Greetings fellow EMD members!

The purpose of this brief newsletter, which accompanies the ballot for 2007 EMD officer candidates, is to keep you informed of current activities of the Energy Minerals Division. We invite your questions or comments on how we can serve you better in the upcoming year.

EMD is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 4 technical sessions and a luncheon at the 2007 Annual AAPG Convention in Long Beach from April 1-4. Details of these technical sessions and the EMD luncheon, scheduled for April 4, are in the February, 2007 issue of the AAPG EXPLORER. Look for an article on exciting new activities in the uranium industry in the May, 2007 issue of the AAPG EXPLORER, by EMD uranium chair Michael Campbell.

EMD is also coordinating efforts with its sister divisions DEG and DPA, as well as with the AAPG Astrogeology Committee, to provide a great variety of technical sessions, workshops, field trips, and forums for the 2008 Annual AAPG Convention in San Antonio. We are currently developing 19 EMD-sponsored or co-sponsored technical sessions, 4 workshops and field trips, and 3 forums proposed for the Convention in San Antonio. We will continue to keep you posted on developments as these proposed activities take shape.

EMD continues to attract new members, and has increased its membership by 50 members in the last 12 months. As of November 1, 2006, EMD has a total of 1,331 members, of which 871 are full members.

The Energy Minerals Division continues to be financially healthy. The fund balance for the EMD at the end of Q4 FY2006 was $157,839. The fund balance this time in the preceding year was $120,172. Sales of publications were healthy at $4,339 (compared to $727 for FY2005). The majority of this amount ($3,319) is attributable to the Coal Atlas.

The EMD Mid-Year teleconference was conducted on November 18, 2006. Reports from the meeting are posted on the members-only web site at http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/.

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.

Sincerely,

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