

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Jeremy Boak, President, AAPG Energy Minerals Division

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

SUBJECT: EMD Publications Report

2013 was a very important year for EMD publications. Alex Papp saw a new version of the Atlas of Coal Geology (AAPG Studies in Geology 42) through to fruition. In addition a landmark work on oil sands that was edited by Fran Hein et al. (AAPG Studies in Geology 64). AAPG Memoir 101, “Energy Resources for Human Settlement in the Solar Systems and Earth’s Future in Space” was edited by Bill Ambrose and others, and is the most recent EMD product to be published.

Of the publications that are in the pipeline or have recently emerged, many concern EMD topic areas but are not listed as EMD-sponsored publications (e.g., Memoirs 102, 103, and 105). Indeed, EMD was not approached for sponsorship of these publications, which is unfortunate, and communications among the divisions, AAPG publications, and volume editors tend to sputter. The AAPG Publications Committee, moreover, is not scheduled to meet at this year’s Annual Conference and Exposition. As things stand, EMD is unlikely to be acknowledged unless (1) a volume is specifically sponsored by the division and (2) the publication is followed diligently through the publication process to ensure that it bears the EMD seal. This problem has been recognized for many years, and it is important to note that it is a difficulty of communication rather than a lack of AAPG support for our efforts.

This year has gotten off to a quiet start, and no EMD books are currently in production. In addition, no EMD book proposals are pending before the AAPG Publications Committee, which does actively seek new proposals. Accordingly, we should develop a plan to identify new EMD publication topics and to identify volume editors. All suggestions are welcome, and we also need to develop an action plan that will enable more effective communication between the division and the association.