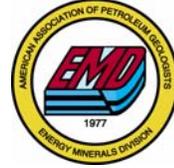


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February, 2006, EMD Newsletter

Greetings fellow EMD members!

The purpose of this communication is to keep you informed of the current activities of the Energy Minerals Division. Below is a discussion of some of the items that the EMD Executive Committee has been involved with during the last few months.

EMD Midyear Teleconference

The EMD midyear teleconference was held December 3, 2005. Officer reports prepared for the meeting can be found on-line at:

http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/midyear12_03_05/index.cfm.

During this meeting, the EMD Publications Committee was reactivated. The new Publications Committee Chair will be Doug Peters. The Executive Committee also decided to post the EMD logo and a banner on the EMD web site at:

http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/outreach.cfm. These should be downloaded and printed locally for display at all EMD-sponsored technical sessions and activities.

Announcing the EMD Community Home Page

Brian Cardott and the Web Site Committee have established a new feature on the EMD Members-only web site called the "Community Home Page". The "Community Home Page" link leads you to 11 discussion forums on the following topics:

EMD Business
Coal
Coalbed Methane
Energy Economics and Technology
Gas Hydrates
Gas Shales
Geospatial Information
Geothermal Energy
Oil Sands
Oil Shale
Uranium

The page can be accessed via the EMD members-only site using the link below.

EMD Members-only: http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/ and by clicking on the "Community Home Page".

The purpose of the forum sites is to allow EMD membership to ask questions, post information, and hopefully educate themselves about current topics in EMD Business and the EMD Commodity areas. The forum sites were established because several EMD members and

committee chairs requested an area on the EMD web site to exchange ideas and information. Please encourage EMD membership to use the forums. Hopefully, the forums will become another valuable service that EMD provides to its members.

EMD Membership Initiative

Laura Wray, with help from others, has compiled a set of PowerPoint slides that can be used to describe the various areas of interest that fall under the EMD umbrella. Creties Jenkins has volunteered to organize EMD members to make presentations at local Geological Societies and student AAPG chapters in order to encourage professionals and students to join EMD. A condensed version of these slides will soon be available on the EMD Members-only web site (http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/). Let Creties (cjenkins@demac.com) know if you are interested in participating in this program.

Coal Committee Chair call for volunteers

Bob Milici, EMD Coal Committee Chair, has called for volunteers to help maintain the coal section on the Members-only EMD web site. Please contact Bob at rmilici@usgs.gov (+1-703-648-6541) if you are interested to help on this committee.

DOE Energy Education Forum

I attended the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Education Forum on January 5, 2006 and represented EMD/AAPG. As part of the new Energy Policy Act, Congress asked the Secretary of Energy to hold this workshop to among other things "...establish an on-going, self-sustaining national public energy education program...". The National Energy Education Development (NEED) organization has compiled the notes and recommendations from the meeting and is expecting participants and interested stake-holders to review the recommendations and to provide comments. The final recommendation will be forwarded to the Secretary of Energy by March 17, 2006. I believe this is an important activity and EMD can offer informed input. Let me or Laura Wray (EMD Education Committee Chair wraylamarre@msn.com) know if you are interested in participation in the review and recommendation process.

2006 AAPG Annual Convention

I encourage all of you to attend the 2006 AAPG Annual Convention which will be held April 9-12 in Houston, TX. Andrea Reynolds and her colleagues have organized an outstanding EMD program for the meeting. Look for Andrea's review of the meeting in the February, 2006, issue of the *Explorer*. In addition, the EMD program and abstracts for the convention are available on the EMD web site (<http://emd.aapg.org/>).

In closing, please contact me or any of the EMD leadership members if you are interested in contributing to the leadership of the organization, or have any ideas or comments on how EMD can better serve you and the geologic community. Finally, do not forget to vote for the new slate of EMD offices! Details on each candidate can be found at: <http://emd.aapg.org/candidates.cfm>.

Sincerely,



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