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2007 AAPG ANNUAL CONVENTION: The convention will be in Long Beach, California on April 1-4, 2007. EMD is looking for a 2007 EMD Vice-Chair. Duties of the Vice Chair may be found on page 18 (Annual Meeting Committees) in the EMD Procedures Manual available on the EMD Members-Only Web Site. Please contact me if you are interested in serving the EMD as the 2007 EMD Vice-Chair or if you would like more information.

February 1, 2005

Dear EMD Member:

Thank you for your continued support of the EMD. I hope that you are aware of the work of many volunteers on your behalf. EMD officers and committee chairs are dedicated to providing tangible benefits, especially to EMD members (a major emphasis this year; see below).

This is the second and last letter to members this fiscal year. This and previous letters are included in the "Newsletters" area of the EMD Members-Only Web Site (<http://emd.aapg.org>). This letter contains the election ballot and the latest news from EMD.

BALLOT: Enclosed with this letter is a ballot for both the election and bylaws revisions. As requested by the AAPG Executive Committee (AAPG EC), the election ballot contains competitive elections for all EMD Executive Committee (EMD EC) officers. Please take time to evaluate the candidates. All candidates are highly qualified and have indicated a willingness to serve. In addition to voting for officers, the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee requests that you vote on two bylaws revisions proposals (approved by the EMD EC, EMD Councillors, and AAPG EC).

Please support this election by casting your vote and returning the ballot portion **no later than April 1, 2005**.

BIG AUDACIOUS GOAL: This year's slogan, borrowed from the movie "Field of Dreams", is "If we build it, they will come" with the idea that members will be happy and others will be attracted to join if we provide needed benefits that only members receive. Our "Big Audacious Goal" (a term used in the AAPG Strategic Plan revealed in the November 2004 issue of the Explorer) is to be the premier organization in all our technical fields (e.g., the place you go to first for information and networking). Our vision is to provide articles, presentations, short course notes, reference lists, web links, calendar, and committee reports on the EMD Members-Only Web Site. We need your help in providing information to committee chairs for the site. **Please consider how you can be involved in an EMD committee!**

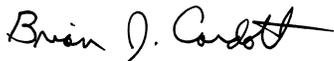
EMD NEWS: In addition to the latest information on “Committees” and “Sections” on the EMD Members-Only Web Site, officer and committee chair reports are available in “Leadership Meeting Reports; Mid-Year (November 13, 2004)” on the same site.

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE: E-mails with the subject line “EMD News” were sent on October 31, 2004 and December 12, 2004 to EMD members who provided an e-mail address. The e-mails highlighted a new job-listings area of the EMD Web Site, results of the EMD Mid-Year Leadership Meeting, deadline for the Energy Minerals Grant, and a vacancy for the 2007 EMD Vice-Chair. If you would like to receive these infrequent e-mails with EMD news, please update your member contact information (in “Update my EMD Profile”) on the EMD Members-Only Web Site.

UPDATE MEMBER PROFILE: The EMD Members-Only Web Site contains a searchable membership directory. In order to better serve our members (such as planning technical sessions of interest to the most members at regional meetings) and provide a forum for member networking, please update your member profile on the site (especially your commodity interests in EMD; e.g., I am sure there are more than 14 EMD members interested in coalbed methane, but that is all who have responded).

MEMBERSHIP CRISIS: As described in the last letter, the EMD President serves as a voting member of the AAPG Advisory Council (AAPG AC) provided there are a minimum of 750 Association Members (defined as Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members). As of December 31, 2004, the EMD has 757 paid Association Members. If the number falls below 750 on July 1, 2005, the EMD will lose our voting status on the AAPG AC. We need your help in three ways: (1) please continue to support the EMD through your membership; (2) please tell your colleagues about the EMD and invite them to join. Copies of the EMD brochure are available on the EMD Web Site or by mail upon request to me; and (3) all AAPG Associate Members who are eligible for Active Member status are requested to apply today (application forms are available on the AAPG Web Site). As an **incentive**, the EMD will mail the new EMD “Unconventional energy resources of North America” poster to any eligible EMD Associate Member who becomes an Active Member (please contact me when you apply).

Sincerely,



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EMD President (2004-2005)