

EMD Executive Committee Teleconference, August 27, 2008, 3-5 pm
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Participants:

Amy Sullivan
Frank Walles
Creties Jenkins
Norma Newby
Bill Ambrose
Neil Fishman
Laura Wray
Regrets: Andrea Reynolds

Agenda Items

- 1) 2009 Convention Update (Laura)
 - a) Convention meeting will be held the week of Monday, Sept 1
 - b) Vic Baker, University of Arizona, is our EMD convention luncheon speaker. Topics can be sent to Vic for him to consider. EMD will sponsor him at \$1000 for travel expenses.
 - c) Laura will discuss the option of a combined EMD/DEG luncheon with Rebecca Dodge and Bruce Smith, EMD Vice Chair. Laura plans to contact both before the convention meeting the week of Monday September 1
 - d) Laura has ideas for EMD sponsors and will be contacting the Fund Raising Chair
 - e) There is a shale gas short course planned for the convention. Currently EMD is not sponsoring it but would like to do this and also would like to influence the content of the course. ACTION – Creties to assist Laura on instructor and content options. Also Frank Walles has put Laura in touch with Dan Jarvie.

- 2) Report on AAPG Leadership Days
 - a) Advisory Council Meeting – Award winners were selected including EMD members Betsy Campen and Mike Party. EMD needs to have more nominees for the 2009 Advisory Council Meeting.
 - b) GEO-DC and Governance Board Meeting – see action items from the Divisions Workshop. AAPG wants the support of the divisions. Scott Tinker wants to maintain AAPG as an independent science society and not as a lobby organization. This is also what is behind the effort to include wind, solar, and biofuels in our purview. That way AAPG is not perceived as just a hydrocarbon-affiliated organization, but a scientific organization. The strategy is to use science to impact policy.
 - c) President’s Council – Interaction with Sections/Regions – This meeting was the first of its kind with the Divisions, Sections and Regions coming together as a “Presidents Council”. Carol McGowen sets up monthly teleconference meetings for the Regions and every other month for the Sections. Now the Division Presidents will attend. Discussion among the EMD leadership about the continuing lack of visibility of the Divisions. This will be an opportunity. Walles mentioned the Divisions gaining visibility due to the globalization of AAPG. An example is the coalbed methane conference in Singapore and the development of gas shales in Russia.
 - d) Divisions Workshop (EMD-DEG-DPA) – see Creties minutes. The Division representatives discussed ways of working together more. There is alignment in the

divisions to work together. One idea is a “division speaker bureau” which would be a separate entity from the Distinguished Lecture program. Walles mentioned that there is a lot of student involvement at the AAPG Leadership days and the students’ intentions to join divisions is an opportunity for us to add members.

ACTION –Andrea to visit with Frank and Bill Houston (located in Denver and officer candidate for AAPG Secretary).

ACITON – Creties to follow up on whether the rest of the EMD Executive Committee could attend the 2009 AAPG Leadership Days. Norma recommended this be taken up with AAPG. Norma believes the EMD Executive Committee could attend the All Division Workshop without any issue, but attendance for the rest of the meeting would need to be approved by AAPG.

3) 2008 – 2009 Business Plan (Creties)

- a) No edits were recommended to the business plan.
- b) If the Houston based Mudrocks conference works out maybe something similar could be done in Pittsburg

ACTION – Creties and Bill will visit about coal certification. The idea would be to contact those that are certified and find out what the benefit is encourage others to become certified.

4) Financial Update (Neil)

- a) San Antonio Convention resulted in \$38,052 for EMD. This is primarily due to Andrew Scott’s coal bed methane workshop.
- b) The CO2 sequestration and hydrate volumes have been accounted for.
- c) The 2009 budget includes the 2009 AAPG convention and the Houston Mudrock conference income. Neil has budgeted only \$10,000 to remain conservative.

ACTION- At the next teleconference we will have a “heart-to-heart” on how to spend EMD money. We need to evaluate endowments or perhaps scholarships in each commodity area. Neil will forward Mike Wiley’s comments on this subject to everyone.

5) Publications update (Neil)

- a) The publications spreadsheet is updated.
- ACTION – move money to savings and add \$6,000 for the Coal Atlas.
- b) Norma is checking about the money for both items
 - c) Discussion of the future of AAPG publications during the Leadership Days
 - i) Members want hard copy or digital. Special publications usually are hard copy and there is no time frame set to go only digital.
 - ii) A survey for publication format will go out soon
 - iii) Publication committee decides on the medium. However, sponsorship in advance of publication will allow more control over the medium.
 - iv) Coalbed methane GIS layers are available for free via AAPG. They should be revenue neutral for EMD.

ACTION – How was the decision made that the GIS data would be free. Neil will contact Sam Limerick.

v) Bill Ambrose suggested that the Astrogeology publication, “Energy and Minerals in the Solar System” might be an EMD publication. Need to gauge interest before attempt a publication.

6) Website update (Frank)

- a) Janet and Jamie hope to have the Sharepoint running on September 15 and then rollout to the Shale Gas committee.
 - b) AAPG front page has been updated.
ACTION - Creties will submit welcome letters for the public and members-only areas and will also submit the business plan which will go to the website via Norma
ACTION – Frank will contact the Section Leads so they will be aware of Sharepoint in terms of Section communication.
- 7) Perkins conference update (Frank)
- a) Still considering the venue and hope to close this soon.
 - i) Six or seven of the authors have been confirmed. Bill Ambrose suggests to try a forum and have Scott Tinker as the keynote speaker. Trying to decide if there will be a short course, but it is likely the people at the conference may be too experienced to benefit from a short course.
- 8) Mudrocks conference update (Frank)
- a) Northsider HGS will have a coordination to kick off next month.
- 9) Outreach update (Amy)
- a) Brian Cardott and Bill Ambrose have authored the first “Dear Colleague” letters for circulation via the Mining Caucus. David Curtiss has provided feedback on length and content.
 - b) Uranium and hydrates committees will be invited to prepare the next Dear Colleague letters.
 - c) Amy to begin coordinating a set of PowerPoint slides on the commodities. This idea was brought up at the AAPG Leadership Days. Content should be solicited from industry and non-industry sources. Slides on the EMD website will be used as a starting point. David Curtiss believes the PowerPoint would be a good format for one-on-one dialogue.
- 10) Recruiting new leaders update (Andrea sent these items in after the teleconference)
- a) Student Chapters & EMD: Talked with Rhonda Welch, Student Chapters Chair, about how we can get more student involvement. The first step is awareness - many of them may not know about the AAPG divisions. Ideas I have include sending EMD brochures, freebies with EMD logo, sending a presentation to introduce them to what EMD is about and what we can offer them, as well as chapter visits by EMD members (with a ppt like the one Creties & Laura put together).
 - b) Student Sponsorship of EMD dues: Discussed briefly with Rhonda. She works for Chevron, who sponsors student AAPG memberships. Would they also consider EMD dues (\$4 add'l)? We are going to talk again in mid-Sept, preferably meeting in person. Will also further explore # 1. If Chevron is not keen to sponsor EMD dues, perhaps we can get another company to do so, or if we have some surplus, we may opt to cover it (for limited # or all student members??). I will first find out how many student members AAPG currently has (US and Int'l) before meeting with Rhonda. I will gather as much info for our next meeting as possible so we can further discuss how we want to approach this.
 - c) List of Student Chapters: Check out website: <http://students.aapg.org/>. The site has a lot of information, including the Chevron AAPG dues sponsorship (and renewal). It is also possible to get a list of all student chapters (Click "Find a Student Chapter Near You",

leave all fields blank and hit Search). There are 80 US chapters listed and almost another 50 international chapters. I've sent a note to Mike Mlynek to see if this list is up to date.

11) Adding and retaining members (Creties)

- a) Creties is still planning to contact those who didn't renew their EMD memberships this past year..

12) Councilor and committee chair outreach (Creties and Bill)

ACTION – Creties and Frank will call each person.

13) Expansion of EMD to include alternative energy--wind, solar, biofuels, etc (Creties)

- a) This was discussed for the second time. The EMD Executive Committee is supportive of including the non-hydrocarbon alternative energy sources in its venue.
- b) There is potential synergy with DEG since the alternative energy forms have an environmental connection.
- c) When the committees are set up they will need to have leaders recruited. The Astrogeology Committee may be interested in working on solar and wind.

ACTION – Creties will consult with Cardott to make sure we can add these new committees according to the bylaws. Creties will then email the EMD Executive Committee to get written agreement to add the committees.

14) Update on section/region meetings – In the interest of time, there was no discussion of these..

- a) Oct 5-9: Gulf Coast Section (Bill Ambrose)
- b) Oct 5-7: European Region, Oslo (John Dolson)
- c) Oct 11-15: Pittsburgh, Eastern Section (Doug)
- d) Oct 26-29: Capetown (Jeff Aldrich, Bill, Creties)
- e) Apr 26-29: Midland, Southwest Section (Mike Party, Creties)
- f) May 2-7: Ventura, Pacific Section (Jim Clough)
- g) June 7-9: Denver, Annual Meeting (Laura Wray)

15) Next Executive Committee Conference Call: Wednesday October 1, 2008 from 3-5 pm CDT.

Mid-year meeting/conference call is scheduled for Thursday November 6.