



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

Subject: **AAPG EMD Leadership Meeting,  
Thursday, February 28, 2013  
Web-Ex Teleconference  
Time: 12:00 -2:00 p.m. Central Time Zone**

### **EMD Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to approve Minutes (President Reynolds)**

*President Reynolds asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 29, 2012 Leadership Meeting.*

- a. Motion to approve: Bruce Handley
- b. Second: Brian Cardott

#### **I. Call to Order (President Reynolds)**

*President Reynolds called the meeting to order and thanked all for their participation in this Leadership Meeting. She mentioned that the quarterly meetings appeared to be working well.*

#### **Roll Call (Secretary Handley)**

Executive Committee: **(X = Present)**

- Andrea Reynolds, President
- Bob Trevail, Vice President
- Jeremy Boak, President Elect
- Bruce Handley, Secretary
- David Tabet, Treasurer
- Stephen Testa, Past President (ex-officio) DEG.

Commodity Committees:

- Jack Pashin, Coalbed Methane Committee
- Art Johnson, Chair, Gas Hydrates Committee
- Fran Hein, Chair, Gas (Tight) Sands Committee
- Neil Fishman, Chair, Gas Shales Committee
- Steve Schamel, Oil (Tar) Sands Committee
- Debra Higley, Chair, Oil (Tar) Sands Committee
- Jeremy Boak, Chair, Oil Shale Committee

- Bill Ambrose, Chair, Coal Committee
- Michael Campbell, Chair, Uranium (Nuclear Minerals) Committee
- Doug Peters, Deputy-Editor, Journal Natural Resources Research

Supporting Committees:

- Jeremy Platt, Chair, Energy Economics & Technology Committee
- Jack Pashin, Chair, Publications Committee
- Brian Cardott, Chair, Honor & Awards Committee
- Dale Fritz Chair, Website Committee
- Richard Erdlac, Chair, Geothermal Energy Committee

EMD Councilors, Sections and Regions:

Sections:

- Amy Sullivan, Councilor, Gulf Coast Section
- Bob Trevail, Councilor, Eastern Section
- Lisa Hunt, Councilor, Mid-Continent Section
- none, *Councilor, Southwest* Section
- Paul Morgan, Councilor, Rocky Mt. Section
- James Clough, Councilor, Pacific Section

Regions:

- John “Jock” McCracken, *Councilor, Canada Region*
- none, *European Region*
- Barry Goldstein, Councilor, Asia/Pacific Region
- Jose Araiza, *Councilor, Latin America Region*

AAPG Meeting Vice-Chairs:

- Paul Basinski, 2012 ICE Singapore
- Neil Fishman, 2012 ICE Singapore
- Doug Patchen, 2013 ACE, Pittsburgh, PA (May 19-22)
- Paul Basinski, 2013 ICE Cartagena, Colombia (Sept. 8-11)
- Neil Fishman, 2013 ICE Cartagena, Colombia (Sept. 8-11)

## II. President’s Report (President Reynolds)

*President Reynolds brought up the topic of a proposed new division within EMD called the “Petroleum Structures and Geomechanics Division” (PSGD). Approximately 200 people had been meeting informally since 1997 and these folks petitioned the AAPG Executive Committee for permission to organize this new division. The Executive Committee granted approval for the new division and final approval will be voted upon by the House of Delegates at the ACE in May. President Reynolds supports this new division and feels that it will attract a large number of new members.*

*President Reynolds mentioned that everyone should have received a copy of the HOD newsletter. Delegates have been asking for input from divisions and President Reynolds*

*submitted a full-page article for the newsletter that summarized EMD activities in the realm of publications, support of the ACE, and involvement in the Denver URTeC coming up in August. She also thanked those whose made contributions to the EMD article that appeared in the February Explorer.*

*President Reynolds also stated that the EMD Executive Committee is revisiting the Procedures Manual with work related to revising the by-laws going on in the background.*

*The EMD meeting at the Pittsburg ACE will take place on Saturday, May 18 at 3:00pm Eastern time.*

*President Reynolds requested that all reports be submitted prior to the annual meeting and that she would be sending out a format for the reports that features an executive summary up front. Mr. Steve Schamel asked when the reports were due and President Reynolds stated that they would be needed at least a week before the ACE meeting and preferably before the end of April.*

*President Reynolds mentioned that she would not be able to attend either the Pacific Section meeting in Monterrey or Southwest section meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas. The Pacific Section meeting is April 22-24 and the Southwest Section meeting is April 6-10. She asked that anyone who might be able to attend either of these meetings should contact her through email.*

*President Reynolds stated that we are currently without a 2014 EMD vice-chair for the 2014 ACE meeting and that we needed to find someone quickly.*

### **III. EMD Treasurer's Report (David Tabet)**

*Mr. Tabet referred to the fact that he had filed a report earlier this month which was a 6-month summary. He mentioned that EMD revenues for the first half of the year were \$5,698.00 and that expenses were \$23,303.00. Mr. Tabet stated that GTWs should help our revenues.*

*Mr. Tabet mentioned that the AAPG had denied our request for a dues grant since we had not included it in the budget and that next year we would be including the grant. In summary, he mentioned that we were doing better than our budget. Mr. Brian Cardott asked about the budget deadline and Ms. Newby responded that the budget was needed before the ACE meeting.*

### **IV. EMD Vice President Report (Bob Trevail)**

*President Reynolds stated that Mr. Trevail could not attend this teleconference due to a conflict and there would be no Vice President's report.*

## **V. EMD Past-President Report (Stephen Testa)**

*President Reynolds stated that Past-president Stephen Testa was also unable to participate in this teleconference and that there would be no Past-President's report.*

## **VI. Councilor's Reports, Sections and Regions**

- a.) *Paul Morgan, Councilor, Rocky Mt. Section: Mr. Morgan presented a summary of activity in the Rocky Mountain Section. He mentioned that the Colorado Geological Survey was being transferred to the Colorado School of Mines.*

## **VII. Commodity and Supporting Committees**

Commodity Committees:

- a) *Neil Fishman, Chair, Shale Gas and Liquids Committee: Mr. Fishman summarized progress made on revision of the website. President Reynolds reviewed efforts to make the EMD website more user-friendly.*
- b) *Fran Hein, Chair, Gas (Tight) Sands Committee: Ms. Hein provided a brief summary of activity in Tight Gas sands.*
- c) *Steve Schamel, Chair, Oil (Tar) Sands Committee: Mr. Schamel provided a summary of oil and tar sands activity. He observed that large reserves estimates included low grade deposits and that he was going to try to separate these from the large estimates to provide more realistic numbers.*
- d) *Jeremy Boak, Chair, Oil Shale Committee: Mr. Boak presented a detailed summary of activities related to oil shale.*
- e) *Michael Campbell, Chair, Uranium (Nuclear Minerals) Committee: Mr. Campbell provided a summary of activity in the uranium industry. He also mentioned that AAPG Memoir 101 will be released in 3-4 weeks. President Reynolds stated that it had gone to the printer's so that it would likely be available for sale at the ACE.*

*President Reynolds stated that there was currently no chair for the Education Committee and Mr. Campbell inquired if that was not one of the committees that had been dissolved. President Reynolds stated that this was one of the committees within EMD that would provide a focal point for a similar committee within AAPG.*

*President Reynolds mentioned that Mr. Jack Pashin of the Publications Committee was not present for this teleconference and provided an update on those publications that she was aware of. President Reynolds brought up the AAPG Studies in Geology Volume 64 publication relating to heavy oil. She asked Ms. Fran Hein, the editor of the publication for an update on the progress of the publication and Ms. Hein mentioned that it would likely be published in time for the ACE. President Reynolds also*

*mentioned the second edition of the coal atlas and AAPG Memoir 101. She recommended the movie "Switch", which presents an overview of all the different forms of energy and which of these will be important in the world's future energy mix.*

*Mr. Neil Fishman mentioned that in 2010 there was a Hedburg Conference on shales which EMD generously sponsored. An AAPG publication was supposed to have been produced as an outgrowth of that meeting. He asked President Reynolds if she had any information on that publication and she responded that she would follow up with Mr. Jack Pashin to inquire as to the status of this publication.*

#### **Future Meetings**

*Doug Patchen, May 2013 ACE in Pittsburg, PA: Mr. Patchen provided a summary of EMD involvement in the annual convention. He mentioned that we are currently undersubscribed for most activities, particularly the EMD luncheon. He also mentioned the need to find sponsors for the luncheon.*

*President Reynolds stated that registration is up at this point and encouraged everyone to register for the luncheon. She also stated that we need judges for the EMD sessions and encouraged people to sign up for a session.*

*Neil Fishman, Cartagena, Colombia, September 8-11, 2013: Mr. Fishman mentioned that the abstract deadline had passed with 526 abstracts submitted. Of this number, 136 were submitted to the Unconventional Theme (Theme 2).*

#### **VIII. Other Business**

- a) Doug Peters, new editor appointment for NRR: Mr. Peters was not present for the teleconference so this topic was tabled by President Reynolds for discussion during the ACE.*
- b) President Reynolds stated that she expects everyone to submit their reports and that she would be forwarding the format for the reports.*

#### **IX. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Brian Cardott

Second: Mr. Jeremy Boak at 1:20 pm, Central Time Zone