

DPA Life Membership Award

DPA's highest award was presented to Jack P. Martin, Lafayette, Louisiana, at the Denver convention DPA awards banquet. Jack served as DPA president in 1987-1988, and has been a very active participant in DPA affairs forever.

DPA Distinguished Service Award

At the Denver convention, past-president Stephen A. Sonnenberg, and the past chairman of the Government Affairs Committee, Dwight McClintock Moore, were presented with the DPA Distinguished Service Award. The DPA has benefited greatly from the contributions of these stalwart members.

Best Paper Award

Kenneth F. Wantland, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was awarded the DPA's Best Paper Award for his presentation at the DPA technical session in New Orleans. Ken's paper was titled "Personal Career Strategies for the New Global Marketplace."

Guiding Your Career as a Professional Geologist

The immensely popular DPA booklet edited by Peter Rose, titled *Guiding Your Career as a Professional Geologist* has been reprinted by the AAPG.

Officers for 2001-2002

Officers for 2001-2002 include Royce P. Carr, Mount Pleasant, Texas, president; Deborah K. Sacrey, Houston, Texas, vice president; Thomas Mairs, Dallas, Texas, president-elect; Brenda Kay Cunningham, Midland, Texas, secretary; Suzanne Cluff, Denver, Colorado, treasurer; and G. Warfield "Skip" Hobbs, past-president.

It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve as DPA president. I thank my fellow officers, the Advisory Board members, our committee chairs and members, and especially, Norma Miller Newby at AAPG Headquarters, for their terrific support and assistance.

G. Warfield "Skip" Hobbs, President

Energy Minerals Division

This report is adapted from the report given to the AAPG House of Delegates at the 2001 convention in Denver.

The EMD is charged with the outreach function of AAPG in the areas of coal, coalbed methane, geothermal energy, uranium, oil sands, oil shale, gas hydrates, the technical areas of geospatial information, and energy economics and technology. This is a very broad portfolio,

in fact the broadest within AAPG. Our coverage is so broad in fact that it touches the professional lives of every AAPG member. Some of you may never need to delve into the technical aspects of all or any of our commodities, but you all have an interest in energy economics and/or technology, and most of us are being forced into GIS whether we wish it or not. EMD's task is to reach out and make such information and technology easier for you to obtain and apply. So, what are we doing to accomplish this?

First, we are running an efficient and even profitable operation as we serve our roughly 1600 members. Our treasury is healthier than at any point in the Division's history. It now looks like we will close our 2000-2001 books with a net profit of about \$15,000 and total assets of about \$81,000. As discussed in our business meeting, this will afford our Division the opportunity, next year, of celebrating our 25th year as an AAPG Division with greater programs and better services than ever before.

We have built and improved links with sister associations such as the Society of Mining Engineers, the Society for Organic Petrology, and the Society of Economic Geologists and look forward to cooperative programs in the near future.

We have redesigned and updated our Web site (EMDAAPG.ORG). It now includes primers and brief bibliographies for each of our commodities and service areas. These are mainly directed toward the public, but it will soon include more robust commodity materials under a restricted "members only" section as well as calendars of events and the other stuff of an online e-newsletter. Our Web site is intended to be the centerpiece of news and activities in all of our service areas. In a sense, it is modeled after the Dallas Geological Society Web site, which in the last few months has gone from a few hits per month to 30 or so hits per day.

We are active participants in AAPG's conventions, preparing and teaching short courses, field trips, and technical sessions on our various service topics. I was informed recently that all of our field trips and short courses for this year have filled and sold out. We owe a vote of gratitude to Tom Fouch and all on his committee for the excellent job they have done for us this year. We are planning great programs for Houston 2002 (by Roger Fisher) and Salt Lake City 2003 (by Dennis Nielson), too.

We have also been active citizens of AAPG in helping with preparation of two policy statements and by providing two speakers to the AAPG presidential forum

on the national energy policy, which was held in Washington DC in April.

Our members have contributed articles to the AAPG Bulletin and Explorer, and we are developing monographs on coalbed methane and the sequence stratigraphy of coal-bearing strata, as well as planning an update to our very successful, CD, Atlas of Coal Geology, which is now in its second printing.

To facilitate the dissemination of knowledge of EMD's service areas we have taken on the task of building a large poster, which will be useful in the classroom as well as in the halls of government. Draft copies were exhibited at the convention in the EMD booth as well as in the Geosat booth. I thank John Dyni and each of our service area chairs for their contributions to make this happen. We are moving to publish this poster in time for our 25th anniversary in Houston next year.

EMD suffered a close call this year. A combination of misunderstandings, ambiguous reporting of membership statistics, and poor timing conspired to deprive us of our vote on the Advisory Council at the AAPG Annual Meeting. The problem was based in the fact that our members who are full members of AAPG had declined to 742 on the annual census date of June 30, 2000. Since only full members are counted for accreditation of AAPG's Divisions, this meant we were subject to disenfranchisement. A late membership drive rescued us from a repeat of that fate this year. There are currently actions afoot in the House of Delegates and the Advisory Council to avoid this problem in the future. For an outreach arm of AAPG, little is served by such restrictive and unproductive requirements.

The Energy Minerals Division has come through some tough times in recent years. I believe I am justified in citing the old saying, "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." We were down, but we're back. We have a clear vision of who we are and where we're going. With our new strong fiscal position, we are set to make great strides, and we are dedicated to that task. It took the concerted efforts of every EMD leader to bring us to our current perch, and the same level of energy will be needed to take us to the next level. To this end we replace ourselves with even better leaders. I am very comfortable in handing over our Division to our new board. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the president of EMD. Thank you.

Ronald L. Grubbs, President