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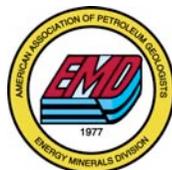
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Dear EMD Member:

**Thank you for your support** of the Energy Minerals Division. Much work goes on behind the scenes by many volunteers to provide you with a host of benefits, as will be discussed below.

Along the left side of this page are the names and contact information for the 2004-2005 EMD Executive Committee. The contact information for the EMD Councilors and Committee Chairs may be found on the EMD Web site (<http://emd.aapg.org/>). Please feel free to contact any one of us with your questions or comments about the Division. We welcome your input.

**COMMUNICATION:** There are several reasons for this letter. First and foremost is to make contact with each EMD member with information about what is going on this year. This is the first of two **mailings** this year; the second mailing in the spring will include the EMD ballot.

I hope that you read the EMD column in the August 2004 issue of the **Explorer** and realize the value of your membership. Additional EMD columns will appear in November (oil sands), February (gas shales), and May (annual convention). The August column emphasized four benefits of your EMD membership: certification, discounts, information, and networking. The information that you receive will be either through e-mail or the members-only area of the EMD Web site. The Web site, which will take the place of a newsletter, is more up-to-date and is more economical than a paper copy. However, be sure to "refresh" the screen occasionally as new information is posted.

Enclosed please find a copy of the new EMD brochure. Please read it and give it to someone who would benefit from being an EMD member. The brochure is also available as a pdf file in the public area of the EMD Web site.

Have you purchased the latest EMD publications? The EMD poster on "**Unconventional energy resources of North America**" by John Dyni was published in 2003 and sells for \$8 to AAPG members. The latest EMD publication is "**Sequence stratigraphy, paleoclimate, and tectonics of coal-bearing strata**" by Jack Pashin and Robert Gastaldo (published in mid-2004 as AAPG Studies in Geology 51 and sells for \$49 to AAPG members).

The EMD **Midyear Leadership Meeting** will be a conference call on Saturday, November 13, 2004. All officers and committee chairs are required to submit a status report via e-mail to Norma Newby at AAPG Headquarters by November 1. Reports will be posted in the members-only area of the EMD Web site soon thereafter.

**WEB SITE:** I can not emphasize enough the benefits of the EMD Web site (<http://emd.aapg.org/>). The site, which has both public and members-only areas, has the following information in the members-only area: **(1) "Committees"** contains detailed information on each commodity (coal, coalbed methane, energy economics and technology, gas hydrates, gas shales, geospatial information, geothermal, nuclear minerals (uranium), oil shale, and tar (oil) sands) to help you stay informed or move into a new field. We are working on posting articles, reference lists, web links, short course notes, and presentations for each commodity. Please submit information related to committees to the committee chairs;

**(2) "Sections"** contains EMD meetings, activities and technical information in your section or region; **(3)** plans and progress of the Division are described in the **"Annual Report"**, **"Business Plan"**, and **"Leadership Meeting Reports"**; **(4)** copies of all EMD columns in the **Explorer** (1998 to present) and past EMD **"Newsletters"** (1977 to 1996; in progress); **(5)** a list of **"Certified Coal Geologists"** and a searchable **"Membership Directory"** (searchable by first letter of last name in "View the Directory" and by commodity, AAPG section, city, state, country, and company in "Search the Directory"). Please **"Update your EMD Profile"** (e.g., EMD commodity interests; areas of expertise; education; experience; professional affiliations; contact information) in the EMD Membership Directory on the EMD Web site;

**(6)** a list of EMD **"Publications"** (in the public area) and an historical list of EMD-sponsored **"Publications"** and AAPG publications of interest to EMD members (in the members-only area); and **(7)** EMD **"Bylaws"**, **"Honors and Awards"**, **"Past Leadership"** (Executive Committees and Councilors), and **"Procedures Manual"** for officers and committee chairs. Please send Brian Cardott your ideas of what you would like to see on the Web site.

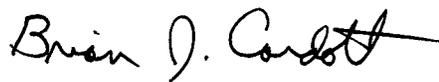
To learn more about the plans and activities of the EMD, read the Business Plan and the Leadership Meeting Reports in the members-only area of the Web site. For example, in addition to oral and poster sessions, short courses, field trips, and luncheons planned for AAPG annual and section meetings, the EMD sponsored a Hedberg Conference ("Gas hydrates: energy resource potential and associated geologic hazards" in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on September 12-16, 2004) and has plans for several major projects (CD-ROM publication titled "Unconventional energy resources of North America" by Laura Wray; coalbed methane book by Walt Ayers, Jr., Andrew Scott, and Thomas Ewing; second, revised edition of the popular "Atlas of coal geology" CD-ROM by Alex Papp and Jim Hower; joint EMD/DEG publication on CO2 sequestration by Jack Pashin, Andrew Scott, and Rebecca Dodge; and a CD-ROM publication on "Geospatial technology applications for exploration and production of energy resources" by Rebecca Dodge). Your EMD membership sponsors these worthwhile meetings and projects.

**BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE:** A benefits questionnaire was prepared a few years ago and sent out as an e-mail attachment. The purpose of the questionnaire was to request the following basic information: **(1)** Communication by e-mail and the internet. The questionnaire was originally designed for distribution by mail but was sent via e-mail for rapid and economical response. Besides this letter and the EMD Web site, the primary means of communicating with members is through infrequent e-mails. **E-mails** will have a clear EMD subject line and will be sent only when there is important, timely information to share. If you have not done so, **please include your e-mail address in the EMD membership directory on the Web site.** **(2)** Meetings and EMD interests. In order to better plan EMD-sponsored sessions at annual and section meetings, the EMD leadership needs to know, from those who attend EMD meetings, what commodities members are interested in and what sessions you would like to see planned. In addition to your direct input, this information may be determined from the searchable membership directory (which requires that all EMD members update their profile). **(3)** Involvement. We need **your involvement on committees**, especially by providing information to the EMD Web site. There are 3 categories of committee membership: (a) Active (active in projects and meetings); (b) Advisory (active on one project and occasionally attends meetings); and (c) Corresponding (no meeting attendance, kept in loop). Please contact the committee chairman directly and indicate your interest level in participating on the committee. Committee correspondence will be by e-mail.

**PLEA TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** According to the AAPG Bylaws (Article I Section 2 and Article V Section 8), the chief elected officer (President) of each Division shall serve as a voting member of the AAPG Advisory Council

provided there are a minimum of 750 Association Members (defined as Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members). Of the nearly 1,300 EMD Members, there are 788 Association Members. The EMD has been very close to falling below the required 750 Association Members the past few years. There are about 180 Associate AAPG members who are EMD members who are eligible to apply for AAPG Active Member status (any person engaged in the practice or teaching of geology, holds a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctor's Degree in geological science from a college of acceptable academic standards, and has had three years of experience in the practice or teaching of geology). Active Members may hold office, vote in Association affairs, and sponsor membership applications. **I request that all Associate Members** who are eligible for Active Member status apply today (application forms are available on the AAPG Web site: [http://www.aapg.org/member/forms/transfer\\_to\\_active.pdf](http://www.aapg.org/member/forms/transfer_to_active.pdf)). At the House of Delegates meeting in April 2004, the AAPG Bylaws were changed so that 3 sponsors are still required but only 2 of the sponsors must be active AAPG members. Active membership will benefit your career and benefit the EMD. As an **incentive**, the EMD will mail the new EMD "Unconventional energy resources of North America" poster to any EMD Associate Member who becomes an Active Member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian J. Cardott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian J. Cardott  
EMD President (2004-2005)