

EMD Monthly EMD Teleconference Minutes

January 21, 2010

Invitees:

Cretis Jenkins in London, Norma NewbyX, Andrea Reynolds0, Amy SullivaXn, Frank WallesX, Art JohnsonX, Kent BowkerX, Fran HeinX, Michael CampbellX, William Ambrose0, Brian CardottX, Mike Wiley0, Paul BasinskiX, Harris Cander0, Neil FishmanX, Jerry BoakX, Jeremy Platt X,

Agenda Items

1) Path forward as per of John Lorenz's January 5th Divisions Teleconference Call

Frank Walles provided an overview of the teleconference. A number of tasks were assigned to EMD EC. One item is to create a policy on the procedures on how to enter act with the AAPG. The proposed thematic coverage of the thematic commodity committees. The mechanics of the dues list. Member portal and signing up for divisions.

Michael Campbell feels that situation is becoming more clear and some issues are settling down.

February 12 deadline for the AAPG EC meeting.

2) The AAPG 2010 New Orleans Convention (Art Johnson) on plans and needs forward

John Grant from the Smithsonian will speak on high-resolution orbiter from Mars. Art needs from Frank what the head table looks like with the DEG. Brian suggests we have a table to set the awards on. Art gave an overview of how the sessions were going and speaker registration rate. Norma found out that the French Quarter festival is going on so hotels may be busy through Sunday.

3) The AAPG 2010 ICE Calgary Convention (Fran Hein) on plans and needs forward

Fran says there has been 4 meetings so far with the local organizing committee and 16 field trips are being planned with one being an EMD trip. Another one is a joint SEPM/EMD trip. There is a student trip to Drumheller. Three or four short courses planned and Fran will do one on oil sands. Planned core conference after the regular part of the meeting. EMD technical sessions - Neil Fishman and another person are the co-chairs on the Bakken session and are soliciting abstracts. Rick Marsh is Fran's co-chair on the oil sands session. There is a technical committee meeting tomorrow with Ross Clark the Technical Program Chair. They will discuss whether they need additional co-chairs.

4) The AAPG 2011 Convention (Paul Basinski/ Harris Cander) on plans and needs forward.

Paul said there was a January 14th meeting focusing on the themes. Linda Sternbach will be summarizing. They wanted to create a different approach and have several focus areas like Mudstones and Tight Gas and the sessions would be stacked around these themes. The plan forward is to the 11 theme titles.

5) Additional Conferences 2010 - GCAGS 2010, Hedberg Conference 2010, London Geological Society 2010, Additional SEG, AAPG, SPE Workshop

EMD is actively involved in the 2010 GCAGS. The LGS had solicitation from Steve Lombaugh but AAPG EC was not willing to have EMD involved. The Shale Gas Hedberg Conference is coordinated by Dan Jarvie Austin in October and will have several EMD members attending.

6) Financial and publications updates (Kent / Fran)

a) Update on 2009-2010 budget - monetary exposures - Income (Kent)

Kent says the final numbers are in from the 2009 ACE and all the auditing has been done. Kent needs to find out from Brian at AAPG HQ for the information. Norma has been following up on this.

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

Fran sent out the publications spreadsheet. Art has the author copies for the Memoir 89 - Hydrate.

CO2 Sequestration changed slightly and on January 10 the volume was at the printers.

For the Coal assessment for the Gulf Coast Peter Warwick is following up with the USGS.

The Atlas of Coal Geology is going to have high resolution photos.

The GIS Geospatial Database is about the same. Sam and Gretchen Gillis are looking for a VP Co-Chair.

Energy Minerals in the Solar System is actively in progress.

Oil Sands proposal has been with the AAPG Publications Committee since October 27th -but no response from AAPG.

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

Michael indicated improvements to the website continue and the commodity chairs are beginning to take hold of their particular committees and vice-chairs are being assigned. Portal activity is increasing. The Renewable Energy Committee has taken off.

Janet Brister says there is a new format coming for the AAPG website and that it will be an improvement.

The DEG has asked for help with their website. They will have different colors but it will make them a complimentary division.

8) AAPG Membership committee and AAPG committees -

a) Profiling on the member signup upon renewal - Michael has been working with the IT staff to integrate.

b) AAPG Vice Chairs path forward

9) Vice President additional thoughts on needs (Fran)

Fran mentioned she will not do any more on the By-laws until things settle down with the AAPG.

10) Outreach update (Amy)- NTR

11) Quarterly Newsletter status (Amy and Team) - Plan to have a "winter" newsletter done by the end of January.

a) AAPG Explorer Articles - April 1 Due Date - article assignment Recognized Rick Voss on October article. Frank would like to have the article focused on the EMD changes, but don't know if things will be settled. Michael says we could announce an open house for the EMD Commodities structure.

Art says he could put together a GCAGS article and mention Memoir 89 - Art will do it!!

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

a) Status of Technical committee chairs for 2009-2010 - new leaders from AAPG Research Committee, Women leaders from Denise Cox (Co-Chair Professional Women in Earth Sciences Committee)

Michael has been pushing on the committee chairs to get the mid-year reports (still). Vice-Chairs are beginning to useful as they come "on line".

Jeremy and Frank reviewed several candidates for vice-chairs for Energy and Economics.

b) Recruitment of additional councilors - two significant openings final candidates needed Australasia, Africa

Frank may discuss Africa with the AAPG Africa Councilor. Norma recommends using the region presidents since DPA and DEG are also having the same issue. Norma will get the information to Frank.

13) 2010 Initiatives and Needs

- Technical Committee restructuring
- Change management for membership count
- AAPG website format update(s)
- More timely updates with changing division scope
- 2011 AAPG Convention and appropriate EMD involvement
- Name change discussion - but AAPG EC is not comfortable with a name change.
- EMD and DEG relationship
- DEG website format for cross division consistency
- Where do Bakken or marly Eagle ford systems lie in the commodity chain (a separate committee or greater gas shale committee)
- Economic evaluation or shale gas well rates - develop our own knowledge base
- The role of geology in mining natural gas
- Aspects around wet and dry gas economics - screening targets

Next meeting will be February 25th from 3:00 - 5:00.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:59

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