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To: EMD Councilors
EMD Committee Chairs
EMD Executive Committee

From: Frank Walles, EMD President Elect, 2009-2010

Website Report for EMD Mid-Year Meeting, November 6, 2008

SUMMARY

The EMD members-Only website is a key members-added value part of EMD membership. The website portal is critical to make available information that is specifically useful to each of the members, including Energy Minerals Commodity reports, Region Councilor reports, and important EMD member activities – such as conferences, workshops, field trips, and upcoming publications.

The EMD Members-Only website is fully operational with active use by its membership. The site continues to be updated with the placement of the most current EMD Division reports and information.

The President Elects role, as directed by the current EMD President, Cretis Jenkins is to:

- 1) Enhance the communication within each of the committees and Region councilors with the application of new communication software – specifically the SharePoint Technology application now just becoming available from AAPG Headquarters.
- 2) Improve the Members Only Website through communications support and report delivery with the AAPG Headquarters website team.

MID YEAR RESULTS

For the member value added benefit, that of improved committee and Region Councilors communications – with the plan of increased committee collaborative material for the members only site:

Communications with Headquarters staff; Janet Brister and Jamie Edford, has now established that EMD teams will be part of the first roll out of the Sharepoint software – now set for mid to late November, 2008

The EMD President Elect's participation in the Fall AAPG Leadership Conference helped improve EMD relationships within the greater AAPG organization. Further integration of new EMD members into the Division was also proposed. The proposal

includes the encouragement of adding EMD students or under age 35 EMD members to each of the EMD committees in order to facilitate software use such as Sharepoint Technology. Andrea Reynolds, EMD Vice President, is working with Bill Houston of the AAPG Student committee to place potential under age 35 candidates to each of our committees.

For the member value added benefit; that of Improving the Members Only Website:

A review has been completed at the AAPG Tulsa Headquarters office of a new look and organization for the EMD Members only website. Janet Brister, AAPG Website Editor – with support from Jamie Edford and the AAPG Communications Department, has developed an improved web site look and a better organized interface structure for reviewing the material on the site.

Upon final approvals – expected by late November, we anticipate that this improved EMD Members-Only site becomes shortly available to the membership.

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