

AAPG EMD Executive Committee Monthly Teleconference

Thursday 5/27/2010

10:00 AM CST

EMD Teleconference Minutes -

Invitees: EMD Executive Committee, Technical Committee Chairs / Vice Chairs, Councilors:

Role Call of Attendees: Present:

Frank Walles, President

Michael Campbell, President-Elect, & Chair, Uranium (Nuclear Minerals Committee)

Fran Hein, Vice President, Retiring Chair, Oil Sands Committee, & EMD Vice Chair ICE 2010

Kent Bowker, Treasurer

Jerry Boak– Chair, Oil Shales Committee

Richard Erdlac – Chair, Geothermal Energy Committee

Richard Bost – Co-Chair, EMD-DEG Renewable Energy Committee

Brian Cardott – Retiring Chair, Gas Shales Committee

Neil Fishman – New Chair, Gas Shales Committee

Eduardo Covarubias – Coalbed Methane (Representing the Chair)

Debra Higley – New Chair, Oil Sands Committee

Bill Ambrose – Chair, Coal Committee

Sam Limerick – Chair, GIS Committee

Doug Patchen – EMD Past President

Mike Party – Representative of the Southwestern Section

Paul Basinski – EMD Vice Chair ACE 2011

Dale Reitz – EMD Vice Chair Denver 2011 Unconventional Resources Conference

Agenda Items

- 1) New Leadership (effective July 1, 2010) of AAPG EMD as per Election (Election Closing of May 15, 2010) (**Frank and Norma**):

Stephen Testa as Energy Minerals Division President-Elect (2011/12)

Genevieve Young as Energy Minerals Division Vice President (2010/12)

Fran Hein as Energy Minerals Division Secretary (2010/12)

These candidates will be part of the EMD Executive Committee beginning July 1, 2010 along with:

**Michael Campbell, President (2010/11) and
Kent Bowker, Treasurer (2009/2011)**

A sincere congratulation was given to the candidates selected by the majority of the voting membership. Sincere thanks were offered to the candidates who did not prevail. (Art Johnson, Maria Mastalerz, and David Tabet).

A discussion was held regarding the relatively low turnout of the voting membership (~21%). Norma Newby indicated that the total AAPG voting counts were lower than previous year, including those of the DPA, DEG, and AAPG. She stated that two reminders were sent to the membership to make sure they voted. An issue was the relatively late selection of the EMD candidates.

A recommendation was made that the upcoming years EMD officer candidates (2012+) be selected by February 1, 2011 – so that additional time is made available to the voting membership to review the candidates' credentials.

2) AAPG Regions European Regions Liaison - Jeff Aldrich - along with EMD Europeans Region Councilor - Philippe Safa - Support Request (Jeff if available, Philippe if available).

Jeff Aldrich as Division Liaison for AAPG European Region (as appointed by AAPG Regions President David Cook) was brought to the attention of the EMD. His position as communication lead was offered to the full EMD Executive Committee, Chairs and Vice Chairs and EMD Councilors.

3) Progress on membership transition on Dues Statements without charge for EMD Membership (**Frank and Michael**) - The critical Link of new EMD Membership of AAPG Membership and AAPG committees -

a) Profiling on the member signup upon renewal - status with IT of Tulsa (**Michael/Norma**). Status of near implementation by AAPG IT – hope to have it working by next week (by Norma and Jeff). Final check before it is put online. This is a project we have been working on with AAPG Tulsa for a significant amount of time with Michael Campbell leading.

4) Path forward as per Division Presidents Teleconference call of May 20, 2010 - AAPG Executive Committee Recommendations (**Creties, Frank, Michael**): Discussion issues on items

- Guidelines for the Interaction of the AAPG Standing Committees and the EMD Technical Committees Meshing Document (**Cretis**)

These guidelines and meshing document have been discussed at length by the AAPG Presidents (present and elect) and have been appreciated. Question proposed by John Lorenz on thematic content – this is still not fully understood or appreciated by the EMD leadership in the area of appearances (to APPG EC and HOD) regarding EMD structure complexity and sustainability. These documents will be integrated into the proposed EMD 2010/11 Budget under final review and preparation by the EMD Treasurer.

- AAPG Division Policy and Procedures Draft Recommendation for Division Procedures (**Frank**)

Frank offered to the full EMD leadership to again review what is included in the Division Recommended Procedures document attached above. DPA and DEG were reported to have significant issues with the document requiring further discussion within these Divisions (DPA, DEG). A summary of this document within a PowerPoint slide format is included in the Walled EMD Annual Meeting report.

- Technical Committees Summary Functions and Activities in Coming Year (**Michael and Cretis**) - Also committee overlaps with AAPG Standing Committees - proposal for dissolving certain Non-Technical Commodity EMD Committees

Discussion was held regarding the dissolution/melding of the EMD GIS committee into the AAPG GIS committee as agreeable by Sam Limerick – EMD GIS Chair. Proposed the elimination of Outreach committee, as the AAPG will takeover that function, that of recruiting EMD/ AAPG membership. Discussion on need to retain a EMD Publications Committee to help support communications of potential publications (Natural Resources Journal and other needs). Kent asked to be fully kept in the loop on all publications and potential \$ contributions needed to advance these publications, as per our current and future budget.

5) The AAPG 2010 New Orleans Convention (**Art Johnson**) Final Review and Recommendations going forward for AAPG 2011 to Paul Basinski - Positives and Concerns

Art Johnson has completed a full written report with all conclusions and recommendations for future ACE EMD Vice-Chairs. These were received and reviewed by Paul Basinski. This report is available on the EMD website for further review.

6) The AAPG 2010 ICE Calgary Convention (**Fran Hein**) on plans and needs forward & Vice President additional thoughts on needs.

Fran Hein has delivered to the leadership a written report on the current status of the AAPG ICE to be held in Calgary this fall. Over 350 abstracts are now included in this ICE this year. As EMD Vice Chair she reports that registered attendees are within the

normal range of previous ICE Conventions. This report should be available on the EMD website for further review.

7) The AAPG 2011 Convention (**Paul Basinski**) on plans and needs forward.

Paul delivered a current status report on preparations for the Houston AAPG 2011. He is actively involved in final theme leadership and discussions, as is Bill Ambrose and Michael Campbell regarding *Theme 10: Energy & Environmental Horizons*. A point of interest were discussions regarding naming of Theme 5 on Shale Gas as Mudstone vs. Shale. Key individuals in discussions include Dan Jarvies, Kevin Bohacs, Keith Shanley. EMD Field Trips and Short Courses still in development with Denise Stone (AAPG Short Course Chair)

8) The AAPG 2011 Denver Unconventional Petroleum Systems Conference (June July 2011) - EMD Vice Chair of Dale Reitz working with Steve Sonnenberg, Chair Dale Reitz, EMD Vice Chair expressed his need to discuss program needs with Steve Sonnenberg – Conference Chair. He will report back next month on forward progress on this conference.

9) Additional Conferences 2010 - GCAGS 2010, Hedberg Conference 2010, London Geological Society/AAPG CO₂ Sequestration Conference

Bill Ambrose discussed his input into the GCAGS. The Coal portion is now slated to be part of the AAPG 2011 in Houston as part of *Theme 10 – Energy and Environmental Horizons*. Interest in this conference is towards Shale Gas in the Gulf Coast. Hedberg Conference abstract deadline of June 1 was communicated to the leadership – for this upcoming December, 2011 event. The EMD leadership discussed the meeting attended by the EMD Presidents at the New Orleans Convention regarding a joint AAPG/ London Geological Society CO₂ Sequestration Conference. Walles recommended input by the EMD Coal or CBM Committee into this conference in possible. DEG has expressed significant interest in this conference in its development.

10) Financial and publications updates (**Kent / Fran**)

- a) Update on 2009-2010 budget - monetary exposures - Income (**Kent**)
- b) Review and discussion of the budget (including thoughts on replacement of dues) and financial support of Fran's heavy-oil volume.

Discussions were held on the appropriate expenses and income to be included in the 2010/11 EMD Budget proposal for review by Dave Rensink and Norma for the June 28th meeting of the AAPG Executive Committee. Further discussions were to be held with Kent regarding the finalization of budget proposals – including potential items associated with the Meshing Document and the Division Policy and Procedures Document. The later document clearly indicates full AAPG leadership support of all needed Tulsa office support – which now has been eliminated from the EMD budget.

A motion was made by Kent Bowker regarding EMD financial support of \$5,000.00 towards the Oil Sands Publication being organized and put forward by Fran Hein and the AAPG Publications Committee. Motion seconded by Michael Campbell, Motion voted and carried with no noted objections. Approval established.

c) 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**)

A full updated spreadsheet was submitted by Fran Hein, EMD Vice President prior to the Teleconference call meeting. A copy is available by request to her. Richard Bost, Renewables Committee Chair, will be reviewing a potential future contribution.

11) Website Updates (**Michael**) – New AAPG Web Interface and issues.

Ongoing updates are being carried forward by many of the Technical Commodity Committee Chairs in conjunction with Michael Campbell and Janet Brister in Tulsa. The EMD website continues to improve due to the extraordinary efforts of all involved – and especially that of Michael Campbell.

12) Technical Chairs Appointments/ (**Frank**) - Leadership of Oil Sands (**Debra Higley** as New Chair) and Shale Gas (**Neil Fishman** upcoming new Chair)

Debra Higley was warmly welcomed as the new EMD Oil Sands Chair. She expressed her desire to follow in the tradition as established by Fran Hein. Fran Hein will continue as Vice-Chair, Government of this committee.

Brian Cardott expressed his desire to have Neil Fishman take over the position of Gas Shale Chair. This had been previously discussed by leadership of the EMD Executive Committee and fully supported. Brian Cardott will remain on the Gas Shales Committee as Vice-Chair, Government. We welcome Neil's advancing role in this committee.

13) Technical Chair Concerns (**Chairs to voice concerns - support needs**)

Sam Limerick discussed the advances of the AAPG GIS committee and his support of the previous conclusion to eliminate the EMD GIS committee. He stated that there was no reduction in effort to include EMD generated Digital GIS data sets. He voiced his strong continued support of all EMD materials into this expanding program. He mentioned the significant available dollars from the T Boone Pickens Grant for Data Digitization. Michael Campbell offered his continued work to review critical microfiche data for Nuclear Minerals materials. Sam offered whether EMD should change the name of the Committee to the Remote Sensing Committee. Favorable reactions. No objections. Under advisement until next month's teleconference when this matter will be considered for ratification.

14) EMD Councilors - Sections and Regions (**Councilors to voice concerns and meeting needs**)

Perry Goldstein was especially noted as a significant addition to the Technical Committees with respect to the Uranium, CBM, and Coal Resources of Australia

15) Quarterly Newsletter status (**Amy and Team**) *Amy not available to report*

- a) AAPG *Explorer* Articles - July 1 Due Date - article assignments to be discussed.

The July 1 due date article was assigned to the Oil Shale Committee – Jerry Boak, The following October 1 due date article was assigned to the Geothermal Committee – Richard Erdlac. Details of the needs to the AAPG *Explorer* were to be forwarded by Norma Newby and EMD President’s follow-up.

16) Councilors and Technical Committees (**Frank, Cretis and Michael**)

- a) Recruitment of additional councilors – two significant fillings- final candidates of: Australasia, - Perry Goldstein, Latin America- José Abelardo Sánchez Araiza, Status as per calls to Region Presidents and their additional recommendations

These two new EMD Regions Councilors were warmly welcomed by the Leadership present.

President Walles asked for additional business before the EMD General Meeting. Hearing none he asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion made by Bill Ambrose and seconded by Michael Campbell. Meeting was adjourned 10:50 AM May 27, 2010

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