

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Andrea Reynolds, President, AAPG Energy Minerals Division

FROM: Jack C. Pashin, Chair, EMD Publications Committee

SUBJECT: EMD Publications Report

2012 and 2013 are proving to be important years for EMD publications, with a broad range of products currently in production. EMD publications account for a significant percentage of the AAPG publications that have recently been released and are currently in production. Below is a summary products that have recently been released:

William Ambrose et al., Energy Resources for Human Settlement in the Solar Systems and Earth's Future in Space: AAPG Memoir 101.

John Breyer et al., Shale Reservoirs—Giant Resources for the 21st Century: AAPG Memoir 97.

Frances Hein et al., Geologic Assessment of coal in the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Plain: AAPG Studies in Geology 64.

The new version of the Atlas of Coal Geology is ready for release and is expected to be available at the Annual Convention and Exposition. A new proposal has been received on Eagle Ford shale. Numerous publications are in the pipeline, but many touching EMD topic areas are not listed as EMD-sponsored publications. These publications include books on sequence-stratigraphic analysis of fine-grained rocks (Bohacs), SEM petrology of mudrock hydrocarbon reservoirs (Camp et al.), Haynesville shale (Hammes and Gale), and the Karoo basin (Sprague and Hodgson). It is not clear if these publications will carry the EMD seal, and I will continue working to see that EMD-related publications are recognized and acknowledged before they go to press.

The AAPG Publications committee is actively examining the publication process and recognizes the critical role that EMD is playing in defining the future of the association. Colin North has convened a committee, on which I serve, that is designed to ensure that AAPG books remain a desirable venue for publication. A key is ensuring that the submittal, review, and publications process is made more competitive with other publishers. The committee is considering several initiatives to identify material of interest, recruit editors for special publications, and ensure timely publication in electronic format. A key problem has been turnaround time for AAPG books, and one possibility is assigning DOI numbers to chapters as they pass review and making those chapters available for download. This type of procedure is in place at many for-profit publishers and helps eliminate the penalty to early movers caused by straggling papers that are required to complete special volumes.