

To: EMD Councilors
EMD Committee Chairs
EMD Executive Committee

From: Creties Jenkins, EMD Website Committee Chair

Re: Report for the EMD Mid-Year Leadership Meeting, November 14, 2007

Work continues to both update and upgrade the EMD website. I reviewed the webpages and made two requests for major updates on April 29 and August 27. The second request included a visit to Tulsa to discuss and implement the updates with Janet Brister. Materials that were updated included notices of future meetings, the 2007 annual meeting reports, staff changes to committees, etc.

A number of upgrades have also been made to the website since the annual meeting. These include creating webpages for the regions, adding nomination forms for the Honors and Awards committee, posting numerous articles (such as Explorer articles) and Powerpoint slide presentations, and generating links to the AAPG Search and Discovery pages.

The current focus is on obtaining the appropriate quantity and quality of information for the councilor and committee webpages. Some councilors and committee chairs have contributed very little—it is hoped that they will at least submit the minimum information requested in the guidelines provided earlier this year. In some cases individuals have contributed a great deal of information that needs to be high-graded so that AAPG Tulsa can update the webpages without using an outside contractor (which can be very expensive).

We would like to use the provided information to update/upgrade the website at least every six months, and preferably on a quarterly basis. I want to thank Janet Brister and Norma Newby for their continued work in modifying the website, and their ideas on how to improve it. I also want to thank the councilors and technical committee chairs who have provided reports, calendar items, and weblinks for their respective pages.

Please visit the website and send me your comments and suggestions for improvements. It is YOUR website so please help to make it better.