

## Minutes from the EMD Leadership Teleconference Thursday May 28, 2009

### *Participants:*

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### *Agenda Items*

- 1) Update on section/region meetings (Creties et al)
  - a) Apr 26-29: Midland, Southwest Section
    - i) Mike Party represented EMD in Midland. Will get feedback from him at the annual meeting
  - b) May 2-7: Ventura, Pacific Section
    - i) Creties and Tim Walsh chaired a well-received session on Energy Minerals of the Pacific Region
  - c) Sep 20-22: Evansville, Eastern Section
    - i) Creties will represent EMD and teach 1-day EMD sponsored short courses on CBM and shale gas
  - d) Oct 14-16: Tulsa, Midcontinent
    - i) Brian Cardott to chair Woodford session, David Newell to chair CBM/Shale session
  - e) Nov 15-18: Rio De Janiero
    - i) Email sent to EMD members inviting papers (abstract deadline extended)
    - ii) At this point, it does not appear that anyone from the EMD leadership will be attending
  - f) Apr 18-21 2010: New Orleans
    - i) Update from Art Johnson
      - (1) New Technical Chair is Brenda Reilly. Art is working with DEG to take care of overlaps in technical program. Call for Abstracts notice will go out June 29 right after the Denver meeting. So far the focus has been on oral sessions, this is now changing to a focus on poster sessions. Art feels technical sessions are in good shape and will be aligned as abstracts come in. Peter Warrick will be a co-chair for the session on coal. There is a suggestion to do a joint EMD-DEG luncheon. Creties asked Art to request that this be held on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, which may result in pushback from the DPA which traditionally has held their lunch on Tuesday.
    - g) June 2010: Durango, Rocky Mountain Section
      - i) Four Corners Geol Society participation (Laura)
        - (1) Program for Durango will include sessions on shale gas, Paradox Basin, San Juan Basin, uranium, and remote sensing. There will also be two San Juan Basin fieldtrips. There are 13 EMD members in the Rocky Mtn Section, but none have volunteered to help thus far. **Action: Laura will contact meeting chairs with Email addresses of those in EMD who could serve as session chairs**
- 2) EMD conference reports (Frank)
  - a) Houston Mudrocks Conference: Begin work on the Feb 2010 conference after Denver

- i) Harris Cander and Mike Cameron will be two of the key guys that move this forward. They are also involved in the AAPG Committee on Unconventional Reservoirs which will meet Tuesday nite in Denver. Papers on unconventional presented at the Denver meeting will be reviewed to help define the program.
  - b) Perkins conference on Unconventional Energy Resources (December 6-9)
    - i) We've been contacted by Norm Rosen
    - ii) Norm would like EMD to provide a membership list which he could use to send Emails announcing the conference and offering EMD members a discount. Doug Patchen recommends that EMD request the announcement from Norm and send it to EMD members ourselves. Norm has also asked for help with fund raising, but because there is no risk/reward for EMD, and because we need to focus on fund raising for the 2010 New Orleans and Mudstone Conferences, we are not interested in assisting with this. Norm would also like us to run an ad in the Explorer this fall.  
**Action: Creties will check with Norma on whether EMD has free space available for this and contact Norm Rosen to discuss EMD's role.**
- 3) Financial and publications updates (Neil)
- a) 2009-2010 draft budget. Need to finalize this for the Denver meeting
    - i) Neil reviewed a draft of the 2010 proposed budget. Frank moved to accept the budget and Andrea seconded the motion. Motion carried. It will now be presented for membership review at the Denver meeting.
    - ii) Creties discussed the possibility of obtaining a full time staff position in Tulsa for an EMD Director. Doug Patchen indicated that we would need to fill out the person's responsibilities to ensure it is a full time job for EMD. **Action: Creties will prepare a list of responsibilities for such a person for discussion at the annual meeting.**
  - b) Peter Warrick—Gulf Coast coal assessment volume. Costs? Proceeds to EMD?
    - i) The proposal for the coal assessment volume (authored by Peter Warrick) has been submitted to the Publications Committee of AAPG (Terry Olsen). No one has signed a letter of commitment from the USGS yet, but the USGS wants to publish through AAPG because it costs so much less than if USGS published it in-house.
    - ii) Neil has proposed a system for future publications to be vetted by the appropriate technical or commodity committee to determine whether a proposed publication is appropriate and to what extent it should be supported. **Action: we will put this on the agenda for the annual meeting and formalize an Email that will be sent to technical committee chairs**
  - c) Updates on existing volumes (Hydrates, CO2 Sequestration., Coal Atlas)
    - i) The CO2 and hydrates volumes will be out soon
  - d) Astrogeology publication (Bill)
    - i) EMD has already committed \$5000—AAPG Publications is aware of this. Bill has also written a proposal asking for \$10,000 from the Foundation for this.
  - e) Update on GSA Hydrocarbons from Shale publication
    - i) This proposed publication will be forwarded to the Shale Gas committee for consideration
- 4) Coal certification poll (Bill)
- a) Results of discussion with Brian Cardott and follow-up steps
    - i) Bill will continue to followup, he has sent an update to Rick and Rebecca and is looking forward to their response
- 5) Website update (Frank and Norma)
- a) Status of implementing DOTNETNUKE software

- i) One concern is that a monthly fee has to be paid for this service over the long-term—if you stop paying, material will be lost. Another concern is that it still hasn't been determined what this will be used for—conversations, forum, etc. In essence, no decision has been made to move forward with this type of service
  - b) Updates to the website
    - i) Janet has not made a lot of progress. She updated the EMD header for our webpage but that's about it.
  - c) Status of implementing a process where members have to indicate their commodity preferences before paying their annual dues
    - i) Still has not been implemented by IT people in Tulsa, and there no projected date to get it done
- 6) Outreach update (Amy)
  - a) Uranium Dear Colleague letter
    - i) Action: Creties to ask Michael if he'll write the letter on this
  - b) Powerpoint presentations
  - c) Distribution of remaining posters
    - i) 20 posters have been sent to Jerry Cuzella for teacher seminar.
  - d) April newsletter by Rebecca Harkins
    - i) Amy has tried to contact Rebecca Harkins twice without success
      - Action: Creties to contact Rebecca to see if she would serve as newsletter editor next year
  - e) Status of placing teleconference minutes on the website and tracking hits
    - i) Minutes are on the website and up to date. Will send April minutes now that they are finalized.
  - f) Amy has been working to put outreach materials in the public area and will continue this
- 7) Recruiting new leaders update (Andrea)
  - a) Update on student event planning in Denver
    - i) Student pairings for opening session and icebreaker—website is available for sign-up
    - ii) Raffle EMD luncheon tickets at reception
      - (1) Andrea is working on how to raffle-off these tickets
      - (2) Action: Creties to ask Norma about whether we have EMD logos to hang at the student reception
    - iii) Student panel involvement
      - (1) Now scheduled from 4-6 on Monday, Martha Lou Broussard has invited Andrea to be on the panel.
    - iv) Young professionals booth—EMD representation, need EMD \$\$ for this?
      - (1) New name has been given for this—called the student and young professional hub. There are 90 minute slots available for sign-up. Goal will be to give students a pamphlet, have them join EMD, and list their technical committee preferences on the membership form.
      - (2) Need to hang an EMD logo/banner in the kiosk
      - (3) Action: Creties will generate a membership form, send it to Andrea for comment, and subsidize student memberships
      - (4) After the convention, need to send letters to all the student members, send them a slide pack about EMD, and have technical committee chairs contact them
  - b) Identification of student leaders (working with Bill Houston)
    - (1) Will send a list of 14 individuals to us—we will need to contact them.
  - c) Leadership Weekend and Student Chapter Leadership Summit (discuss after Denver)
- 8) Interaction with the Education Committee
  - a) Results from meeting in Houston
    - i) The committee recognizes that EMD must provide technical leadership

- ii) There's a niche for us to work with sister and local societies that AAPG does not want to exploit
  - b) Geoscience Technology Workshops
    - i) Shale Gas GTW next Spring?
- 9) Councilor and committee chair outreach (Creties and Frank)
- a) Need to make calls regarding technical committee chair commitments for 2009-10
  - b) Identification of possible committee members and leaders (Norma, Karin Alyea)
- 10) Procedures Manual (Andrea)
- a) Election of all councilors—Andrea to draft the language for this
- 11) Denver meeting (Laura)
- a) Status of technical sessions, short courses, field trips
    - i) 2 Alaska core workshops have been dropped to one, otherwise everything is running
  - b) Status of luncheon—is it a sellout? Have we pulled the 20 student tickets?
    - i) 43 tickets left as of May 21 (have sold 207 or 250); 20 tickets have been pulled for students
  - c) Sponsorship update
    - i) About \$3,500 has been raised and there is the potential for \$2000 more
  - d) Article for the Explorer; Jeff Cargil interview
    - i) Explorer article not in May issue. Vern will put it in the June issue
  - e) AAPG is working on a session manual. We are 10 days away and sessions chairs, etc. have no instructions. Short course people have not been conducted by chairs. Very frustrating to Laura that our people have not been contacted.
  - f) Reservations made for dinner at nearby Brew Pub for leadership team for Saturday nite
- 12) Denver meeting (Creties)
- a) Pre-meeting for councilors and commodity chairs (Sat 1-3)
  - b) EMD annual meeting (Sat 3-6)
  - c) Meeting of Division presidents, 2008-2009 president-elects, and 2009-2010 president-elects (Mon 9-11)
  - d) "Pitches" prior to EMD sessions—list of EMD members who will attend?
  - e) Status of EMD judging—pass along list of EMD members who will attend to Doug Peters?
  - f) Bylaws changes—addition of committees, etc
  - g) Discussions with John Lorenz about EMD's future
- 13) Other Business