

## Summary of the EMD Leadership Teleconference Tuesday, September 8, 2009

**Invitees:** Neil Fishman, Creties Jenkins, Norma Newby, Andrea Reynolds, Amy Sullivan, Frank Walles, Art Johnson, Kent Bowker, Fran Hein, Michael Campbell

**Participants:** Frank Walles, Michael Campbell, Amy Sullivan, Norma Newby, Fran Hein, Art Johnson, Andrea Reynolds, Creties Jenkins, Ken Bowker

Red text indicates potential Action Item.

### **Agenda Items**

- 1) Results from the August 2009 - AAPG Leadership Conference – Major Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in the process of completion - Planning for possible 20,000+ EMD members
  - a. Bowker and Walles attended meeting
  - b. AAPG wants EMD to share all of the materials of the Members Only part of the EMD website to the greater AAPG membership
  - c. Result was positive after lengthy discussion. The discussion opened the door to the Division expertise.
  - d. MOU between the Divisions with AAPG. Rick Fritz will put out the first draft of the MOU, which is due September 15 to the EMD EC, but does not have to be approved until late September.
  - e. DPA still seems to be totally separate and focused on certification and legal aspects.
  - f. Walles advised EMD will continue to be the scientific part of the AAPG
  - g. Good support from the Education Committee
  - h. Majority of the AAPG Leadership Council do support EMD
  - i. Rick Fritz reached a better understanding of EMD with Norma Newby's input
  - j. There was lots of discussion on how to explain potential upcoming changes to the EMD Membership.
  - k. Any changes will not be in effect until the next fiscal year, yet there is a sense of urgency to sign the MOU.
  - l. **ACTION- Make sure to read the MOU when it comes back since we may have limited time to respond**
  - m. Need to increase the communication with AAPG EC to keep trust levels up.
  - n. Dave Resnick clarified to the AAPG EC that the 2009 Mudstone Conference was an HGS event. EMD was invited by HGS. Skip Rhodes and others felt EMD had not gotten the correct approvals to participate in the Conference with HGS. However, it is noted that HGS took all the risk for the conference.

2) Divisions Meetings and Future Plan for AAPG Executive Meeting - How this impacts us (Frank)

General discussion held by the EMD EC.

3) The AAPG 2010 Convention (Art Johnson) on plan

One week away from the deadline for abstracts. Out of the 8 sessions EMD has a total of 13 abstracts in two areas; exploration of shale gas and gas hydrates.

The EMD Luncheon is a joint luncheon with DEG. The speaker is from LSU, Ivor van Heerden. Mark Winter is the DEG Vice-Chair. Art and Mark working well together. Tuesday night there is a social function, sponsored by the NO Geological Society.

Art wishes special thanks to Laura Wray for her report on the Denver convention. Her learnings were very helpful.

4) 2009-2010 Business Plan (Frank) What needs to have action now! Where do we go from here - how can it be accomplished

The 2009-2010 Budget is not yet approved and may have to wait on the MOU.

a) Includes full-time person in Tulsa,  
Rick Fritz addressed this in a memo. He was enthusiastic about additional support. However, President Lorenz expressed reservations since AAPG is in a \$1MM debt.

EMD may not be in control of our own funds. The approval would be from the AAPG EC not the EMD EC. Norma clarified - EMD funds are collected through AAPG and they are put into one fund. The EMD dues are put into one account.

Until the fiscal authority is clarified EMD does not know if it controls its funds well enough to fund a full time person.

b) The need for conferences/workshops as funding source  
No minutes – wait on MOU.

c) Plan forward with other Divisions - Division funding structure options  
No minutes – wait on MOU.

5) Financial and publications updates (Kent / Fran)

a) Update on 2009-2010 budget  
Kent spent time with Brian (AAPG accountant), but won't see information from the June 2009 ACE until late September 2009.

b) Publications volumes update: Gulf Coast Coal Assessment, Hydrates, CO2 Sequestration., Coal Atlas, Astrogeology, GSA Hydrocarbons from Shale, TCU-proposed AAPG Special Pub on shale reservoirs.

Fran provided a spreadsheet that has been helpful to Kent. Kent sent it to Carrie (AAPG Publications Chair). Carrie said the Oil Sand proposal was the only thing she was not familiar with, but as Fran pointed reiterated it is only in the proposal phase. Fran sent out solicitations for articles for the Oil Sand publication and so it has not gone out to EMD or AAPG because she still does not know if there is enough interest to produce the volume.

On gas hydrates the publication date is October 2009. Everything else is on schedule. Brian Cardott sent something today on the second volume of the coal publication. \$10,000 approved by AAPG Foundation for Ambrose publication effort.

**Kent – Beverly needs to be contacted on hydrates volume.**

6) Website Update (Michael) - new look and materials needed/ thoughts on Share Point Technology for committees

Integrating cooperation themes with other divisions and introduced the Web Portal. Norma looking into logo approval since the Web Portal is new and EMD needs an interim approval – Paul Britt had some concerns and Norma will follow up. Michael will provide training to each of the Committee Chairs on the Web Portal.

7) Recruiting student leaders (Andrea) - Status of new committee and expected role

a) Identification of EMD members student leaders and under age 35  
Andrea would like an updated list from Norma since we have students that joined in Denver.

b) Status of recruiting burst work at the Denver convention (Norma/Andrea)  
Karen, Norma and Andrea discussed at AAPG leadership days. Karen said many of the students were no longer AAPG members, but now we know 50 new AAPG student members. Andrea will send invitation letters for EMD to the new student members.

c) List of 14 individuals was sent to us-we will need to contact them.  
Have the list but need to decide how to contact them.

d) Leadership Weekend and Student Chapter Leadership Summit  
Natasha Rigg and Wanda Welch have been contacted.

8) Vice President Hein on thoughts on needs  
Fran has agreed to write an EMD AAPG Explorer article

Education Committee work with Susan Nash

Waiting on feedback from the Commodities Chairs. Looking for GTW and Short Course volunteers.

9) Outreach update (Amy)

- a) Quarterly Newsletter status (Creties/Amy)
  - a. No update -
- b) AAPG Explorer Articles - Need for two articles in Explorer Magazine for the big upcoming changes of membership for the EMD and DEG
- c) Once have AAPG logo approval then can issue Newsblast website training logo

10) Councilors and Technical Committees (Frank, Creties and Michael)

Committee on Resource Evaluation – Creties Jenkins

Michael Campbell will sponsor Rick Boss and see about getting his AAPG membership approved. Then Michael will ask Norma to confirm that Rick is approved. Rick, Frank and Michael on DEG will then start to have meetings on behalf of the Renewable Energy Committee. Jenkins will contact Rick Bishop. DEG also has a candidate.

- a) Status of Technical committee chairs for 2009-2010 -  
There are new leaders from AAPG Research Committee, Denise Cox (Co-Chair Professional Women in Earth Sciences Committee)
  - November 10 Meeting
  - Open chairs being worked
  - AAPG Research Committee interaction
  - Want female representation on committees

b) Recruitment of additional councilors - three significant openings.  
Pursuing routes where we think we have good contacts.

11) Procedures Manual (Andrea/ Fran)

[ACTION- Andrea to talk with Fran about the Procedures Manual.](#)

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Candidates for 2011 Annual EMD Vice-Chair

12) Next Conference Call Proposal - Thursday October 8, 2009 3-5 PM

13) Mid Year Meeting – Tuesday November 10, 2009 10 – 4:00 PM CST

Note: Meeting now scheduled for November 12.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 CST

Amy Sullivan  
EMD Secretary 2008-2010