO-GIS products are supported, while the GIS open-file content is lowest priority. The committee will work with Datapages to improve this critical issue.

The GIS Publications committee submits that published content in the peer-reviewed GIS open-file library should enjoy the same profile and technical support as published content in the popular open-file Search and Discovery portal, which is peer-reviewed. AAPG’s open-file content provides a critical element for outreach to the existing and potential global membership, and should be considered in the broader context of AAPG’s publishing strategy.

Summary
Going forward, with the structure and protocols now established to publish serious GIS-based geographic, geothematic and global framework projects, the committee will continue to solicit high-impact projects, with a focus on developing joint publishing opportunities with the USGS, EMD, DEG, and print publications. The committee will also support the new initiative for the establishment and publication of the AAPG “Journal of Data,” a publishing umbrella that will encompass not only GIS products but also any digital data deemed important and significant to the advancement of petroleum geosciences.

Lastly, members of the committee are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism, and commitment to AAPG and the development and integration of GIS technology in petroleum geosciences.

Bret J. Fossum, Chair
Committee members: Mohd. Zukhairi Bin Abd. Latef, Daniel Scott Beatty, Donald Dean Clarke (committee member), James Sophocles Cokinos, Joseph William Cross, Andrew Cutts, Bret J. Fossum (chair), Jingyao Gong, Ronald L. Hart (staff liaison), Scott Jean Hills, Kevin C. King, Samuel H. Limerick, Domenico Lodola, Andrea M. Loveland, Gayle H. McColloch, Jr., James McDonald, Oliver Nicholas Morris, Ian Norton, Joseph Andrew Ontko, Jr., Michael L. Sweet (EC liaison), Scott Allen Tiller, Peter Wigley, and Gareth Williams.

Grants-in-Aid
The purpose of the AAPG Foundation Grants-in-Aid program is to foster research in the geosciences by providing support to graduate students in the earth sciences whose research has application to the search for and development of petroleum and energy-minerals resources, and to related environmental geology issues. A comprehensive and rigorous application and review process identifies the most deserving applicants who are eligible. This year, the maximum grant was $3,000. The number and total dollar amount of grants is constrained by funding made available by the AAPG Foundation in the form of restricted and named grants and regular funding. The 2014 application class completes the 58th year of the AAPG Foundation Grants-in-Aid program. The program is one of the most competitive and prestigious funding programs in the earth sciences.

Awards Summary
The year 2014 was busy, but not as busy as 2013, despite extending the application deadline to Feb. 14. The committee received 373 applications, down from the 492 applications received in 2013. Applicants from 43 countries were represented this year, down from 55 in 2013.

Restricted and named grants were again awarded this year to the top scoring, eligible applicants. A total of $207,750 was granted, up from $192,500 awarded last year. Ninety-one monetary awards, or 24% of the application pool, were made to the top scoring eligible applicants, up from 90 awards in 2013. The average grant was $2,283, up from $2,139 in 2013.

Thirty-nine percent of the applications received in 2014 were non-U.S. citizens, down from 54% in 2013. Eighty-one percent of the applicants are attending schools within the United States. However, 89% of this year’s awards were made to applicants attending U.S. schools and only 11% to non-U.S. schools. We will continue to pursue avenues to increase the international visibility of the program.

Funding

Of the total $207,750 funds available for awards in 2014, $85,100 was provided by the Foundation Grants-in-Aid Fund and $122,650 was from AAPG Foundation “Named Grants” honoring institutions and distinguished AAPG members.

One new named permanently funded grant was established within the AAPG Foundation and made available for the 2014 award year: the Edward C. and Caroline Beaumont named grant, which is unrestricted. In addition, several existing grants increased award value.

The 2014 grant awards were announced at the AAPG Annual Convention in Houston and are available on the AAPG website at http://foundation.aapg.org/students/graduate/current.cfm. Abstracts of the funded research of students who received grants in 2014 will be published in electronic form in AAPG Search and Discovery. Publication of the abstracts increases the visibility of the Grants-in-Aid Program, provides prestige and publicity to award recipients, and informs the membership of student research being supported by the Foundation.

Committee
For the 2013-2014 program year, the committee was comprised of more than 55 members with representation from around the world. We aim to broaden the demographics of the committee through international recruiting.

Many people deserve recognition for their role in making the Grants-in-Aid Program a success in 2013-2014: the AAPG Foundation and individual donors for their generous financial contributions; committee members, for thoughtful review of applications and their suggestions for improving the program; and the AAPG Foundation staff who are responsible for administration of the Grants-in-Aid Program. April Stuart and
Group Insurance

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

The GeoCare Insurance Benefits Program has been providing a valued service to AAPG members for more than 50 years and will continue to do so into the future. Owing to the enactment and implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act of 2010 (PPACA), the specific programs offered by GeoCare have changed significantly over the past several years. Some of these changes will be discussed in more detail below.


Association Group Insurance Administrators (AGIA) of Carpinteria, California and Allied Benefit Systems are the general administrators for many of our programs. F. Michael Strunk of Creekmore Livingston Inc. (CLI) of Punta Gorda, Florida, is the broker of record for the GeoCare Program. New York Life Insurance Co. Transamerica (Monumental Life) Insurance Co., Aetna Insurance Co., and Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. undertake the various plans in addition to AGIA, Coverdell & Company, Rutherford International, FSD Insurance Services, HealthPlan Services and Worldwide Benefits Services are the administrators for the Group Insurance plans and other benefits programs.

The GeoCare Program currently offers 14 plans for the benefit of our membership as listed below along with the companies underwriting the programs. (1) life plans (term life, first to die life, and 10-year level term life), (2) disability income plan, (3) in-hospital plan, (4) cancer expense plan, (5) dental plan, (6) high limit accident plan, (7) Medicare supplement plan, (8) best benefits discount medical plan, (9) Geocare international program, (10) long-term care plan (multiple carriers used), (11) personal lines (auto, home, motorcycle, and personal liability umbrella coverage), (12) fixed annuities, (13) identity theft assist, and (14) Geocare benefits insurance exchange (a private medical insurance exchange). Several additional programs are being investigated for possible addition in the next year or two.

As previously reported, the enactment of healthcare reform legislation “PPACA,” resulted in the medical insurance carrier of GeoCare, New York Life having to exit from the health insurance coverage for group policy organizations, effective Jan. 1, 2014. As a result, GeoCare’s comprehensive healthcare, health savings account qualified insurance and catastrophic major medical programs were closed. The GeoCare team has worked diligently to assist our members who were affected by this event to obtain alternative coverage with the GeoCare benefits insurance exchange or with the state or federal exchange program of their choice. We are pleased that many of our affected members have chosen to go with the GeoCare Exchange to continue to receive the excellent personalized service they are accustomed to from GeoCare. The GeoCare Exchange began effective January 1, 2014 and has experienced steady growth. As of June 30, 2014, there are now 241 member policies in force with a premium value in excess of $2,013,400.

The Term Life Plan includes the issuance of $30,000 of coverage to new members who are under the age of 50 and residents of the United States at no cost to them for one year. There is also an inflation guard benefit offered to those members under the age of 50, who have been insured for one year, and are not disabled. Similar to the term life plan, the disability insurance program has a new member benefit of $600 per month for two years for members under the age of 50. New members are automatically covered at no cost to them for the first six months of membership.

The GeoCare International Program was developed to meet the needs of expatriate members who are living or working overseas. Members who are eligible include U.S. members working and/or residing overseas, those residing outside the country in which they have citizenship or a passport, and key local nationals living in countries other than the United States or Canada.

The personal lines plan, which includes insurance for a member’s automobile, home, motorcycle, and/or condominium, continues to grow. This plan also includes personal liability umbrella coverage, which provides protection for members in the event of a claim for damages exceeding the limits of the policy against which the claim is being made. As of June 30, 2014, there are now 805 total member policies in force with a premium value in excess of $1,595,840. This plan is underwritten by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and continues to be a very popular program.

As of June 30, 2014, GeoCare member plan certificates in force total 13,117 with a total annual premium of $7,469,535.16. With the addition of SPE, the total certificates in force are 21,296, with a total annual premium of $10,738,139.84.

The changes brought on by recent federal legislative action have presented many challenges to the medical programs for our members, the program’s managers and our underwriters. While additional changes may occur in the future, the overriding promise of the GeoCare insurance program is to provide the best benefits possible for our members.
Complete information on all of the insurance plans provided can be found on the AAPG website under Services/GeoCare Insurance or at geocarebenefits.com.

Robert L. Countryman, Chair

Committee members: Jim Brown (AAPG), Robert Countryman (chair, AAPG), Jane Crouch (AAPL), David E. Lange (AAPG staff liaison), Jim McGhay (AAPG), Burt Nelson (SPE), and James W. Tucker (AAPG EC Liaison)

History of Petroleum Geology

The purpose of the Committee is to document the evolution of geological concepts and technology used in the search for oil and gas worldwide, and the people who are responsible for this evolution.

Committee Membership

The AAPG HoPG committee had 16 members throughout the year.

HoPG at the 2013 AAPG ICE in Cartagena

At the September 2013 AAPG ICE in Cartagena, Colombia, we held a Sunday morning session with seven papers. Instead of simply inviting guest speakers we requested abstracts from the AAPG membership at large. This was successful and virtually all the speakers were new to a HoPG session. A total of about 250 persons attended this session. Daniel Truempy and Hans Krause were the session chairs.

HoPG at the 2014 AAPG ACE in Houston

Based on the Cartagena experience, we requested abstracts for the April 2014 HoPG session at AAPG’s annual convention. The Sunday afternoon session was successful, we had six excellent papers and the peak attendance was about 250 persons. Brian Blackstone and Roger Hardy were the session chairs.

HoPG at the 2014 AAPG ICE in Istanbul

At the September 2014 AAPG ICE in Istanbul, Turkey, we had a Tuesday session as part of the regular Monday through Wednesday technical program. It was a “trial balloon” in the sense that it is the first time such a HoPG session will not be held on the Sunday at the beginning of the convention. Attendance, in the face of other interesting sessions, should help establish how much of an international “market” there is for HoPG in AAPG. Once again, abstracts were successfully requested from the AAPG membership at large. Piotr Krzywiec and Peter Baillie will be the session chairs.

2017 Exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science

The committee’s most significant project is the proposed 2017 History of the Science and Technology in Petroleum Exploration exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The project received the blessing of both AAPG’s Executive Committee and the 2017 100th Anniversary Committee. Sue Payne has been appointed head of the steering committee that will supervise its execution. In view of the magnitude and importance of this project, it will be spun off the HoPG committee and report to a higher level within AAPG.

Historical Highlights in the AAPG Explorer

Twelve monthly articles on items of petroleum historical interest were published in the year. As in years past, they covered a broad series of topics from around the world.

Hans Krause, Chair

Committee members: Peter Baillie, Richard W. Bell (EC Liaison), Brian Blackstone, Janet Marie Combes, David Curtiss (staff liaison), L. Rogers Hardy, Hans Krause (chair), Piotr Krzywiec, Jim Levy, Donald W. Lewis, Pete Rose, Wolfgang E. Schollinberger, Raymond Paul Sorenson, Rasoul Sorkhabi, Stephen M. Testa, Clinton R. Tippett, Jim Tucker, Daniel Truempy, and Laura Cutright Zahm (committee manager).

Imperial Barrel Award

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 was another successful year for the AAPG/AAP Foundation Imperial Barrel Award Competition. The number of teams taking part increased from 101 to 123 representing 37 countries, including the participation of universities from seven new countries. It is estimated that in excess of 1,000 students worldwide participated in and learned from the program. All Sections and Regions were represented at the global competition at ACE in Houston. Nearly $850,000 was raised in sponsorship from 74 organizations and total expenses amounted to $780,000. Only two Regions—Latin America and the Middle East—failed to cover the expenses associated with their semi-finals. Eight companies provided software in support of the program and a number of others provided facilities in which to conduct the semi-final competitions. AAPG Datapages provided teams with access to their online database and presented the winning team with unique IBA blazers after the awards ceremony.

The IBA Committee increased to 20 members, with the inclusion of Sue Nicholson from ExxonMobil who will chair the Judging Subcommittee on the retirement of Bob Stewart at the end of the fiscal year. There are now 25 IBA coordinators, an increase of eight, which is in response to the increased workload associated with running the program. The committee held meetings via WebEx every month between September and March and met face-to-face after the final competition in April. Most of the discussions at the committee meetings focused on logistical issues, team member exceptions and potential changes to the rules and operational procedures. Regular meetings were also held with IBA coordinators, dealing with many of the same issues within the Sections and Regions.

Eight datasets were used this year including a new dataset from the Taranaki Basin in New Zealand. The Penobscot dataset from Nova Scotia was retired. The Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum has provided access to data from which we will be making new datasets for the 2015 competition. We continue to look for new well and seismic datasets because universities cannot be given data used in previous competitions.

A few changes have been made to the rules and operational procedures (R&OP) and the judging guidelines based upon issues that have arisen during the competition. The most important change to the R&OP is the inclusion of a waiver of liability for medical emergencies, loss of life or loss/damage to property, while participants take part in the competition.

The committee is addressing the long-term financial viability of the IBA program with a view to provide financial stability during periods of a downturn in the...
industry. The Sponsorship Subcommittee is working with the AAPG Foundation to set up an endowment fund, which will provide a steady income to support running the IBA program.

**Chuck Caughey and Dave Cook, Co-chairs**

Committee members: Anwar M. Al-Beaiji, Charles A. Caughey (co-chair), David Richard Cook (co-chair), John Robert Dribus, Charlotte Anne Hamilton, April Stuart (staff liaison), Michael James Mahaffie, Mike S. Mlynk (staff liaison), Kenneth Eugene Nemeth, Susan Nicholson, Ædódoja Rosamond Ojelabi, Hock Kim Ong, Kimberly Saar Parsons, Tiffany C. Piercey, Steven Loring Veal (committee manager), and Kristen Lee Wooden.

**North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature**

The North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature (NACSN) has four goals: (1) develop statements of stratigraphic principles, (2) recommend procedures applicable to classification and nomenclature of stratigraphic and related units, (3) review problems in classifying and naming stratigraphic and related units, and (4) formulate expressions of judgement on these matters.

**NACSN Commissioners—October 2013–2014**

AAPG
- Donald E. Owen (2013-2016)
- Art Donovan (2011-2014)

Association of American State Geologists
- David Wunsch (2011-2014)

Geological Society of America
- Frank R. Ettensohn (2012-2015)
- Richard H. Fluegeman (2010-2013)
- Vice Chairman
- Bridget Wade (2011-2014)
- Brooks Ellwood (2013-2016) resigned 06-05-14

U.S. Geological Survey
- Lucy E. Edwards (2013-2016)
- David Fullerton (2011-2014)
- Randall Omdorff (2012-2015)

Geological Survey of Canada
- Rob Rainbird (2011-2014)
- Robert G. Anderson (2010-2013)
- renewal requested

Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists
- Brian R. Pratt (2009-2012) renewal requested
- Octavian Catuneanu (2011-14)

Geological Association of Canada
- Robert Michael Easton (2011-2014)
- Frank Brunton (2013-2016)

Instituto de Geologia de la Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
- Elizabeth Solliero Rebolledo (2013-2016)

Society for Sedimentary Geology
- Howard Harper (2013-2016)

Asociacion Mexicana De Geologistos Petroleros
- Vacant

Sociedad Geologica De Mexicana
- M.C. Emiliano Campos Madrigal (2013-2016)

Servicio Geologico Mexicano
- Natalia Amecuzzua Torres (2013-2016)
- Rosario Isabel Lopez Palomino (2012-2015)

Commissioners-At-Large
- Norman Lasca (2012-2015)
- Ismael Ferrusquia-Villafranca (2013-2016)
- John Van Couvering (2013-2016)
- Vacant

**Offshore Technology Conference (OTC)**

OTC is organized and operated exclusively to promote and further the advancement of scientific and technical knowledge of offshore resources and environmental matters.

**OTC Technical Program Process**

Starting in March of the preceding year, the OTC Program Committee starts the process of creating the technical program for OTC that will take place the first week in May of each year. The OTC Program Committee consists of two members (generally a chair and vice-chair of each of the sponsoring society sub-committees) from each of the 12 industry sponsoring organizations and societies who work cooperatively to develop the technical program each year.

As one of the 12 sponsoring organizations, the OTC AAPG Sub-Committee works with the other members of the OTC Program Committee to create conference sessions, which focus on the geosciences and professionalism within the scope of the OTC.

**2014 OTC AAPG Sub-Committee Activities and Accomplishments**

The 2014 OTC AAPG Sub-Committee worked to create and promote the technical program sessions held May 5 through May 8, 2014 at Reliant Park in Houston. Attendance at OTC 2014 reached a 46-year high of 108,300, the highest in show history and up 3.3% from last year. The OTC 2014 technical program presented sessions for a wide assortment of topics and issues.

Activities at OTC 2014

Aapg put together and promoted the following activities:
- AAPG and SEG promoted Tuesday, May 6 at OTC 2014 as “Geosciences Day” at OTC, and following the technical sessions, the two organizations co-hosted a geosciences networking reception in Reliant Stadium.
- AAPG also hosted a VIP reception on Tuesday evening for AAPG members and invited guests at the La Colombe d’Or hotel and restaurant.

Industry Breakfasts at OTC 2014

In addition, we put together the annual OTC ethics breakfast. This year’s session was “Geoethics: A Way of Thinking and Practicing Geosciences.” Geoethics deals with ethical, social and cultural repercussions of the research and practice in earth sciences.
We also put together a marine exploration breakfast entitled “Community-Driven, Telepresence-Enabled Ocean Exploration and NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer.” The breakfast provided an overview of the Okeanos Explorer Program, described the different models of conducting telepresence-enabled operations on NOAA ship Okeanos Explorer, and highlighted marine archaeology investigations conducted during the 2012 northern Gulf of Mexico expedition.

Panels and Technical Sessions at OTC 2014
As part of the OTC 2014 Program Committee, the 2014 OTC AAPG Sub-Committee helped put together the following sessions:

- Monitoring Techniques and Systems - Cradle to Cradle - A Vital Input to Reliability and Integrity Management Programs
- New Geophysical Approaches for Geohazard Consideration
- Marine Archaeology and Environmental Studies in the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry
- Geoscience Projects
- Emerging Offshore Geosciences Technologies
- Geoscience Developments
- Law of the Sea
- Petrotechnical Data Donation to Universities - Symposium on Results
- Methane Hydrate Case Studies
- Metocean - New Developments and Perspectives

2015 Proposed Activities and Sessions
The 2015 OTC AAPG Sub-Committee is currently working to put together sessions for the following:

- Ethics breakfast.
- Geoscience networking event.
- A quantitative geotechnical risk analysis.
- Caspian Sea.
- Pore pressure prediction for shallow and deep well design.
- Reservoir evaluation and reservoir management.
- Pre-salt investigations in the high-pressure Wilcox in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Protecting marine mammals through engineering and geoscience.

Professional Women in Earth Sciences (PROWESS)

The mission of the PROWESS committee is to increase participation and advancement of women in Earth sciences and the energy industry, with an emphasis on education, outreach, support, leadership development and ultimately retention. The PROWESS Committee will interact with women in Earth Science, their male peers and employers, educational institutions and professional societies to accomplish this mission.

Committee Activity
ACE PROWESS Events
Team leads: Jessica Moore, Lee Avary, Carol McGowen, Denise Cox
- PROWESS Short Course (Sponsored by Chevron). The Business of the Oil Business – Economics and Strategic Thinking of Geoscientists. 46 registrants (36 professionals, 10 students; roughly 50/50 men, women). Instructor Mark Cronshaw (Resource Economics LLC, CO) included wide-ranging examples from seismic to production sharing contracts addressing topics covering: business basics, oil and gas industry overview, profitable exploration and production, reserves and resources, decision-making under uncertainty and the value of information, cash flow forecasting and value creation by geoscientists.
- AAPG/AWG/SEG Reception (Sponsored by Schlumberger). Titled "Breaking Down the Glass Walls" was a sold-out event (190 RSVPs, 115 attended). Intended for women and men in support of women geoscientists; women leaders and geoscientists from industry, academia and government; students and young professionals. The purpose of the event was to inform attendees about the host associations’ programs and resources and “Break the Glass Walls” to work together toward common goals, provide face-to-face networking opportunities for women geoscientists, and provide informal mentoring opportunities and career advice for young professionals and students. Jessica Moore spoke on behalf of AAPG PROWESS, Denise Cox spoke on behalf of AWG, and Nancy House spoke on behalf of SEG.
- History of Petroleum Geology Session Presentation. Jessica Moore introduced PROWESS as well as their “Pioneering AAPG Women Geoscientists” project, followed by a biographical sketch of one of the pioneers named Elizabeth Watson (1915-2000) who was both a geologist and an aviator, contributing both to the understanding of the California oil bearing stratigraphy as well as aviation efforts in WWII.
- KiddeCorp Childcare. Seven children; five families. Children enjoyed games, arts and crafts. Incident and injury free.

Profiles of Pioneer Women Petroleum Geologists
Team leads: Lee Avary, Jessica Moore
- The committee is collecting biographical information about pioneering women petroleum geologists. A total of 131 names have been collected and distributed among members of a subcommittee of nine members. The committee meets quarterly via teleconference to give status updates on the progress of their biographies as well as helpful tools they have discovered. An FTP site has been created as a depository for the summaries as they are completed. Plan is to have the project completed in time for the AAPG 100 year anniversary ACE.

Expanding Influence and Visibility
- National Research Council’s Committee on Earth Resources (CER) meeting. Washington D.C. Jessica Moore was invited to serve as a panelist and to present and participate in discussions with the NRC addressing “Workforce In The Energy And Mining Industries: Education Pathways, Workforce Diversity, And Finding Solution.” Jessica represented PROWESS with a presentation outlining, specifically, the fossil energy workforce, as well as the female representation within that workforce. The audience included members of the CER, federal and state government, academia, the private sector, and professional societies and organizations. The presentation was well received and the COGGE along with the NSF has asked Jessica to contribute to a prospectus on “Enhancing the Reach of the Geotechnical Engineering Profession through Gender Diversity.” A meeting is
Mentoring Subcommittee

Team lead: Tracey Edwards

A mentoring subcommittee was created to identify opportunities for mentoring, explore mentor training, and work with other committees such as the YP committee on this important part of career and professional development. Several PROWESS members participated in the annual Meet & Greet at ACE.

Jessica Moore, Chair
Lee Avary, Chair


Student Expo

The purpose of the Student Expo Committee is to provide support for various Student Job Expos and communicate news about Student Expos to the chair of AAPG Student Focus Chairman’s Committee. The Student Expo Committee should contain members from all areas that provide Student Expos in order to share best practices.

The AAPG/SEG Student Expo Committee annually hosts both the Houston-based Student Expo in the fall and the Student Career Seminar at AAPG ACE. The AAPG/SEG Student Expo Committee consists of faculty from Rice University and the University of Houston, AAPG and SEG student chapter officers from these universities, professionals working in the Houston area, as well as AAPG and SEG staff.

The Student Expo provides students and recruiters with multiple networking opportunities throughout a two-day event. After 16 years, this expo continues to be a great success and a key geoscience student-recruiting event for many companies. The expo hosts an ice breaker event for students and recruiters, offers travel grants to those students of merit who seek travel and accommodations, various field trips and short courses for participants seeking to enhance their learning experiences, and awards monetary prizes to students with the best poster presentations. In 2013, the 16th Annual Student Expo was held September 16-17, 2013, and had 28 sponsors and over 600 students in attendance.

At the Student Career Seminar, students are able to voice their career questions and concerns to established professionals. Various topics are provided to these open-table discussions, and students may ask the professionals their own questions as well. The 2014 seminar hosted 18 professionals and paired them with over 60 students.

Moving forward, the committee is looking forward to attracting more members and increase interaction with other student expos. The events have been quite successful thus far, and the committee has every reason to expect more from the coming years.

Cecilia Ramirez, Chair

Committee members: Aftandy “Andy” Aulia, William Barkhouse, Rituparna Basu, George Robert Bole, Sushanta Bose, Marthou Lou Brousard (vice-chair), Svetlana Burris, Sarah Colbert, Sarah Lois Dean, Gulce Dinc, Francesca Fazzari, Luke Kenneth Francis, Carley Marie Freer, Daniel E. Garza, Brandon Harper, Curtis Johnson, Peter Kahn, Callie Lee-Petricke, Robyn Melissa Marchand, Brian McBrorm (staff liaison), Clint Miller, Mike Mlynnek (staff liaison), Sarah Marie Power, Cecilia Renee Ramirez (chair), Natasha Rigg, Jacob E. Siegel, Benjamin Sidney Slotnick, Robert Tschemy, Afton Jade Van Zandt, Steven Loring Veal (committee manager), Elsa Elena Velasco, Harsh Biren Vora, Julia Smith Wellner, and Fernando Enrique Ziegler

Young Professionals

The mission of the AAPG Young Professionals Committee is to (1) Foster a challenging and successful career in the energy industry for recent college/university graduates and early career earth scientists. (2) Build an understanding of the value of a lasting relationship between AAPG and young professional members. (3) Encourage earth scientists to progress from Student to Associate to Member. Accomplishing this mission will require (1) Open communication with students about careers in earth science. (2) Identifying and serving early career needs of young earth scientists. (3) Providing opportunities for networking, career guidance, learning and enhancing professional competence. (3) Supporting and encouraging applications for Membership when eligibility requirements are met. (4) Encouraging young leaders to run as a Delegate candidate for their respective Region or Section. The responsibilities of this Committee are to provide a series of unique services to AAPG young professional members, to retain and increase our current young professional membership, and to promote interaction and communication between AAPG student and young professional members.

This annual report of the Membership Young Professionals Committee aims to provide a high-level overview of the activities organized in the 2013-14 fiscal year. For further details feel free to contact the committee chair.

For the fourth year running the Young Professionals Leadership Summit was hosted in Tulsa July 25-26, 2013. This year’s event brought together 22 YPs from various Sections and Regions—and from a variety of companies—to discuss the way forward for YP initiatives in AAPG. At the core of the YPLS program were the breakout sessions, in which the YPs discussed, with great enthusiasm, topics such as “AAPG’s Value Proposition” and the “Young Professionals Committee Mission, Vision and Goals.” The participants then had the opportunity to contribute to the AAPG Leadership Days during the following weekend.

At the International Conference and Exhibition held in Cartagena September 8-11, 2013, the Young Professionals of the Latin America Region hosted a Meet ’n Greet, which was attended by 200-plus students and young professionals and more than 40 mentors, including big names in the oil and gas industry. They also organized a session on the “Art of
Interviewing” and “Career Paths,” which involved most of the same mentors, including past AAPG presidents Paul Weimer and Scott Tinker. The session also targeted geoscience students and featured a “speed mentoring” format.

At the Annual Convention and Exhibition in Houston April 6-9, 2014, the Young Professionals had a packed Sunday afternoon. The Meet ’n Greet drew a crowd of an estimated 350 people prior to the opening ceremony and icebreaker reception. Later that evening they hosted the invitation only YP Reception at the upper level of The Grove on Discovery Green, which was attended by approximately 250 people. Both events were sponsored by Noble Energy.

On a more organizational note, the committee has for the first time attempted to pull together a global YP budget, which will provide transparency on the various sources of funding for the committee’s activities. Work on a more easily accessible YP chapter structure, which would facilitate interaction with external visitors, for example of Distinguished Lecturers or the Divisions, is also ongoing.

Communication with the membership is another key task of the committee and we do so through a series of articles in the Explorer’s ProTracks columns, as well as maintaining an active online presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and the brand new AAPG website.

Last but not least, the committee has an important role in acting as a conduit for sharing information between the Sections and Regions about the activities that are organized by the global network of YP chapters, as well as at section, region and local society events. These include a wide variety of technical lectures, field courses, screenings of the Switch movie, networking events, student outreach, IBA support and much more.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve on the committee for the last four years, first as vice-chair and then as chair, and I am delighted to leave matters in the capable hands of Jon Allen and Meredith Faber, whom will be taking over as co-chairs.

Nick Lagrilliere, Chair

Sidney Powers Memorial Award

The Sidney Powers Memorial Award (AAPG's most distinguished 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 Steinke
1952 — K. C. Heald
1953 — Frederic H. Lahee
1954 — George Martin Lees
1956 — William Embry Wrather
1957 — J. P. D. Hurl
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. Crandall
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
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
2008 — Fred F. Meissner
2009 — Marlan W. Downey
2010 — L. Frank Brown, Jr.
2011 — John W. Shelton
2012 — Koenraad J. Weber
2013 — Dietrich H. Welte
2014 — Ernest A. Manconi

Michel T. Halbouty Outstanding Leadership Award

Michel T. Halbouty Outstanding Leadership Award (AAPG’s second most distinguished award, second to the Sidney Powers Memorial Award) is given each year by the Association in recognition of outstanding and exceptional leadership in the petroleum geosciences.

2007 — John J. Amoroso
2008 — James A. Gibbs
2009 — M. Ray Thomasson
2010 — Patrick J. F. Gratton
2011 — Daniel L. Smith
2012 — Robbie R. Gries
2013 — Stephen A. Sonnenberg
2014 — Peter R. Rose

Honorary Member Award

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.

2014 Recipients

John Armentrout
István Bérczi
Donald D. Clarke
Martin D. Hewitt
James S. McGhay

Mahmoud Abdul-Baqi, 2003
Adekunle A. Adeosun, 2012
Adebayo O. Akinpelu, 2010
Ibrahim A. Al-Jallal, 2012
Abdulla A. Al-Naim, 2013
John J. Amoroso, 1987
Albert W. Bally, 1986
Lee T. Billingsley, 2012
Richard S. Bishop, 2006
George R. Bole, 1999
Dudley W. Bolyard, 2012
Louis C. Bortz, 1988
James "Jim" Brooks, 1993*
John R. V. Brooks, 1997*
Martha Lou Broussard, 2004
David G. Campbell, 1995
Elizabeth B. Campen, 2009
A. T. "Toby" Carleton, 2000
Paul A. Catacosinos, 2000
Stewart Chuber, 2004
James M. Coleman, 2002
Robert L. Countryman, 2011
Robert D. Cowdery, 1987
Brenda K. Cunningham, 2001
Edward K. David, 2005
Herbert G. Davis, 1986
Gerard J. Demaison, 1995
Edward D. Dolly, 2007
Marlan W. Downey, 2007
Bernard C. Duval, 1995*
George Eynon, 2008
William L. Fisher, 1990
Peter T. Flawn, 1983
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
Claus Heinrich Graf, 1996*
Patrick J. F. Gratton, 2002
Willard R. Green, 1998
Robbie Rice Gries, 1998
Walter P. Grün, 2003*
Robert D. Gunn, 1983
Jeanne E. Harris, 2013
Paul M. Harris, 2012
Frank W. Harrison, Jr., 1986
James Austin Hartman, 1992
John D. Haun, 1984
Christopher P. M. Heath, 2005
G. Warfield "Skip" Hobbs, 2005
John R. Hog, 2010
Terry L. Holliar, 2006
Myron K. Horn, 1997
Robert R. Jordan, 1993
John G. Kaldi, 2009
Barry J. Katz, 2011
John R. Kerns, 1993
Hans H. Krause, 1998*
Susan M. Landon, 2000
Roberto A. Leigh, 1996*
Desheng Li, 1994*
Robert R. Jordan, 1993
John G. Kaldi, 2009
Barry J. Katz, 2011
John R. Kerns, 1993
Hans H. Krause, 1998*
Susan M. Landon, 2000
Roberto A. Leigh, 1996*
Desheng Li, 1994*

* Distinguished Achievement Awardee
Lewis S. Edward B. Picou, Jr., 2002
George B. Pichel, 1991
M. Dane Picard, 1994
Kenneth E. Peters, 2013
Alain Perrodon, 1995*
Douglas G. Patchen, 2004
J. Michael Party, 2009
D. Keith Murray, 1988
Raul Mosmann, 2002
Robert M. Mitchum, Jr., 2000
Richard F. Meyer, 1987
Daniel F. Merriam, 1996
Marcio Rocha Mello, 1998*
Anibal R. Martinez, 1983*
Ernest A. Mancini, 2008
John P. Lockridge, 1987
Arnold H. Bouma, 2007
Distinguished Achievement Awardee

Deceased Honorary Members with Year of Election or Year of Award

John Emery Adams, 1966
Gordon I. Atwater, 1969
Fritz L. Aurin, 1960
Andrew D. Baillie, 1990
Thomas D. Barber, 1997
Leonidas T. Barrow, 1959
N. Wood Bass, 1961
Ted L. Bear, 1988
B. Warren Beebe, 1966
Alfred H. Bell, 1962
Allan Parnell Bennison, 1999
Robert R. Berg, 1985
D. L. Blackstone, Jr., 1990
Richard R. Bloomer, 1987
Arnold H. Bouma, 2007
Leslie Bowling, 1975
Don R. Boyd, 1989
Carl C. Branson, 1973
Jules Braunstein, 1980
John M. Browning, 1985
George S. Buchanan, 1965
Daniel A. Busch, 1978
H. P. Bybee, 1956
M. R. Campbell, 1934
Carlos Walter M. Campos, 1992
Joe Cannon, 1994
Everett Carpenter, 1958
J. Ben Carsey, 1966
Arlo E. Childs, 1970
H. Victor Church, 1987
Frank R. Clark, 1958
Leslie M. Clark, 1976
Robey H. Clark, 1985
George V. Cohee, 1963
Frank B. Conselman, 1970
Kenneth H. Crandall, 1972
Ira H. Cram, Sr., 1964
Carey Cronies, 1965
William H. Curry, Jr., 1973
Doris S. M. Curtis, 1983
N. H. Darton, 1938
Morgan J. Davis, Sr., 1964
Ralph E. Davis, 1960
L. Courtney Decius, 1975
C. E. Decker, 1927
Ronald K. DeFord, 1965
Wallace de Witt, Jr., 1999
Lee Hillard Meltzer, 1983
Fred F. Meissner, 2001
Maurice G. Mehl, 1961
Robert E. Megill, 1993
Duncan A. McNaughton, 1988
Dean A. McGee, 1989
John A. Masters, 1996
Charles J. Mankin, 2000
John David Love, 1995
E. R. Lloyd, 1950
Theodore A. Link, 1962
Ray C. Lewis, 1993
James O. Lewis, 1986
Percy E. (Peter) Kent, 1976
John E. Kilkenny, 1972
Hugh Douglas Klemme, 1991
G. Moses Knebel, 1965
Samuel H. Knight, 1959
Edward Koester, 1971
Frank E. Kottlowski, 1985
Hans G. Kugler, 1968
F. H. Lahee, 1947
Kenneth K. Landes, 1962
A. C. Lawson, 1937
Rufus J. LeBlanc, 1981
A. I. Levorsen, 1957
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Fred F. Meissner, 2001
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*Distinguished Achievement Awardee
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*Special Commendation Awardee

Eugene F. Reid, 1939
Wallace E. Pratt, 1957
Thomas Hughes Philpott, 1993
John M. Parker, 1987
Ben H. Parker, 1966
Harold T. Morley, 1968
William R. Muehlberger, 1995
Grover E. Murray, 1970
Roelof J. Marris, 1995*
Jerry Bowers Newby, 1967
Arne R. Nielsen, 1992
William R. Muehlberger, 1995

Norman H. Foster Outstanding Explorer Award

The Norman H. Foster Outstanding Explorer Award (formerly the Outstanding Explorer Award 2002–2011) 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
2008 — Dudley J. Hughes
2009 — Michael J. Johnson
2010 — John Amoruso,
   J. Denny Bartell
   Larry Bartell
2011 — Douglas K. Strickland
2012 — Dan A. Hughes
2013 — William A. Zagorski
2014 — Orion L. Skinner

Robert R. Berg Outstanding Research Award

2009 — Bradford E. Prather
2010 — Martin P. A. Jackson
2011 — Ole Jacob Martinsen
2012 — Henry W. Posamentier
2013 — Ronald A. Nelson
   J. Frederick Sarg

2014 — Kevin M. Bohacs
   Robert G. Loucks

Michel T. Halbouty Memorial Human Needs Award

The Michel T. Halbouty Memorial Human Needs Award was given 1972–2004 as AAPG’s third highest Award to honor an individual for outstanding application of geology to the benefit of human needs and to recognize scientific excellence.

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 — Leonard 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
2005 — No Recipient
2006 — No Recipient

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
   Leslie Bowling

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2006 — Martin D. Hewitt
   Neil F. Hurley
   John George Kaldi
   Larry C. Knauer
   Jeffrey W. Lund

2007 — Adekunle A. Adesida
   Alfredo E. Guzman
   Andrew Hurst
   John C. Lorenz
   Eric P. Mason
   Valary L. Schulz

2008 — Katharine Lee Avary
   John (Jack) D. Edwards
   Barry A. Goldstein
   Douglas C. Peters

2009 — Alistair R. Brown
   Larry L. Jones
   Mike J. Lakin
   Dalton F. Lackman
   Kenneth M. Mallon
   Randi S. Martinsen
   Robert C. Mumme
   John E. Ritter
   Stephen L. Shaw
   Jack H. West

2010 — Martin M. Cassidy
   Rebecca L. Dodge
   Bob A. Hardage
   Dwight “Clint” Moore
   Terence G. O’Hare
   Craig W. Reynolds
   John W. Robinson

2011 — Deborah E. Ajakayie
   Herman Darman
   Rick L. Ericksen
   Gretchen M. Gillis
   Gina B. Godfrey
   Sigunn Johnsen
   Walter C. “Rusty” Riese

2012 — Edith C. Allison
   Susan M. Cunningham
   David A. Dolph
   Paul F. Hoffman
   Alain-Yves Huc
   William A. Morgan
   Amedoja R. Ojelabi
   Victor H. Vega
   Mark L. Wilson

2013 — Eugene L. Ames III
   Mark J. Gallagher
   Frances J. Hein
   Joseph J. Lambiase
   Stephen D. Levine
   Brian E. Lock
   Richard A. Lorentz, Jr.
   William C. Stephens
   Linda R. Sternbach
   Laura C. Zahm

2014 — Hussain M. Al-Otaibi
   Donna S. Anderson
   William P. Bosworth
   Peter Burri
   Michael R. Canich Jr.
   David R. Cook
   Mark Cooper
   Brett J. Fossum
   Steven M. Goolsby

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
1997 — George B. Asquith
1998 — Gerard V. Middleton
1999 — D. L. Blackstone, Jr.
2000 — Robert Berg
2001 — John W. Harbaugh
2002 — Zuhair Al-Shaieb
2003 — Albert V. Carozzi
2004 — Knut O. Bjorlykke
2005 — Aureal T. Cross
2006 — G. Randy Keller
2007 — Janok P. Bhattacharya
2008 — Robert S. Gray
2009 — J. Frederick Read
2010 — Wayne M. Ahl
2011 — Lawrence D. Meckel
2012 — Andrew Hurst
2013 — Carlton E. Brett
2014 — Joseph A. Cartwright

Harrison Schmitt Award

The Harrison Schmitt Award recognizes individuals or organizations that, for a variety of reasons, do not qualify for other Association honors and awards. In 2011 the name of the award was changed from the Special Award to the Harrison Schmitt Award.

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 states with the 1979 discovery of 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)  
2006 — Roy H. Gabrielsen (for leadership of academic and industrial petroleum research)  
2007 — Richard D. Fritz (for visionary leadership and stalwart management of AAPG’s scientific and business activities)  
2008 — Nikolai V. Lopatin (for recognizing his lifelong contribution to petroleum geochemistry and establishing some of the most important principles of petroleum maturation and migration)  
2008 — Steven L. Veal (for contributing to the AAPG over the past two decades, including service to HoD, DEG, Conventions and the Executive Committee)  
2009 — Alexi E. Kontorovich  
2010 — Robert W. Allen  
2011 — Anthony Doré  
2012 — Jill Stevens  
2013 — George B. Asquith  
2014 — Martin G. Lockley  

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 — Richard A. Jahns  
1983 — Daniel N. Miller, Jr.  
1984 — John B. Patton  
1985 — Joseph J. Simmons III  
1986 — Robert D. Gunn  
1987 — Cliff J. Nolte  
1988 — Jack G. Elam  
1989 — Fred L. Smith, Jr.  
1990 — Charles J. Mankin  
1990 — James A. Barlow  
1991 — John A. Taylor  
1992 — John H. Gray  
1993 — Virginia E. Barnes  
1994 — Charles W. Spencer  
1995 — Norbert E. Cygan  
1996 — Alan L. DeGood  
1997 — Samuel T. Pees  
1998 — Mary Elizabeth Dowse  
1999 — James E. Brooks  
2001 — Henry L. Oldfield  
2002 — M. Lee Allison  
2003 — Charles E. Brown II  
2004 — John C. Dolson  
2005 — John W. Hickenlooper  
2006 — Edward C. Roy, Jr.  
2007 — Peter T. Flawn  
2008 — Ashton F. Embry  
2009 — Owen R. Hopkins  
2010 — Thomas C. Bergeon  
2011 — Mark J. Doelger  
2012 — No Recipient  
2013 — Alex S. Broun  
2014 — John B. Curtis

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.

1997 — Elliott H. Powers  
1999 — Elizabeth Anne Elliott  
2000 — William C. Gussow  
2001 — Frank P. Sonnenberg  
2002 — No Recipient  
2003 — Rushdi Said  
2004 — No Recipient  
2005 — Philip W. Choquette  
2006 — Frank Royce, Jr.  
2007 — William H. Hunt  
2008 — L. Frank Brown, Jr.  
2009 — James D. Lowell  
2010 — Thomas D. Barrow  
2011 — J. Myles Bowen  
2012 — Tim T. Schowalter
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 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
1987 — Richard Gore
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
2008 — Tyler Priest
2009 — No Recipient
2010 — No Recipient

2011 — Ronald C. Blakey
 Tom Zoellner
2012 — Nick Eyles
2013 — Kirk Johnson
 Ray Troll
2014 — Harry Lynch
 Scott W. Tinker
 Scott D. Sampson

Wallace E. Pratt Memorial Award

The Wallace E. Pratt Memorial Award (formerly a category of the President’s Award) is to honor and award the author(s) of the best AAPG Bulletin article published each calendar year. The cash award is $1500.

1982 — Roelf J. Murris
1983 — James K. Crouch
1984 — William E. Galloway
 David K. Hobda
 Kinji Magara
1985 — Carr P. Dishroon, Jr.
 Dave Russell Kingston
 Philip A. Williams
1986 — Tod P. Harding
1987 — Tod P. Harding
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
1999 — Karla E Tucker
 Paul M. “Mitch” Harris
 Richard C. Nolen-Hoeksema
2001 — Robert G. Loucks
2002 — John S. Bridge
 Robert S. Tye
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
2008 — Graham R. Davies
 Langhorne B. Smith, Jr.
2009 — Joe Cartwright
 Mads Huse
 Andrew Aplin
2010 — David R. Pyles
2011 — William A. Ambrose
 Tucker F. Hentz
 Florence Bonnaffee
 Robert G. Loucks
 L. Frank Brown, Jr.
 Fred P. Wang
 Eric C. Potter
2012 — Robert H. Lander
 Linda M. Bonnell
2013 — Andrew C. Aplin
 Joe H. S. Macquaker
2014 — Sonja Spasojevic
 Michael Gurnis

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.

1945 — William E. Wallace
1946 — Horace G. Richards
1947 — Robert F. Walters
1948 — L. L. Sloss
 W. M. Laird
1949 — Sherman A. Wengerd
1950 — F. M. Swain
 Frank Reedy, Jr.
1951 — Walter B. Spangler
 John J. Peterson
1952 — Raymond Siever
1953 — Donald F. Towe
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. Schwochow
 L. J. Perry
1964 — James M. Forgetson, Jr.
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.

J. C. "Cam" Sproule Memorial Award

1980 — Brian D. Evamy
1981 — Michael A. Arthur
1982 — Robert J. Cordell
1983 — Michel T. Halbouty
1984 — George B. Asquith
1985 — Albert W. Bally
1986 — Gerard Demaison
1987 — Orville Roger Berg
1988 — James A. Peterson
1989 — Albert W. Bally
1990 — Peter A. Ziegler
1991 — Anthony J. Tankard
1992 — John C. Van Wagoner
1993 — Kevin Thomas Biddle
1994 — Roger W. Macqueen
1995 — Diana Morton-Thompson
1996 — Leslie B. Magooon
1997 — Anthony Tankard
1998 — Martin P. A. Jackson
1999 — Ronald C. Surdam
2000 — Ben E. Law
2001 — John F. Jordan
2002 — Marcio R. Mello
2003 — Marlan W. Downey
2004 — Alan R. Huffman
2005 — Peter A. Scholle
2006 — G. Michael Grammer
2007 — Amos Salvador
2008 — P. M. (Mitch) Harris
2009 — Tor H. Nilsen
2010 — Stephen P. Curnella
2011 — Claudio Bartolini
2012 — M. Pöppelreiter
2013 — K. McClay
2014 — John A. Breyer

John W. Shelton Search and Discovery Award

The John W. Shelton Search and Discovery Award is given at the Annual Convention of the Association each year in recognition of the best contribution to the "Search and Discovery" website in the past year. It is awarded for the outstanding contribution to Search and Discovery for originality of concepts and/or techniques, applicability to, and impact on, exploration for and/or development of hydrocarbon resources and/or energy-mineral resources, clarity in presentation, and quality and added value of illustrative material. The cash award is $500.

2009 — Award established
2010 — Paul M. (Mitch) Harris
2011 — Dwight M. "Clint" Moore
2012 — Katherine Giles
2013 — Anne Grau
2014 — Joseph M. English
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 I. 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
1973 — R. P. Nixon
1974 — N. A. Anstey
1975 — Leigh C. Price
1976 — Curtis C. Humphris, Jr.
1977 — Stephen G. Franks
1978 — Colin Barker
1979 — Philip H. H. Nelson
1980 — Robert C. Todd
1981 — Peter R. Vail
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1983 — Clement H. Bruce
1984 — Thomas J. Schull
1985 — Ralph S. Kerr
1986 — Lisa M. Pratt
1987 — James Francis Dolan
1988 — Jon F. Blickwede, Sr.
1989 — Ian E. Hutchenson
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 — Heny W. Posamentier
2003 — Mark Cooper
2004 — Richard G. Harris
2005 — Marian J. Warren
2006 — Michael R. Hudec
2007 — Steven H. Brachman
2008 — Cathy L. Farmer
2009 — Mark Knockstedt
2010 — Barbara J. Tilley
2011 — Santinder Chopra
2012 — Lars Wensaaas
2013 — Jonathan Allen
2014 — Stephen Holtkamp

George C. Matson Memorial Award Top 10 Oral Presenters at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA

Stephen Holtkamp
Brian Currie
Michael R. Brudzinski

Jim Hnat
Andrea Reynolds
William Langin
Joel Le Calvez
Jeff Tan

Yunhui Tan
Rongmao Zhou
Terry Engelder
Shawn Maxwell
Mike Mueller
Michael P. Thornton

Michael Zeller
Samuel B. Reid
Gregor Eberli

Ted Urbancik
Adam Baig
Ken Kocon
Krystal Tremblay

Kevin Bohacs
Remus Lazar
Jeff Ottmann
Ken Potma
Timothy Demko

Caroline M. Burberry

Paul Montgomery
Jeroen Hanisma
Sergei Pisarevsky
Joseph Kirschvink
Maodu Yan
Ken Ratcliffe

Harry Mei
Daniel Hitzman
Dongrun Guo
Bowen Mei

John Paul Brandenburg
Miguel Mora-Glukstad
Steve Naruk

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 in honor of 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 Mat Nordgård Bølas
Christian Hermannrud
Eirik Vik
Britta Paasch
1999 — Eloise Doherty
2000 — Peter Haines
2001 — Roger Hocking
2002 — Eric Tohver
2003 — Kelly Hillbun
2004 — David Katz
2005 — Ted Playton
2006 — Tim Demko
2007 — Ken Kocon
2008 — Joel Le Calvez
2009 — William Langin
2010 — Andrea Reynolds
2011 — Samuel B. Reid
2012 — Dan Hitzman
2013 — Ken Potma
2014 — Kevin Bohacs

2015 — Timothy Demko
2016 — Joel Le Calvez
2000 — Brad E. Prather
Joseph R. Straccia
2002 — Martin K. Dubois
Alan P. Byrnes
W. Lynn Watney
2003 — Vitor 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. Franseen
W. Lynn Watney
2005 — Mark Allen
Eric J-P. Blanc
Clare Davies
Adrian Heatford
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
2008 — Jose I. Guzman
Rod Sloan
Shengyu Wu
Shaoqing Sun
2009 — Tim Dooley
Michael Hudec
Martin Jackson
2010 — Nikki Hemmesch
Nicholas B. Harris
2011 — Eddy Lee
R. Craig Shipp
Willem Hack
J. Larry Gibson
Fa Dawn
2012 — Roger M. Slatt
Younane Aboueleiman
2013 — Simon Campbell
Stanislaw Mazur
Nicola Henshaw
Ahmed Salem
Adriano Sebastiao
Jane Saweka
Artur Oliveira
2014 — Satinder Chopra
Ritesh Sharma

Jules Braunstein Memorial Award Top 10 Poster Presentations at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA

Satinder Chopra
Ritesh Sharma
Van S. Mount
Ronald E. Harris
Hector A. Casillas
Kevin J. Smart
Goodluck I. Ofoegbu

Alan P. Morris
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Ronald N. McGinnis
Benyamin Sapie
Meli Hadiana
Ade Kurniawan
Jose Delgado
Farid Djeltou
Benourkhau Noureddine
Houri Hachelaf
Zohra Kerboub
Assonman D. Degny
Brenda L. Kirkland
Darrel W. Schmitz
Jesal Hirani
Hilary Corlett
Anja Eker
Rob Gawthorpe
David Hodggets
Cathy Hollis
Atle Rotevatn
Joss Smith
Rob Gawthorpe
Simon H. Brocklehurst
Emma Finch
Amanda Z. Calle
Brian K. Horton
Xintao Zhang
Qinglong Xia
Lixin Tian
Xinhuaizi Zhou
Chengmin Nin

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. Catalano
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
1983 — Howard R. Schwalb
1984 — Robert A. Sedivy
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
T. C. Maxwell
1993 — Robert J. Davis
1994 — Stephen F. Nowaczewski
1995 — Nicholas B. Harris
1996 — James A. Drahovzal
1997 — Robert Marc Bustin
C. R. Clarkson
1998 — T. Joshua Stark
Lawrence H. Wickstrom
1999 — David G. Morse
2000 — John R. Hogg
2001 — James A. Drahovzal
Lawrence H. Wickstrom
Timothy R. Carr
John A. Rupp
Beverly Seyler
Scott W. White
2002 — Albert S. Wylie, Jr.
2003 — Langhorne B. (Taury) Smith
Richard Nyahay
2004 — Langhorne B. (Taury) Smith
Richard Nyahay
2005 — J. Fred Read
2006 — Frank R. Ettenson
2007 — Frank R. Ettenson
2008 — Langhorne B. (Taury) Smith
Gabriel Dengo Memorial Award
The Gabriel Dengo Memorial Award (formerly the Best International Poster Award) is given to the presenting author(s) of the best AAPG poster session paper presented at the AAPG International Conference.

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
2003 — Roy C. Davies
2004 — José Alejandro Luquez
2005 — Marek Kacewicz
2006 — Dale A. Leckie
2007 — No Conference
2008 — Charles Kerans
2009 — Pedro V. Zalán
2010 — Jennifer Scott
2011 — Jonny Hesthammer
2012 — John Tinnen
2013 — Irene Arango
2014 — Thomas Ewing

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
1992 — John M. Armentrout
1993 — Richard Wrigley
1994 — Zainuddin Yusoff
1995 — Claude Guyot
1996 — Leon J. Aden
1997 — Rémi Eschard
1998 — Stanley T. Paxton
1999 — Joseph M. Finneran
2000 — Richard Hillis
2001 — No Recipient
2002 — Philip D. Heppard
2003 — Tore M. Løseth
2004 — Richard H. Fillon
2005 — Denis Marchal
2006 — Jonny Wu
2007 — No Conference
2008 — George Pemberton
2009 — Paul Markwick
2010 — Kathrynn Hoffmeister
2011 — Stan Abele
2012 — Bodo Katz
2013 — Jamie O. Castillo
2014 — Rocky Roden

AAPG House of Delegates Awards
Honorary Member of the House
Edward Wyman Heath

Distinguished Member of the House
Paul W. Britz
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Royce P. Carr
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Lawrence H. Wickstrom, HoD Chair
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Delegates Receiving the 15-Year Certificate of Service HoD
Steven H. Brachman
John G. Kaldi

Delegates Receiving the Nine-Year Certificate of Service HoD
Peter W. Baillie
Kathleen “Kara” C. Bennet
John R. V. Brooks
Mary E. Dowse
L. G. Joe Eubanks
Steven M. Goolsby
Michael B. Hauck
Chengzao Jia
Gopal Lahiri
Michael McWalter
Scott W. Tinker
John T. Williams

Foundation Weeks Medal Award
The L. Austin Weeks Memorial Medal is given in recognition for extraordinary philanthropy and service directed to advance the mission of the AAPG Foundation. The Foundation award honors the late L. Austin Weeks, whose philanthropic legacy set an exemplary standard.

2008 — Marta S. Weeks
2009 — Boone Pickens
2010 — Lawrence W. Funkhouser
2011 — Jack C. Threet
2012 — William J. Barrett
2013 — Robert Gunn
2014 — James A. Hartman
Foundation Chairman’s Award

The AAPG Foundation Chairman’s Award is given to recognize persons who have made extraordinary contributions (monetary or service) to the AAPG Foundation, and also to call attention to the role and value of the Foundation.

1999 — Michel T. Halbouty
2000 — L. Austin Weeks
2001 — James E. Wilson
2002 — Merrill W. Haas
2003 — Hugh Looney
2004 — Lawrence W. Funkhouser
2005 — Fred A. Dix, Jr.
2006 — Robert W. Eser
2007 — Eugene F. Reid
2008 — Jack C. Threet
2009 — John W. Shelton
2010 — David Scott Holland
2011 — William E. Crain
2012 — Herbert G. Davis
2013 — Richard Baile
2014 — Charles Weiner

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
2008 — Mary Fits

2009 — Ty Robinson
2010 — L. Stef Paramoure
2011 — Sharon Milito
2012 — Jonna Gentry
2013 — Chris Bolhuis
2014 — Heather Mc Ardle

AAPP Division of Professional Affairs

Life Member
Thomas Ewing
Distinguished Service
Dan A. Billman
Michael R. Canich
Heritage Award
Bud Brigham
Jim Bob Moffett
Clay Riddell
DPA Past President’s Award
Charles Stemback
Certificates of Merit
Mark Gallagher
John Williams
Bob Treval
Recognition of Distinction
Robert C. Shoup
DPA Best Paper — AAPG ICE 2013
Flavio Feijo

AAPP Division of Energy Minerals Division (EMD)

EMD Honorary Membership
William A. Ambrose
EMD Distinguished Service Award
Arthur H. Johnson
EMD Distinguished Service Award
Douglas G. Patchen
EMD Past President’s Award
Andrea A. Reynolds
EMD Certificate of Merit
Douglas G. Patchen
Thomas Mroz
Scott McColloch
Junior Jenkins
James Wigal
Nancy J. “Anne” Fix
Paul Basinski
Neil Fishman
Frank Kottlowski Memorial Award (Best Paper 2013)
Steven G. Crews, John M. Guthrie, Khurrum Ahmed, and John A. Vines

AAPP Division of Environmental Geosciences (DEG)

DEG Honorary Award
Douglas C. Peters
Public Outreach
Charlotte Sullivan
Certificates of Merit
Katherine W. Schmid
William Murray
Danielle Deemer
Kristin Carter
Tom Jordan
Sergio Sarmiento
DEG Corporate Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship
Shell Appalachia Development Team
Shell Exploration & Production Co.
Bernold M. “Bruno” Hanson DEG Excellence of Presentation Award
Tip Merkel, Nathan Bangs, Ramon Trevino
Best Poster Presentation (2013)
Mark Engle, Carleton R. Bern, Adam Boehlke, Nicholas John Geboy, Karl Schroder, John W. Zupancic
Best Poster #2
Marlo R. Gawey, Toti Larson, Katherine Romanak, Susan Hovorka, Tommy J. Phelps
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Tom Temples Division of Environmental Geosciences President 2012–2013
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  - Secretary: Willis G. Meyer*
  - Treasurer: Ted L. Bean*

- **1969–70**: George R. Gibson*
  - Vice President: John D. Rouse*
  - Secretary: Bernold M. Hanson*
  - Treasurer: Karl E. Becker*

  - Vice President: John D. Sistrunk, Jr.
  - Secretary: Karl E. Becker*
  - Treasurer: Frank C. Crawford

- **1971–72**: James O. Lewis, Jr.
  - Vice President: George C. Grow, Jr.*
  - Secretary: Frank C. Crawford
  - Treasurer: Arthur H. Trowbridge

- **1972–73**: Ray C. Lewis*
  - Vice President: George C. Grow, Jr.
  - Secretary: Frank C. Crawford
  - Treasurer: Arthur H. Trowbridge

- **1973–74**: Don E. Lawson*
  - Vice President: Karl E. Becker*
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- **1974–75**: Don E. Lawson
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- **1975–76**: Lee H. Meltzer*
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- **1976–77**: Lee H. Meltzer
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- **1977–78**: Herbert G. Davis
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- **1978–79**: Herbert G. Davis
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- **1979–80**: Jerome J. C. Ingels
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- **1980–81**: Jerome J. C. Ingels
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- **1981–82**: Harry A. Miller, Jr.*
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- **1982–83**: Harry A. Miller, Jr.
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### Past President
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  - President-Elect: Stephen A. Sonnenberg
  - Secretary: Richard D. Fritz
  - Treasurer: Peter T. Rose

- **1998–99**: Stephen A. Sonnenberg
  - Vice President: Robert T. Sellars, Jr.
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- **1999–00**: Robert W. Sabaté*
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  - President-Elect: G. W. "Skip" Hobbs IV
  - Secretary: Lee T. Billingsley
  - Treasurer: Robert W. Sabaté*

- **2000–01**: G. W. "Skip" Hobbs IV
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  - President-Elect: J. Michael Party
  - Secretary: Brenda K. Cunningham
  - Treasurer: C. W. "Skip" Hobbs IV

- **2001–02**: Royce R. Carr
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- **2002–03**: Tom Mairs*
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- **2003–04**: Robert C. Shoup
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- **2004–05**: J. Michael Party
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- **2005–06**: Deborah K. Sacrey
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- **2006–07**: Richard G. Green
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- **2007–08**: Thomas E. Ewing
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- **2008–09**: Rick L. Ericksen
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