

**JAMES M. HILL SR.**

MCF Energy, Ltd.  
Camarillo, California

**Academic Degrees**

1978 – M.S., Geology, San José State University, San José, California  
1973 – B.S., Geology, San José State University, San José, California  
1973 – A.A., Geology, Foothill College, Los Altos, California

**Experience**

2023–Present – Chief Executive Officer, MCF Energy Ltd., Camarillo, California  
2012–2023 – President, Calterra Energy, Camarillo, California  
2008–2012 – Vice President of Exploration, BNK Petroleum, Camarillo, California  
2005–2008 – Vice President of Exploration and Production, Bankers Petroleum Ltd., Camarillo, California  
1986 – Co-founder, CalGeo Resources, Vice President of Exploration, Ventura, California  
1977 – Exploration staff, Chevron, Geologist, Western Region, San Francisco, California  
1971–1977 – Physical Science Technician, U.S. Geological Survey

**AAPG Activities**

*Joined AAPG in 1974*

*Member DPA, EMD*

2022–Present – Delegate, House of Delegates  
2008–In Perpetuity – Member, Trustee Associates  
2022–2023, 2019, 2017–2018 – Member, DPA Board of Certification  
2018–2019 – Past President, DPA Executive Committee  
2017–2018 – President, DPA Executive Committee  
2017–2018 – Advisory Councilor, AAPG Advisory Council  
2016–2017 – President Elect, DPA Executive Committee  
2009–2012, 2003–2006 – Alternate Council Member, DPA Council  
2009–2011 – Observer, EMD Shale Gas and Liquids Committee  
2007–2015 – Member, GEODC Board of Governors  
2006–2009, 2000–2003 – Council Member, DPA Council  
2004–2006 – Chair, DPA Continuing Education Committee  
2003–2006 – Member, DPA State Licensing and Registration

**Awards and Honors**

2020 – DPA Distinguished Service Award  
2019 – DPA Past President's Award  
2004 – DPA Certificate of Merit

**Other Affiliations and Service**

1996–Present–London Geological Society  
1995–Present–Member, Houston Geological Society  
1986–Present–Member, San Joaquin Geological Society  
1986–Present–Member, Coast Geological Society

**Why I Accepted the Invitation to be a Candidate for an AAPG Office**

By James M. Hill Sr.

I have been a member of the AAPG for 51 years, becoming active in 1974.

My association with the AAPG began several years earlier when I met John Maher, a project leader working with the Division of Oil and Gas U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park. I was working my way through school, selling shoes at JCPenney, and had just finished Geology 1A. John, after buying tennis shoes, must have seen I was hooked on geology. A month later, he hired me as a technical assistant, describing core from a well in Alaska. On my first day in the office, John handed me several issues of AAPG Bulletin, showing me the papers I needed to read and understand. This was a weekly event, as John had the entire set bound and on the shelf. He stressed that I join the AAPG as a student member and start my own collection of Bulletin issues, which I still had until the Mountain Fire took them from me last year. The knowledge I gained from them was priceless, and they also gave me a feeling of being on the cutting edge of our geological sciences.

My desire to serve came from wanting to pay forward the knowledge and support that the AAPG provided during my formative years and throughout my entire career. I joined the DPA and became a council member, eventually being elected DPA President. I felt the importance of our efforts to maintain the geological sciences as a licensed and critical skill.

As a member of the GEO-DC Board of Governors, I made it my mission to fly several times per year to visit the halls of Congress to educate our congressional members as to the importance of our science and technology. I also shared with them how without a secure supply of energy, everything fails. Those trips were truly an amazing education in power and politics. I wish I could say we were 100 percent successful, but we did make some impact on policies.

I strongly believe in supporting local societies and student chapters, as therein lies our future and the hope for a continuing strong and solvent AAPG.

During my years as a member, I have seen the many changes and challenges faced by our organization. I felt the merger with the SPE was not the right path.

With the positive changes in our financial situation and the continued focus on our programs, I believe opposing the merger has proven the correct choice. The AAPG is a very diverse organization, with a global membership that continues to grow. AAPG's path should be about SCIENCE, not politics, which often cause many members to feel alienated and abandon their membership.

The changes over the last year have helped manage our programs more efficiently and have supported our mission. Outsourcing, strategic alliances, technology, and innovation will help maintain AAPG's independence and ensure we meet the core needs of our members. I am honored to be asked to serve.