

responses now indicate support in DPA for state registration. Under the guidance of Royce Carr, state registration bills are thoroughly monitored by his committee. Dan Titerle, who serves on the Association for State Boards of Geology (ASBOG), helps oversee the registration exams given by various states. During late fiscal year of 1995-1996, the DPA Advisory Board and Executive Committee voted to financially support the 1997 Texas Registration effort and to commit funds to other states seeking to adopt registration bills.

DPA member support for Continuing Education Units has increased over the past several years. DPA will start recording CEU's submitted by the members on a voluntary basis. The program will be reviewed as it progresses to evaluate the support or the lack thereof regarding CEU's.

DPA, as in the past, will continue to be very active in short courses and educational programs for the members. DPA members will be provided with very low cost and practical programs at the national and sectional AAPG meetings. The Dallas Convention will be instrumental in getting these educational seminars off and running on a continual basis.

The *Correlator* newsletter is expanding and becoming ever more important as a means of communication and tracking of members' viewpoints. Robert Alford, editor, has done an excellent job in upgrading this media outlet.

Under a joint venture by DPA and SIPES, a "Contract For Geoscience Services" is now available for use by the DPA membership. This "fill in the blanks" form is a companion to the DPA/SIPES Confidentiality Agreement, which was formally introduced in 1991. Compiled under the directives of Robert Sabaté, the "Contract For Geoscience Services" will serve as a guide for consulting geologists, who are members of DPA or SIPES, to quickly establish the terms and conditions of providing consulting services.

The AAPG Annual Convention in San Diego appears to have given DPA much-needed publicity exposure. More than 250 membership applications were distributed at the very popular exhibit booth. Also at the convention, DPA and its members sponsored the Prospect Deal Room. Individuals and companies were able

to present prospects to a large number of prospective buyers in a short time span. This event is expected to be extremely popular and exciting at the Dallas Convention next year.

During the convention, DPA sponsored a technical program on "Doing Business and Managing Risk in the International Arena." The best-paper award was given to William D. DeMis for his talk on "Historical Changes in U.S. Dollar Exchange Rate and Real Value of Oil."

At the DPA luncheon, Robert Lindblom presented the status of registration of geologists throughout the United States. In conjunction with this topic, a special debate was conducted on the pros and cons of registration of geologists and geophysicists.

The Governmental Affairs Committee, chaired by Lowell Lischer, kept its important vigil over state and national legislative activities. Clint Moore has taken over the chairmanship of this vital committee. Panel discussions, open forums, and direct communications will soon be the standard format for governmental information. Look for an increase in Internet computer communications as availability occurs through this committee.

Membership of the DPA is always a concern of the Executive Committee. New members added during the 1995-1996 year were 73; however, resignations and deaths dropped the total membership to 3579 at the end of the year. This is down approximately 2 1/2% from the previous year. Financially, DPA remains in good shape.

At the annual awards banquet, DPA honored George R. Gibson with the Life Membership Award, and Peter G. Gray and Charles R. Noll, Jr., were given Distinguished Service plaques.

As with any professional group, the organization and operation could not occur without the help of volunteers from the membership. The dedicated support of all the committees made my term a pleasure. Royce Carr, vice president, Jack West, secretary, Tom Ewing, treasurer, Pete Rose, president-elect, and Norma Miller, administrative manager, all combined to help make the 30th DPA anniversary a memorable event.

Terry L. Hollrah, President

Energy Minerals Division

The Energy Minerals Division was founded in 1977. It originated within AAPG to meet the professional needs of petroleum geologists who, during the energy crisis of the 1970s, found themselves assigned to energy minerals related projects, such as DEG has, more recently, developed to meet the needs of environmental concerns. Since 1977, EMD has evolved into a more hybrid organization with members who have spent most of their professional careers dealing with energy minerals and remote sensing, as well as petroleum geologists who become involved in energy minerals related projects. "Commodities" encompassed by EMD include coal, coalbed methane, tar sands, oil shales, uranium, and geothermal energy. We also provide a professional "home" for geologists who specialize in remote sensing.

After an initial growth spurt, EMD membership has fluctuated between about 1700 and a little more than 2000. An examination of available data has indicated that our international membership has grown more or less continuously for several years. This seems to be offsetting a net loss of members from the United States.

EMD's financial situation has improved over the last few years as the result of a membership dues increase and very careful spending.

We currently have a number of active initiatives that we are developing for our members and are constantly in search of new ones, the first being our certification of coal geologists in cooperation with the Division of Professional Affairs. This program is now a reality. Several coal geologists have been certified to date.

EMD, under the leadership of Carl Smith, is revamping the newsletter. This will feature articles on energy resources, supplies, policies, development, politics, and international activities. Our goal is to develop a more eye-catching publication that will be of interest to all energy professionals, including management and government staff; traditional EMD news will also be included. In the long term we are looking at the possibility of

branching out to an electronic version of the newsletter. The first issue of the *EMD Hourglass* has been mailed to our members; production of the second issue is underway.

We now have a referenced journal available to the membership through an affiliation with the International Association for Mathematical Geology. The title of this publication is *Nonrenewable Resources*. This journal provides an ideal outlet for many of the types of papers generated by EMD members. I urge EMD members who have not subscribed to take a look at it.

EMD was a leader in electronic communications within AAPG with

the EMD Connection Bulletin Board. The bulletin board is operating today, but the Internet has lured away all of our users. One topic of discussion at the winter EMD Council Meeting was how to proceed. In light of the development of the AAPG home page, we have decided to support this effort rather than developing the bulletin board into a home page that some might consider competitive.

Finally, we are continuing to pursue a CD-based coal atlas. The atlas will be comprehensive, including information on resource distribution, composition, petrology, exploration, mining, reclamation, and downstream uses. It

will include many photos and other graphics.

EMD co-chairs Rebecca Dodge and Mike Wright are working on the Dallas and Salt Lake City meetings, respectively. Mike Wiley, our Southwest Section Councilor, is hard at work with Rebecca. There will be at least four EMD sessions at Dallas, one focusing on remote sensing. I am trying to develop a session at the Dallas meeting to focus on the use of Geographic Information Systems in Energy Minerals applications.

Gayle H. "Scott" McColloch,
President

Reports of the Sections

Eastern Section

The 24th Annual Eastern Section meeting was held jointly with the 67th Annual Meeting of the New York State Geological Association October 13–17, 1995, at the Ramada Inn Convention Center, Schenectady, New York. The theme for the joint meeting was "The Day is Short; The Task is Great—Geology, Energy and the Environment." The program consisted of 21 field trips on Saturday and Sunday (NYSGA component) followed by a plenary session and 66 oral and poster technical/scientific presentations on Monday and Tuesday (ES-AAPG component). An all-day workshop for earth science teachers and a panel discussion, "Career Opportunities in the Geosciences," were also part of the program.

The field trips drew 230 professionals and 123 students. Technical program registrations were 133 professionals, 24 earth science teachers, 15 students, and 7 spouse/guest attendees. Fifteen organizations contributed financial support and ten companies/organizations exhibited. Many national AAPG officers and officer candidates, as well as division officers and officer candidates, participated in the meeting.

Meeting hosts were the New York State Geological Association, Union College, and the New York State Geological Survey/Museum. The organizing committee consisted of five educators, four state government professionals, and three applied professionals.

John Rodgers, Silliman Professor of Geology, Emeritus, at Yale University,

presented a Saturday evening address, "Klippen Like the Taconic." At the plenary session, Sandra L. Waisley presented the keynote address, "Energy Research and Funding Policy of the United States Department of Energy," and Aureal T. Cross, Emeritus Professor of Geology, Michigan State University, presented the John T. Galey Memorial Address, "An Old Look at New Horizons in Earth Sciences." At the DPA/EMD/DEG luncheon, Gerald M. Friedman, Distinguished Professor, Brooklyn College & The City University of New York, presented a talk, "Welcome to the Home of Pioneers, Where Geologic Exploration and Professionalism in the New World Began."

The concurrent oral and poster sessions held Monday and Tuesday included applications of geology in environmental review; gas storage—the other end of the pipeline; mining and environmental issues in the eastern United States; general geology topics; deep prospects and resources; the Onondaga: deposition to diagenesis; and application of technology to geologic investigations.

Outgoing president, Jesse A. Shell of Dominion Appalachian Development, Inc., presided at the annual business meeting, where Treasurer David C. Harris reported total assets at \$22,062.22. Other items discussed at the meeting included a summary report on the financially and technically successful 1994 annual meeting in East Lansing, Michigan; an update on the 1996 meeting scheduled for Charleston, West Virginia; an update on plans for the 1997 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky; and a

proposed section bylaws change concerning election of officers.

Honors and awards conferred at the Eastern Section annual meeting included the following:

- A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award (best paper): Stephen F. Nowaczewski
- Margaret Hawn Mirabelle Memorial Award (best student paper): Jason R. Price
- Vincent E. Nelson Memorial Award (best poster): Stephen O. Moshier, Michael E. Stamper
- DEG Best Paper: Stephen J. Rouse
- DEG Best Poster: Timothy J. Mayotte, Steven B. Thompson
- John T. Galey Memorial Award: Aureal T. Cross
- Distinguished Service Award: William G. Murray, James A. Noel
- George V. Cohee Public Service Award: Donald C. Haney
- Outstanding Educator Award: John J. Renton, Nehru E. Cherukupalli
- Gordon H. Wood, Jr., Memorial Award: John C. Ferm
- I. C. White Memorial Award: Alan C. Donaldson
- DEG Meritorious Contributions Award: Robert R. Jordan
- Honorary Membership: Betty M. Miller, Jeffrey C. Greenawalt
- Certificate of Merit: George M. Baniño, Jonathan P. Bass, Peter J. R. Butner, Robert H. Fakundiny, Gerald M. Friedman, John I. Garver, Kenneth G. Johnson, William M. Kelly, John P. Martin, James F. Olmsted, Christine A. Reed, Charles Vedder

Officers elected for fiscal year 1995–1996 were Douglas G. Patchen,