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To: AAPG EMD Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Councilors, Meeting Chairs and Vice-Chairs, AAPG Representatives

Subject: AAPG EMD Executive Committee Teleconference **MINUTES**

Date & Time: 1:30 PM CDT, Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Invitees: EMD Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Councilors, Meeting Chairs and Vice-Chairs, AAPG Representatives

Teleconference AGENDA -

(Version 9/7/2010)

Agenda Items:

Meeting Brought to Order by Michael D. Campbell, EMD President (2010-2011): 12:35 MDT

Secretary to Call the Role: √ = present

Executive Committee:

- √ Michael Campbell, President
- √ Stephen Testa, President-Elect
- Genevieve Young, Vice-President
- √ Fran Hein, Secretary
- √ Kent Bowker, Treasurer
- √ Frank Walles, Immediate Past President (*ex officio*)

Commodity Committees:

- Andrew Scott, Chair, Coalbed Methane Committee (Rep. √ Edgar Covarrubias)
- √ Art Johnson, Chair, Gas Hydrates Committee
- Creties Jenkins, Chair, Gas (Tight) Sands Committee
- √ Neil Fishman, Chair, Gas Shales Committee
- Debra Higley, Chair, Oil (Tar) Sands Committee
- Jeremy Boak, Chair, Oil Shale Committee
- William Ambrose, Chair, Coal Committee
- √ Michael Campbell, Chair, Uranium (Nuclear Minerals) Committee
- √ Richard Erdlac, Chair, Geothermal Energy Committee
- Richard Bost, Chair, Renewable Energy Committee

Supporting Committees:

- Jeremy Platt, Chair, Energy Economics & Technology Committee
- Jack Pashin, Chair, Publications Committee
- Brian Cardott, Chair, Honor & Awards Committee
- √ Michael Campbell, Chair, Website Committee

EMD Councilors, Sections and Regions:

Sections:

- √ Mike Wiley, Councilor, Gulf Coast Section
- Charles Boyer, Councilor, Eastern Section
- √ David Newell, Councilor, Mid-Continent Section
- Michael Party, Councilor, Southwest Section
- Dave Tabet, Councilor, Rocky Mt. Section
- James Clough, Councilor, Pacific Section

Regions:

- √ John McCracken, Councilor, Canada Region
- Philippe Safa, European Region
- Barry Goldstein, Councilor, Asia/Pacific Region
- Jose Araiza, Councilor, Latin America Region

AAPG Meeting Vice-Chairs:

- Larry Knox, EMD Technical Chair, Houston AAPG 2011 ACE
- √ Paul Basinski, Vice-Chair, Houston AAPG 2011 ACE
- √ Harris Cander, Assistant Vice-Chair, Houston AAPG 2011 ACE
- Dale Reitz, Vice-Chair, Denver AAPG 2011 Unconventional Systems Conference

AAPG Representatives:

- √ Norma Newby, AAPG-EMD Division Manager
- Rick Fritz, AAPG Executive Director
- Sam Limerick, EMD Liaison to AAPG GIS Committee
- Jeff Aldrich, AAPG European Region Liason

Introduction

Secretary to Present Minutes of Last EMD EC Meeting

(<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/DraftMinutesEMDTeleconference14Jun10.pdf>)

Motion Call to Accept Minutes, Moved by Mr. Campbell, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, carried.

Business of the Meeting

Agenda Items:

- 1) Report on Tulsa Leadership Conference (Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bowker)

Mr. Campbell reported that the AAPG House of Delegates was quite supportive of what the EMD is doing; Dr. Sonnenberg was supportive as well. Mr. Bowker and Mr. Campbell gave thanks to Mr. Waller for all of his work over the previous year, regarding realignment of EMD with AAPG. It was pointed out that with the new 'no-dues' structure that EMD should have a higher representation an membership still at only 25% of AAPG Membership; Mr. McCracken questioned why it was not 100%. The point was made that EMD should get its

function out to the broader AAPG Membership, so that they can see the advantages of joining EMD. EMD's efforts over the last year regarding streamlining the structure, avoiding duplication with AAPG committees and communications was just what AAPG wanted; and EMD now has the full support of the AAPG EC. Ms. Newby found the Leadership Conference very productive with lots of good ideas. Dr. Wiley requested confirmation of what the support is from AAPG to EMD. Mr. Walles clarified that it is mainly with respect to budget items concerning salaries for Ms. Newby and Kim, her assistant. Dr. Wiley would like EMD to get something in writing here from AAPG formalizing this contribution.

2) Discussion on Status of EMD Budget (Mr. Bowker)

Nothing new to add regarding 4th quarter numbers, still to be finalized for the mid-year meeting. Kent asked Norma if the AAPG EMD Budget was approved; Ms. Newby thought it was, but has not seen the latest minutes of the AAPG meeting in this regard. Mr. Bowker will contact the elected Treasurer of the AAPG EC to get clarification in this regard.

3) Proposal & Seeking Approval to Dissolve Member Services Committee (Mr. Campbell)

Voting: Motion to Dissolve: Moved by Dr. Hein; Seconded by Mr. Testa. ; Carried Yes to Motion to Dissolve Committee.

Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Member of Executive Committee:
√				Mr. Testa, EMD President-Elect
		√		Ms. Young, EMD Vice President
√				Dr. Hein, EMD Secretary
√				Mr. Bowker, EMD Treasurer
√				Mr. Campbell, EMD President

4) Proposal & Seeking Approval to Change the Name of Gas Shales Committee (Mr. Fishman) (<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/FishmanNameChangeGasShalesCom.pdf>)

The Ad-hoc Informal Group to review this is headed by Mr. Fishman, and includes: Mr. Bowker, Mr. Walles, Dr. Boak, and Dr. Wiley. Mr. Fishman stated that although the term 'shale' is a misnomer in academia; it is a 'brand' to the AAPG Membership; so the ad hoc committee is not looking at this time for a name change of the Gas Shales Committee. The action item from this is to update the website messaging, to make it clear that the 'Gas Shales' Committee is more encompassing than just dealing with shales, and that it is dealing with gas hosted in mixed lithologies successions. Mr. Fishman will rewrite a description both on the Public and Members Only websites and will send this to Mr. Campbell for review and posting to the website.

5) Discussions within the Unconventional Resources Committee to Elect Chair (Mr. Testa) (<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDNewCommitteeFunctions06112010.pdf>)

Mr. Testa inquired about who to contact and lines of communication here; it is up to the committee to elect its own chair at some point. In the meantime, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Testa

will consider possible initial appointees. Mr. Campbell clarified that part of the reason for having Mr. Testa involved here is for the President-Elect to be involved at various levels of EMD to have an early training period to help transition into EMD President's role the following year.

- 6) AAPG Division Policy & Procedures Draft Recommendation for Division Procedures (Mr. Walles/Ms. Newby/Mr. Fritz)

Mr. Walles mentioned that there were concerns brought up at the last Tulsa Leadership Conference; EMD is willing to go along with the changes, although we had the impressions that other Divisions of AAPG may be not as willing.

- 7) Discussions on the Revision of the EMD ByLaws (Mr. Campbell/ Mr. Testa)
(<http://emd.aapg.org/bylaws.cfm#duties>)

Mr. Campbell has had a look at it; and passed it onto Mr. Testa, President-Elect, who has been having offline discussions, hopefully to report back in the October Teleconference Meeting, which will form part of the basis for the Mid-Year Meeting in November.

- 8) The status of the AAPG 2010 ICE Calgary Convention (Dr. Hein)
(<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/ICRReportAAPGTechCommitteeEMDJuly172010.pdf>)

Dr. Hein reported that the enrollment for AAPG 2010 ICE Calgary Convention has decreased slightly and is slightly below previous record set at the Perth, Australia meeting. The only difficulty was that a significant number of short courses and field trips had to be cancelled due to low enrollments. She was not sure if it was a timing or cost issue here, but does bring home the point of having too many listed, in that the enrollment gets 'diluted.' Conference starts on next Sunday, Sept. 12-15.

- 9) The status of the AAPG 2011 Houston Convention (Mr. Basinski)
(<http://www.aapg.org/Houston2011/CallforAbstracts.cfm>)

Mr. Basinski reported that they are going with the firm September 23 deadline, with no extensions (as in the past), and that reminder letters will be mailed out for solicitation of abstracts to the different themes. Also the Commodity Chairs should 'beat the bushes' to get submissions in on time. ACE will be held 10-13 April 2011 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX.

- 9a. Call for Papers to Commodity Committees (Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Erdlac, and Mr. Bost)

Themes to relate to actives dealing with Alternate Energy and Renewables.

Theme 10 Report:

- 1. Coal Papers – reported by Mr. Campbell that Mr. Ambrose has had good response.*

2. *Uranium & Nuclear Power Papers* – reported by Mr. Campbell a few coming in.
3. *Geothermal Energy Papers* – A number of abstracts coming in.
4. *Renewable Energy Papers* – Mr. Bost has a few abstracts; Mr. Campbell to call.

9b. Call for Short Courses (Mr. Basinski, Mr. Knox, Mr. Campbell, etc.)

1. *Alternative Energy Short Course (Preliminary):*

[http://www.ela-](http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDAAlternativeEnergySurveyShortCourse07252010.pdf)

[iet.com/EMD/EMDAAlternativeEnergySurveyShortCourse07252010.pdf](http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDAAlternativeEnergySurveyShortCourse07252010.pdf)

2. *Petrophysical Analysis of Unconventional Reserves.*

3. *Applications of Geomechanics to Unconventional Resources.*

4. *Geothermal Energy*

9c Call for Field Trips (Mr. Basinski, Mr. Knox, Mr. Campbell, etc)

1. *Hockley Salt Dome (Preliminary): EMD, HGS and DEG*

2. *Houston Shallow Growth Faults (Preliminary)*

3. *Nonconventional Mudstone Field Seminar: BP with SEPM*

10) Discussions on Supporting the Shale Hedberg Conference, Dec. 2010 (Mr. Fishman & Mr. Cardott)

Mr. Bowker said that a request came through from Dan Jarvie, Chair for Mudstones Conference, for \$3k from EMD to sponsor this Shale Hedberg Conference. Will be high profile for EMD; attendance expected to be about 135. Mr. Campbell and rest of EMD were quite enthusiastic about supporting this initiative; further discussion around how the Hedberg's commonly lead to EMD-Sponsored Special Publications.

11) Discussions on Supporting the Hedberg Geothermal Energy Conference, 2011 (Dr. Erdlac)

As above item (10), Mr. Campbell and rest of EMD were quite enthusiastic about supporting this conference. Mr. Campbell pointed out that this will dovetail very nicely with Dr. Erdlac's Short Course/ACE/Houston.

12) Publications

a. Publications Update (Mr. Bowker/Ms. Young/Mr. Pashin)

<http://emd.aapg.org/publications.cfm>

As last Teleconference Meeting; Ms. Young not present. Dr. Hein indicated that she had again sent some updates to Ms. Young from the last teleconference meeting. Mr. Bowker indicated that the outstanding tardy submission for the Shale Gas volume has come in.

(<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDSpecialPubsTracking06222010.xls>)

b. Status of Discussion on EMD being involved in AAPG Strategic plan to jointly publish (AAPG/SPE) *E&P Notes Quarterly* magazine on the Geoscience of Shale (Gas/Oil) (Ms. Newby/Mr. Fritz/Mr. Fishman/Mr. Boak)

Mr. Bowker and Mr. Campbell reports lots of interest at the AAPG Leadership Conference in Tulsa about doing this. Dave Rensik is handling it. Lots of energy behind it, and will look to EMD to support it.

13) Website Updates – Personalization of EMD Website Underway with Photos and Biographies of EC, Chairs, and Councilors. (Mr. Campbell)

Mr. Campbell said that he has had good responses to the website; good press. Mr. Campbell is working on a personalization phase for the EMD EC and Commodity and Section Chairs to be posted, including short bios and photographs. Please send these to Mr. Campbell.

13a. EMD Leadership Presentation <http://emd.aapg.org/announcements.cfm>

The EC, Chairs and Councilors have been put in the announcements page.

13b. EMD Membership Growth: <http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDJulyMembers2010.jpg>

Approval noted.

13c. EMD Promotion: <http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDJulyMembers2010.jpg>

Mr. Campbell sent out an EMD blast email as a quick update to non-EMD members re: what EMD is doing. Perhaps would like each Commodity Chair to write a short summary, and do a rotation bi-monthly for all the Commodities to get a short note out to the AAPG and EMD membership. The next one is set to be sent out Nov. 1. This is different than the EMD Newsletter to EMD Members. We would like to get a Fall Newsletter out, send items to Dr. Hein and Mr. Campbell who will forward the Newsletter content to Ms. Newby for distribution. So far Dr. Hein has not received anything here, which indicates we may want to forego the Newsletter in favor of the EMD Web-Blast e-mails to get our message out.

14) The Status of New AAPG Membership Profile System (Ms. Newby)

Ms. Newby reported the email news from EMD President to all non-EMD members had good press and nice comments, that resulted in a 'spike' on the Membership Profile System, resulting in about 50 new memberships to EMD. Mr. Campbell thanked Ms. Newby for getting the profiles up and running. Ms. Newby will continue to grow this. IT at AAPG is going to improve the observing committee and other tracking.

15) Comments/Reports Call of Commodity Committee Chairs (Mr. Campbell)

Committee Function Guidelines:

<http://www.ela-iet.com/EMD/EMDNewCommitteeFunctions06112010.pdf>

- ✓ Andrew Scott, Chair, Coalbed Methane Committee (Rep. ✓ Eduardo Covarrubias):
Mr. Covarrubias said that they are trying to get more people to submit cbm abstracts for the 2011 ACE Houston meeting deadline. University of West Virginia will be hosting a North American CBM Forum, and it may be something EMD would like to be involved with. Also Eduardo has uncertainty whether he will be able to stay on as rep.
- ✓ Art Johnson, Chair, Gas Hydrates Committee

Mr. Johnson added that the BP Deep Water Horizon Disaster has set back gas hydrates in the Gulf; and was concerned about the misinformation spread in the media that gas hydrates were a factor, and he feels that this has definitely set back gas hydrate exploration.

- Creties Jenkins, Chair, Gas (Tight) Sands Committee. Absent.
- Neil Fishman, Chair, Gas Shales Committee. No further comment.
- Debra Higley, Chair, Oil (Tar) Sands Committee. Absent.
- Jeremy Boak, Chair, Oil Shale Committee. Absent.
- William Ambrose, Chair, Coal Committee. Absent.
- Michael Campbell, Chair, Uranium (Nuclear Minerals) Committee.
Preparing 2 or 3 papers for 2011 Houston ACE, abstracts to be submitted shortly.
- Richard Erdlac, Chair, Geothermal Energy Committee. No further comment.
- Richard Bost, Chair, Renewable Energy Committee Absent.

16) Comments/Reports Call of the Supporting Committee Chairs (Mr. Campbell)

- Jeremy Platt, Chair, Energy Economics & Technology Committee.
- Jack Pashin, Chair, Publications Committee.

17) Comments/Reports Call of EMD Councilors (Mr. Campbell)

Sections:

- Mike Wiley, Councilor, Gulf Coast Section – *no comment*
- TBA, Councilor, Eastern Section
Ms. Newby said that the Eastern Section President has a couple of ideas pending a new Councilor here; he will communicate to both Ms. Newby and to Mr. Campbell.
- Clarification re: Mid-Year Meeting from Ms. Newby. Tentative meeting start at 10:00 am, with EMD Leadership from 10-12 noon; and others come on at 1:30 pm.
David Newell, Councilor, Mid-Continent Section – *no comment*
- Michael Party, Councilor, Southwest Section. Absent.
- Dave Tabet, Councilor, Rocky Mt. Section. Absent.
- James Clough, Councilor, Pacific Section. Absent.

Regions:

- John McCracken, Councilor, Canada Region – *no comment.*
- Philippe Safa, European Region. Absent.
- Barry Goldstein, Councilor, Asia/Pacific Region. Absent.
- Jose Araiza, Councilor, Latin America Region. Absent.
- Jeff Aldrich, AAPG European Region Liaison, corresponded.

18) AAPG Explorer Articles for Year (Mr. Campbell/Ms. Young)

http://emd.aapg.org/members_only/explorer/index.cfm

Schedule of EMD Articles in Explorer Issues:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Author</u>
1. February, 2010	Published-Feb	Renewable Energy	Richard Bost, Co-Chair
2. May, 2010	Published-May	Gas Hydrates	Art Johnson, Chair
3. June, 2010	Published-Jly	EMD: No Dues Required	Frank Walles and Michael Campbell

4. June, 2010	Published-Jly	Lunar Uranium Discovery	Michael Campbell and Bill Ambrose
5. July, 2010	Published-Aug	Oil Shale	Jeremy Boak
6. October 1, 2010	In Press - Nov	Geothermal Energy	Richard Erdlac, Chair
7. January 1, 2011	In Prep. - Feb	EMD President's Message	Michael Campbell, President
8. April 1, 2011	TBA - May	TBA	TBA

Mr. Campbell said that there were no changes. Mr. Campbell will also probably add something for the October 1, 2010 Explorer about the possibility for short courses on Geothermal Energy.

19) Mid-Year EMD Leadership Meeting Date and Location

November 9, 2010 (Tuesday). Five from Houston will be present physically, Location TBA. Mid-Year Report Drafts Due: September 30, 2010 (Send Drafts to Mr. Campbell).

Clarification re: Mid-Year Meeting from Norma Newby. Tentative meeting start at 10:00 am, with EMD Leadership from 10-12 noon; and others come on at 1:30 pm. November 18, 2010 at Mr. Bowker's Office.

20) Preliminary Discussions on a Possible Name Change of the EMD (Mr. Campbell), such as:

Discussions still ongoing. Mr. Fishman and Dr. Wiley suggested that we table this until the next teleconference meeting to allow for off-line discussions.

21) Call for New Business (Mr. Campbell)

Mr. Johnson brought up the point that there is a strong relationship between Astrogeology and EMD, and a strong overlap of members in each. Many crossovers, including Uranium and Thorium on the Moon; Hydrates on Mars. Art Johnson is going to have a look at the Gas Hydrates page and maybe make some modifications to give linkages to Astrogeology website postings (and vice versa). Mr. Campbell confirmed that EMD and the Astrogeology Committee have been working together over the past year on a number of publications.

20) Call for Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Mr. Campbell)

Mr. Johnson Moved to Adjourn the Meeting; Seconded by Mr. Covarrubias. Carried.

Meeting is Adjourned: Time:3:25 Central Daylight Time (CDT).

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