

## AAPG Affiliated Societies Committee Report

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In November 2019, we were provided a list of six (6) affiliated societies that were in danger of disaffiliation due to not having a HOD representative at ACE for 2 years in a row. Ed and I split up the list and attempted to contact the societies by email and phone. Below is a summary of those responses.

**North Dakota Geological Society** (Ed) – Russell Martin, President, responded that they will send a delegate to Houston.

**New York State Geological Society** (Ed) – Contacted through website and no response. Sent email to Dr. Michele Hluchy, Alfred University, NYSGA advisory board, and received no response.

**San Angelo Geological Society** (Ed) – Contacted through website and no response.

**Professional Geologists on Indiana** (Tom) – Board members did not respond to original email. Was able to get feedback through Kevin Strunk. They will not be sending a delegate to the 2020 ACE meeting. Without financial support from AAPG, it is too much of a burden on their small society.

**Mississippi Geological Society** (Tom) – Contacted David Hancock (past President) who passed along the information to the current board. As of February, Jimmy Sparks was reaching out to their membership to see if anyone was attending the meeting and would be willing to be their delegate.

**Association of Missouri Geologists** (Tom) – Reached out to entire board listed on their website multiple times, but received no responses.

We will continue to reach out to these societies in order to try to get them to attend the HOD meeting at the 2020 ACE meeting. If they do not participate this year, we will ask the chair of the HOD to send certified letters as laid out in the Rules and Procedures.

Ed and I are extremely grateful to the ad hoc Committee on Section and Region Representation for their work looking into the current system of representation in the HOD. While there are still items that will require further thought, such as what AAPG Affiliation would mean in the future, we think that having representation based on the sections, and actual AAPG membership, is a prudent way to go.

Respectfully Submitted,

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