

Summary of EMD Leadership Teleconference Thursday January 15, 2009

Participants:

Bill Ambrose, Neil Fishman, Creties Jenkins, Norma Newby, Doug Patchen, Andrea Reynolds (returned at 4:00), Amy Sullivan, Frank Walles, Laura Wray

Discussion Items

- 1) Recap of the Mid-Year Meeting
 - a) EMD discussed with Bill whether the Coal Committee would like to use some of the fiscal balance. This was suggested since the coal committee is so active. This is an idea to build on the fiscal balance discussion from November.
 - b) EMD discussed the succession planning for the co-chairs and the co-councilors.
Action Item – Norma will craft an email for Creties. He could send this out to remind people of their agreed responsibilities.

- 2) Update on section/region meetings
 - a) Apr 26-29: Midland, Southwest Section (Mike Party, Creties)
Jenkins will do a shale gas course at this meeting.
 - b) May 2-7: Ventura, Pacific Section (Jim Clough)
Jim Clough chair and Creties to co-chair, would like to have 10 papers
 - c) Mid-continent Meeting next October
 - i) Should be for the next leadership group but we could help prepare for it.

- 3) Financial and publications update (Neil)
 - a) The interest income from the savings account is well below what we budgeted. We are still OK, but a caution note.
 - b) Hydrates volume is in progress--editors are waiting for about one-third of the authors to get their revisions in. This was sponsored with \$32,000 (\$12,000 from DOE and the rest from the Foundation).
 - c) CO2 Sequestration volume is in progress—are still waiting on revisions from 40% of the authors. We won't see the Hydrates or CO2 Sequestration volumes before the end of the fiscal year, but hopefully by the end of 2009.
 - d) Coal atlas revision is in progress. Peter Warwick is working with Alex Papp and Jim Hower on updating their sections.
 - e) Astrogeology publication (Bill) – The AAPG Astrogeology Committee and EMD are co-sponsoring the AAPG Special Publication “Energy Resources for Human Settlement in the Solar System and Earth’s Future in Space”
 - a. It is a compilation of technical papers in a comprehensive review of energy-mineral resources in the Solar System. Bill has commitment from 6 authors. The next step is to get sponsorship and an AAPG Foundation grant draft for \$10,000. Bill would like to know if EMD would support this publication. Jenkins wondered about the percentage reward. Neil thinks it can be up to 50% with a lot of sponsorship. Profit will depend if hardcopy or digital. Bill would like to have a book and he knows it would be expensive. Gretchen and Beverly said the current preference is digital. Bill is looking into estimates for a book publication cost range.

- b. *Action Item - Norma had info on various publications (Studies in Geology #51, etc) for range in prices in black and white versus color. Norma will send information. – Done on Jan. 15.*
 - c. Jenkins sees this book as potential sell to Geo Soc of London, GSA etc. Neil thinks given the DOE was interested in hydrates so maybe someone like NASA would help with Astrogeology. Bill says the Dante Loretta (U of AZ) is one of the contributors and is contacting aerospace industry for funding (Martin Lockheed).
 - d. Bill wonders if there is interest in the EMD community to see if they are interested in this publication. Bill will send Jenkins a paragraph and he will put it in the newsletter. Bill says this will be an EMD publication with the Astrogeology committee. Neil says that if the Executive Committee supports Bill he can use this as leverage for fund raising.
- 4) Coal certification poll (Bill)
- a) Creties and Bill talked at Capetown about coal certification. Did EMD want to continue to certify? The answer was “yes”. Survey will be sent out to the coal committee and members with coal as an area of interest. It is a two part survey.....AAPG has the survey now and it is ready to send it out. Mailout list is about 30 people. The entire distribution may only be 200 people. Norma will find out from Rick Fritz if we have to go through an outside source to send the survey since it is not to the entire EMD.
 - b) There was also discussion about whether to send the survey out now or at mid-year. Bill thinks it should be sent out now.
- 5) Website update (Frank)
- a) Sharepoint technology is still not up and running. Plan is to have it running in the next 30 days
 - b) Norma says there is a new way for people to register as a new EMD member online so a person would not have to print a form. Norma wants to put a link on every “member only” page that is not an EMD member. Creties also mentioned that he’d like to see a crawler with the EMD commodities.
- 6) Perkins and Mudrock conference updates (Frank)
- a) 175 attendees have signed up for the mudstones conference and the maximum attendance will be about 300. Also has \$1000 sponsorship from Hess. Frank is hoping that EMD will get \$50,000 of income from this conference.
- 7) Outreach update (Amy)
- a) Amy has reinitiated the Dear Colleague letter by contacting Michael Campbell for a uranium letter.
 - b) Next step is an educational PowerPoint initiative.
 - c) Norma will check on the poster count. Stan Pittman and Doug Patchen have been sent some in 2008, we have more and could send these
- 8) Recruiting new leaders update (Andrea)
- a) Student event at Denver Andrea met with Ronda Welch and discussed the 2009 Convention. Ideas...
 - i) Student reception: is a “big party” and the students are not really interested in anything after the awards are given.

- ii) Student Panel: held on Sunday, this is a chance for young professionals to share their experiences with students. We could give a 1-2 minute talk here and hand out additional information about EMD. *EMD Exec Committee supports this idea.*
 - iii) Student fieldtrip: EMD members could participate in the student field trip, but exposure is limited to a small number of students and takes quite a bit of time.
 - iv) Young professionals: Andrea thinks we could have an EMD booth near the student lounge (which is sponsored by Chevron) with a check-in for more info on the convention about what would be good for students. Could give away EMD lunch tickets at this booth and have them sit at tables seeded with EMD members. Could give out CD's with information about AAPG and EMD.
 - v) Student Chapter Leadership Summit – This event is not associated with the convention but would provide the chance to meet high-potential students.
- b) Co-councilor and co-committee chairs
- i) Karen Alyea, EMD part time administrative assistant, will look at who is interested in the different commodities to identify potential co-chairs and co-councilors to provide to the Chairs and Councilors to make it more easy for them to contact. Karen will look back 5 years for session chairs and also for the potential contacts.
 - ii) Andrea is still trying to get an update from Bill Houston about what students have interest in commodities. Hopefully Bill will come up with something soon.
- 9) EMD Procedures Manual – - *Norma needs to send WORD version of the manual to Andrea. Then Andrea will send her changes out to us.*
- 10) Councilor and committee chair outreach (Creties and Frank)
- a) Email from John Dolson – he is interested in European EMD related activity. He is working with Susan Nash on this.
 - b) Geospatial committee meeting – Sam Limerick is participating in a meeting with Bret Fossum and Dick Bishop in Houston shale gas geospatial data.
 - c) Shale Gas GTW—should try to plan one for Denver later this year or early next year. Participate with SPE?
- 11) Miscellaneous
- a) Explorer article on coal (Bill) – Vern Stefanic indicated they agree this article will be more of a main feature in the February Explorer.
 - b) Electronic voting for officers (Norma) –
 - c) Addition of commodity preferences to registration process (Norma) – discussed in item 4 above.
 - d) Renewable Energy Committee chair(s) – Creties working with Bill and Michael Campbell on this.
 - e) Bill to help advertise Jeff Cargil's talk. Explorer interview in the works with Jeff – hopefully for May.
- 12) Denver meeting (Laura)
- a) Laura will have written summary for us in the future when the sessions have been finalized.
 - b) EMD will sponsor 6 oral sessions, 9 poster sessions, 5 short courses, and 4 field trips
 - c) Luncheon speaker will be Jeff Kargel, University of Arizona, “Unconventional Far-Out Petroleum and Gas: Hydrocarbons from Mars to Titan and Beyond”

- d) We need additional sponsors. Laura requests that we help by picking companies to contact. Tell them we are looking for \$500 to \$1000 contributions for specific events. She will followup with an Email to the EMD leadership, session chairs, etc.