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S&P Global
Katy, Texas

Academic Degrees

2010 – PhD, Philosophy, Geochemistry, and Paleoclimatology,
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
2009 – M.S., Geochemistry and Paleoclimatology, The
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
2003 – B.S., Sedimentology, Fluvial Dynamics, and
Geomorphology, Universidad Nacional de Colombia,
Bogotá, Colombia

Experience

2025–Present – Senior Principal Analyst, S&P Global,
Houston, Texas
2022–Present – Data Transformation Principal, S&P
Global,
Houston Texas
2010–2021 – Geologist, BP, Houston, Texas and Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma

AAPG Activities

Joined AAPG in 2000
Member EMD
2023 – Alternate, House of Delegates
2008–2009 – President, The University of Alabama Student
Chapter

Other Affiliations and Service

2023–Present – Member, Houston Geological Society

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

By Miguel F. Etayo

I accepted the invitation to be a candidate for AAPG Treasurer because I care about the present and future of AAPG. How much one cares about a cause or ideal shows in how much time and effort they invest toward the realization of it.

Through the years, I have seen how AAPG has gone through good and dire times; however, I had limited awareness of how leadership kept our organization going. In recent years, I got involved with the House of Delegates (HOD) as an alternate member, and my understanding of the association and its daily affairs grew exponentially. My desire is to keep AAPG strong and contribute to its financial success for many years to come.

AAPG has endured some years in which the financial results have not been optimal, and many changes have been adopted in order to keep our association going. Reduced membership related to a decreasing number of professionals employed by energy companies was a main driver in the association's financial challenges.

The AAPG was reflecting what its members were going through. Like many members of our association, I was affected by lay-offs and paying my membership suddenly became harder to do. This was not the first time for me, though. As a young geology student in Colombia, paying a student membership was not cheap, so I understand the financial commitment our international members engage in. Despite my personal financial constraints, I always thought paying my dues was a good idea. As a consequence of this thinking, I have been a member for 25 years, and I consider the money spent with AAPG to be a great investment.

I understand all of us may have multiple options for where to spend our money and choosing to pay our AAPG dues may not have been the first thing on our minds. Nevertheless, continual support of AAPG is critical to the advancement of petroleum geology and related subjects. AAPG conferences and publications are ways we can share our knowledge and test our ideas. As your Treasurer, I want to contribute to keeping AAPG's financial situation in optimal conditions. Transparency and efficiency will be my guiding philosophies, and I promise to fulfill the duties of AAPG Treasurer to the best of my abilities. I want to keep our hard-earned money well-managed and profitable.

Finally, I want to thank the members that nominated me for Treasurer. I want to represent them and all members of AAPG faithfully and honorably. I was not thinking about running for office, but I have been always willing to serve my fellow members if asked. Because of my desire to be helpful to my peers, I was appointed President for The University of Alabama AAPG student chapter, and I became an alternate member of the House of Delegates (HOD). Due to my previous service with AAPG, I understand the time commitment and the responsibility that will be granted on me if elected. For that reason, I want to assure all members of AAPG that your trust in me will be justified.