

**EMD Mid-Year Leadership Meeting  
Conference Call  
November 18, 2006**

**Gas Shales Committee Report  
Brian Cardott, Chairman**

As the incoming chairman of the EMD Gas Shales Committee, I sent an e-mail on July 5, 2006 to all EMD members who expressed an interest in gas shales in their member profile to ask if they were interested in participating on the committee. The e-mail indicated the following:

“We each have a special region or shale that we are following for shale gas potential and can all benefit from what others know. We also each have our own network and memberships. I need you to be the eyes and ears of this committee. The vision of this Gas Shales Committee e-mail distribution list is to gather information for the public and members-only areas of the EMD Web site, propose gas shale topics for EMD sessions at AAPG conventions, and entertain questions and responses on topics related to shale gas production (e.g., what is the importance of natural vs. induced fractures; what is the importance of sorbed vs. free gas; what is the minimum thermal maturity for an oil-generative organic matter to be an economic gas shale reservoir; what variables have influenced the success of the Ohio Shale gas production?). Please review the information currently available on the EMD Web site and let me know of any additions or omissions, especially for the calendar (upcoming gas shale conferences or short courses), references, and Web links. I would like to update this information quarterly on the site.” The committee has a total of 22 members.

Since July 1, the committee has accomplished the following tasks.

- (1) Gas-shale presentations from the EMD gas shales short course and all-convention luncheon at the AAPG Southwest Section Meeting (May 2006) have been added to the EMD Gas Shales Committee members-only (GSMO) Web site.
- (2) Revised calendar (9 meetings, September 25-December 13, 2006), gas shale reference list (10 pages), and web links (14 links) were posted to the GSMO site.
- (3) Additional gas shale articles from the Explorer were posted to the GSMO.
- (4) EMD column on “Gas shales tricky to understand” was prepared for the November Explorer with input from the committee.