

Summary of EMD Executive Committee Teleconference, October 1, 2008, 3-5 pm

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Agenda for EMD Leadership Teleconference

Dialing Instructions:

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Participants:

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

Agenda Items

- 1) Update on section/region meetings
 - a) June 7-9: Denver, Annual Meeting (Laura Wray)
 - i) Laura continues to pursue sponsors. Jenkins has sent Laura past convention sponsors for her to contact.
 - ii) Vic Baker has been contacted to speak at the EMD luncheon.
 - iii) Vern Stefanic has been contacted and asked to interview Vic a couple of months before the convention for an article in the Explorer.
 - iv) Laura and Andrea are working on ideas for a student reception.
 - v) Laura's September 11th email details the 1) Arctic Alaska core workshop with Dave Houseknecht, 2) the Shale Gas Course with John Curtis and Dan Jarvie and the potential 3) Day 2 of the Shale Gas Course with technical evaluation content. Andrew Scott is coordinating speakers for this second day.
 - b) Oct 5-9: Gulf Coast Section (Bill Ambrose, Andrea Reynolds)
 - i) Ambrose spoke to Rick Ericksen about having a few minutes speaking time for EMD. Bill decided to opt out of this even though Bill offered to return the favor for DPA to speak at the EMD luncheon. *Action – Jenkins to call Ericksen – DONE (see Jenkins' October 2nd email).*
 - ii) *Action – Bill Houston and Andrea Reynolds to deliver EMD brochures to the convention booth.*
 - c) Oct 11-15: Pittsburgh, Eastern Section (Doug) – nothing reported
 - d) Oct 26-29: Capetown (Jeff Aldrich, Bill, Creties)
 - i) General discussion that EMD was in good shape for the convention. The Andrew Scott course is a "go". Reminder to all there is no revenue back to EMD for this course. The EMD reception will cost \$1700.
 - e) Apr 26-29: Midland, Southwest Section (Mike Party, Creties)
 - i) 2009 SW Section will be held the last week in April.
 - f) May 2-7: Ventura, Pacific Section (Jim Clough) – nothing to report
- 2) Financial and publications update (Neil)
 - a) Neil has sent an email to Sam Limerick inquiring about the GIS products offered through AAPG as complementary. EMD is wondering how this decision was made. No reply from Limerick to date.
- 3) Website update (Frank)
 - a) Sharepoint software is still in installation mode and should be running by early November.
 - b) Shale gas and coal materials are going on the website
 - c) February 2009 Applied Geoscience Conference on mudstones will go on the website.

- d) *Action – Jenkins will check with Stefanic about a ¼ page space in the Explorer and is it OK to use this page space if HGS and EMD are cosponsors.*
- 4) Perkins and Mudrock conference updates (Frank)
- Perkins program is completed. Author coordination is next.
 - Frank has circulated the AGC mudrock brochure. On October 2 a meeting will be held with HGS for board approval. At the October 14 convention planning meeting 32 responsibilities will need to be assigned. A stretch goal has been set for \$50,000 from sponsors. The mudstone conference will be advertised in three HGS Bulletins (Nov – Dec – Jan). EMD and HGS members will get a \$50 break on the registration (\$550 versus \$600).
- 5) Outreach update (Amy)
- AGI newsletter text by Mike Campbell on uranium. Mike has contacted Amy since this teleconference.
 - Action – General presentations to be prepared for use in Washington D.C. - Amy*
- 6) Recruiting new leaders update (Andrea)
- Andrea and Bill Houston plan to meet on October 8 to discuss student activities. Andrea has also spoke with Rhonda.
 - Andrea and Laura have not spoken yet about 2009 convention regarding students.
 - Discussed recruiting at the GCAGS with the magnifiers. Andrea suggested a raffle post-conference instead of a magnifier for each student who joins.
 - Discussed mapping members to commodities. Discussed personal contact to students via email.
- 7) Councilor and committee chair outreach (Creties and Frank)
- Mid-year reports are due Oct 22 for the Nov. 6 mid-year meeting.
 - Still want to pursue a co-committee chair under age of 35.
 - Discussed lists of EMD members per commodity fields, but many people do not select a commodity when the register their membership.
 - Challenge is out to committee chairs to describe where the young people are located and to get the word out that EMD exists.
- 8) Expansion of EMD to include alternative energy--wind, solar, biofuels, etc (Creties)
- All Executive Council agree to proceed with the expansion of EMD to include alternate energy
 - Action - Jenkins to clear with the AAPG via Scott Tinker.*
 - The expansion will be announced in the fall newsletter.
 - Committee Chairs for these topics will be solicited. Possible chair for Wind might be T. Boone Pickens. Stefanic might have ideas from Explorer articles. *Action - Ambrose to contact Michelle Foss in Houston who deals with commodities for chair nomination ideas.*
- 9) Preparation for EMD mid-year meeting on Thursday November 6
- Meeting will be held at Shell's Woodcreek office at I-10 and N. Dairy Ashford starting at 10:30 in Building EPC B110 (this is the new building complex).
 - Due dates for reports: October 22
- 10) Discussion of what to do with EMD's surplus
- Ideas include:
- Student scholarships—challenge fund raiser?
 - Publications
 - Pilot projects to be initiated by the commodity chairs
 - External events (like the mudrocks conference)
 - Greater member discounts
 - EMD President's reception

The discussion remained focused on helping students. We also agreed that whatever course of action was decided we would need to explain to EMD members what the benefits would be overall for students and EMD in general. The decision was made to include this in the mid-year teleconference and include the chair for suggestions.