The AAPG HoD Annual Meeting will be held on April 22 in Long Beach and we will receive updates from AAPG leadership, conduct 2011-12 business and elect new officers. I want to thank all of you for willingness to serve as Delegates, particularly those of you who have been serving as House Committee members and especially those serving as Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

Please prepare for the meeting by reading all the material you receive from AAPG Headquarters in the next few weeks. Talk with the AAPG members you represent and bring questions and comments to Long Beach! Remember to set your alarm clocks the evening of the April 21 so we can start on time! Finally, please go back to your November issue of the AAPG Explorer and reread President Paul Weimer’s column. (http://www.aapg.org/explorer/2011/11nov/president1111.cfm) Come to Long Beach ready to discuss some of the challenges Paul describes as we move our global association into the 21st century from its origin as the Southwest Association of Petroleum Geologists!

To start some discussion, let me say I believe AAPG members are influenced by two primary factors that motivate joining and participating in the association:

• Access to cutting edge scientific information, training and ideas
• Fellowship and networking with colleagues.

My personal experience along these lines in 2011-12 was highlighted by the opportunity to attend ICE in Milan and, among many other unique experiences, hear a lecture by Dr. Emiliano Mutti on turbidites. That was one of the most entertaining and interesting lectures ever!

Another unforgettable experience has been the chance to meet and bond with so many fellow geoscientists, Executive Committee members and the House Leadership team at the numerous Section meetings, breakfasts and other AAPG events.

Good things are happening at AAPG!
If you were able to attend NAPE in Houston last month, you may have noticed the quantum leap in the footprint of the AAPG International Pavilion, which now holds its own events and program two days prior to NAPE and occupies a significant part of the exhibit floor. This was done in a new spirit of cooperation with the AAPL and enhances AAPG’s presence at NAPE.

Another major development was the announcement in February of the joint AAPG, SPE and SEG initiative, URTeC, scheduled for August 2013:

**Unconventional Resources Technology Conference — a new event from SPE, AAPG and SEG**
In my view, developing and creating new events like these are not only positive as new business ventures, but epitomize bold new initiatives and cooperation with sister professional organizations on a global scale. These developments serve as recruiting tools and hit squarely on why we join AAPG and find membership “indispensable.”

**Other initiatives are underway**
On a less enthusiastic note, as of February, Active Member count in AAPG is down slightly in absolute numbers for the second consecutive year. Despite low natural gas prices, the revolution of unconventional technology, increasing enrollment in university geoscience departments and high oil prices, might lead one to expect growth, not decline.

We need to get our message out. We need to recruit and embrace all qualified individuals as new members and make joining AAPG a welcoming process. We need to take to heart our strategic plan’s “Big Audacious Goal” of becoming indispensable to all professionals in the energy-related geosciences worldwide.

AAPG must continue its “change process” to be more “inclusive,” instead of focusing on “exclusion,” if we are to achieve our strategic goals.

Thanks to all Delegates for their hard work in 2011-12, especially those who have volunteered to serve on committees. We have made progress, but there is much to do!
AAPG HOUSE OF DElegates’ MEETING
Sunday, April 22, 2012, 7:00 a.m.
Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel
Regency Ballroom ABC

AGENDA
Presiding
• Jeff Lund, Chair
• Randy Ray, Chair-Elect
• David Cook, Secretary/Editor

1. Delegate Registration and Continental Breakfast Begins at 7:00 a.m.
2. Call to order at 8:00 a.m., Jeff Lund, Chair

Introductions
3. AAPG Past Presidents
4. Past Chairs of the House of Delegates
5. Honorary Members of the House
6. Officers of the House of Delegates
7. Mary Bahde, Parliamentarian
8. House Committee Chairs and Members
9. AAPG Executive Committee
10. AAPG Officer Candidates
11. House of Delegates Officer Candidates
12. AAPG Headquarters Staff

Presentation of AAPG Officer Candidates for President-Elect
13. Don Clarke
14. Lee Krystinik

Reports
15. 2012 Convention General Chairman, Kay Pitts
16. AAPG President, Paul Weimer
17. AAPG Executive Director, David Curtiss

Association, Foundation and Division Reports
18. AAPG Treasurer, Jim McGhay
19. AAPG Publications, Stephen Laubach, Editor
20. AAPG Foundation, William Fisher, Chairman of Trustees
21. Energy Minerals Division, Stephen Testa, President
22. Division of Environmental Geosciences, Doug Peters, President
23. Division of Professional Affairs, Martin Hewitt, President

House Committee Reports and Legislation
24. Report of Credentials Committee, David Dolph, Chair
25. Approval of Agenda, Jeff Lund, Chair
26. Report of the Minutes Approval Committee, David Cook, Chair
27. Report of Honors and Awards Committee, Laura Zahm, Chair
   • Recognition of Service Award – Jeff Lund and David Cook
   • House Long Service Award – Ed Dolly and Clint Moore
   • Distinguished Member of the House – George Eynon, Jeannie Fisher Mallick and Vlasta Dvorakova
   • Honorary Member of the House – Larry Jones
28. Report of Rules and Procedures Committee, Sandi Barber, Chair
   (Note: Amendments to the HoD Rules and Procedures require approval of a majority of the Delegates present and voting.)
29. Report of Constitution and Bylaws Committee, David Entzminger, Chair
   (Note: An AAPG Bylaws amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Delegates present and voting.)

Proposed amendments to the AAPG Bylaws:
• Article V, Section 3, of the AAPG Bylaws to provide for recommendations by the Advisory Council to the Executive Committee which involve long-range planning and possible amendments to the AAPG Constitution and/or Bylaws to also be forwarded to the Chair of the House of Delegates for submission to the members of the House of Delegates for their review and comment to the Executive Committee.
• Article I, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, and Article XIII, Sections 2 and 3, of the AAPG Bylaws to provide for the term “Active Members” to be replaced by the term “Members” and to provide for the term “Members” to include those Members designated as Emeritus Members and/or Honorary Members.
30. Report of Nominations and Election Committee, Sigrunn Johnsen, Chair
   • Presentation of House Officer Candidates
   • Chair-Elect – Steve Goolsby and Larry Wickstrom
   • Secretary/Editor – Karen Glaser and John Gilbert
   • Voting for New House Officers
31. Report of Resolutions Committee, Dennis Moore, Chair
32. Report of Newsletter Committee, David Cook, Chair

Additional Business
33. New Business, Jeff Lund
34. Recognition of Randy Ray as Incoming Chair, Jeff Lund
35. Results of Election of Officers, Sigrunn Johnsen
36. Adjournment, Jeff Lund
With only a month left before the meeting in Long Beach, I look forward to a busy and productive HoD meeting. Most of the focus will be on Membership Simplification—a simple process that is taking the delegates several years to debate, refine and establish in final form. We may not be there yet!

We will be moving forward to vote on a membership simplification amendment which has been supported by the Executive Committee; however, there will also be time for discussion about another amendment which has been supported by the Executive Committee; in final form. We may not be there yet!

The committee voted unanimously to bring the Membership Simplification Amendment to the floor of the House for vote at the Annual Meeting in April:

1. Membership Simplification Amendment (EC Resolution)
2. Strategic Plan Amendment (C&BLC Resolution)

Items Reviewed by the C&BLC

The first issue the C&BLC reviewed was the Campaign Policies for Regions. We found there were no policies for the Regions and recommended that the EC apply the same policies that exist for the AAPG officer elections to the Regions.

We were asked to look at a Sponsor/Endorser Clarification Amendment that “Endorsers shall have personal knowledge of the applicant’s experience and ethical background for a total time period of not less than three (3) months.” The committee voted not to proceed with this amendment.

The EC asked us to review Article II Section 15 as they were having difficulties finding qualified Active Members to stand for office. There was a question whether the list of members who cannot be nominated for office (the list in Section 14) was too restrictive? The committee felt the current Bylaws were appropriate, however the six-year time commitment for presidential candidates may be the major obstacle to recruiting candidates. The committee suggests consideration of a reduction to the three-year Advisory Council obligation for past presidents.

The committee voted unanimously to bring the Strategic Plan Amendment to the floor of the House for vote. This amendment would have “any recommendations to the Executive Committee is to have full discourse among the delegates to help confirm the path ahead. At the conclusion of the discussions, delegates will be asked to vote yes or no for the amendment.

Other topics will include the Strategic Plan Amendment, which will require that any long-range planning recommendations that might involve Constitution and/or Bylaw changes must be reviewed by the House of Delegates. This is an important procedure that will make sure the members of the House are allowed full review and comment to the Executive Committee as it deliberates on AAPG’s future.

A full agenda requires delegates to come to the meeting fully prepared and alert to follow Robert’s Rules of Order as the process unfolds. The activity will be orchestrated for efficiency by Chairman Jeff Lund and we will progress as only the House can do it!

Please take time to read and assess the membership proposals in this Delegates’ Voice. As you do so, also think of streamlining the membership definitions and procedures so that it helps, not hinders, AAPG’s transition to the future.

Arrive early, have some coffee and doughnuts, and we will get to work.

See you there!

Committees
Constitution and Bylaws Committee (C&BLC)

David Entzminger
Chair

I would like to begin by acknowledging the C&BLC members that served this year: Steve Goolsby, Vice Chair; Edie Allison, John Brooks, John Hogg, Clint Moore and Terry O’Hare.

We have two amendments to bring to the floor of the house for vote at the Annual Meeting in April:

1. Membership Simplification Amendment (EC Resolution)
2. Strategic Plan Amendment (C&BLC Resolution)

Amendments presented for Vote (see AAPG website for details):

I) Membership Simplification Amendment—A proposed amendment to Article 1, Sec 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 Article XIII, Sec 2 and 3, of the AAPG Bylaws—
1. Remove the term “Active” from “Active Member”
2. Make “Emeritus” and “Honorary” member classes special designations of “Member” instead of separate classes

II) Strategic Plan Amendment—A proposed amendment to Article V, Section 3, of the AAPG Bylaws—
“Recommendations to the Executive Committee which involve long-range planning and possible amendments to the Association Constitution and/or Bylaws shall also be forwarded to the Chair of the House of Delegates for submission to the members of the House of Delegates for their review and comment to the Executive Committee.”

This amendment would go into force only when the Advisory Council makes recommendations in the Strategic Plan to the Executive Committee on matters that may involve Constitution and/or Bylaw changes.

Membership Proposals Forum:

We had hoped by providing a forum on the AAPG Delegates’ Voice website that delegates and members would discuss, inform and provide insights to what is important to the membership prior to the annual meeting. We had only five comments and they are summarized below:

Membership Simplification Amendment—there were several comments to the effect that the simplification proposal is clear, concise, neat, tidy and simple. There were mixed comments moving the Emeritus and Honorary to a designation under Active membership.

Membership Class Solution Proposal—the Basic classification is a step forward to identifying the people we should encourage to be Active.

Several comments mentioned how disappointed they were that neither proposal addresses the geologic degreed and qualified “Associate” member problem. This is an issue that has been around too long and needs to be tackled. Why is Active Membership not worth a little time filling out the paperwork and getting sponsors?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
1) How do amendments come to the floor of the House for vote?
   a) Resolution by the Executive Committee
   b) Resolution by a special constitutional committee (C&BLC) appointed by the President
   c) Resolution of the House of Delegates
   d) A proposal in writing signed by any fifty (50) members of the Association.
2) What amendments will be voted upon at the Annual meeting in 2012?
   a) Membership Simplification Amendment
   b) Long-Range Planning Amendment
3) Why are we having a discussion on two membership proposals at the 2012 Annual meeting?

The C&BLC unanimously recommended to the HoD Leadership that both the Membership Simplification and Membership Class Solution proposals be discussed by the delegates with the input used to craft an amendment for vote in 2013. The HoD Leadership is allowing for the presentation and discussion of these options compared to the current Bylaws so that the delegates can make an informed vote.
4) How do these membership proposals (Simplification or Class Solution) address the numerous Associate members that qualify to be Active members but have not
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Honorary Member of the House Award — presented “in recognition of a record of consistent, dedicated, and exemplary service to the HoD through committee work and officer service.”
- Larry L. Jones, Gulf Coast Region (Houston Geological Society)

Distinguished Member of the House Award — presented “in recognition of the unique or exemplary service to the House through committee work.”
- Larry L. Jones, Gulf Coast Region (Houston Geological Society)
- George Eynon, Canada Region (Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists)
- Jeannie Fisher Mallick, Gulf Coast Region (Houston Geological Society)
- Vlastimila Dvorakova, European Region (Czech Geological Society)

House Long Service Award — presented “in recognition of persons who have served as Delegates for a minimum of four terms and have, in addition, taken an active role in the affairs of the House.”
- Edward D. Dolly, Rocky Mountain Region (Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists)
- Dwight “Clint” Moore, Gulf Coast Region (Houston Geological Society)

House Recognition of Service Award — presented to the outgoing Chair of the House of Delegates and Secretary/Editor at the end of their term of office.
- Jeffrey W. Lund, Gulf Coast Region (Houston Geological Society)
- David R. Cook, European Region

Certificates of Service — The following Delegate will receive a 15-year Certificate of Service
- Michael Duane Allison, Ardmore Geological Society
The following Delegates will receive a 9-year Certificate of Service
- Edith C. Allison, Geological Society of Washington, D.C.
- Steven Andrew Earle, Houston Geological Society
- John L. Forman, Ohio Geological Society
- Patrick James Gooding, Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists
- Jeffrey Alan Jones, Abilene Geological Society
- Larry Craig Knauer, San Joaquin Geological Society
- Michael D. Kuykendall, Tulsa Geological Society
- Craig Wayne Reynolds, North Texas Geological Society
- Lawrence H. Wickstrom, Ohio Geological Society

Honorary Members of the House

Larry L. Jones

Citation: To Larry L. Jones: A true gentleman whose life and geology reflect the best traditions of our industry and AAPG and whose scientific endeavors have answered the call for disciplined exploration and development in many different venues, justifying the respect of colleagues and customers.

It has been a long time since a student at the University of Nebraska graduated prepared to make a meaningful entry into exploration geology as much as he was prepared to make a difference in a Nebraska football game. In 1958, one such gentleman did just that. From that point in his life Larry Jones has been and continues to be an example of integrity, sincere,
America and Colombia. Spartan has conducted International Operations with and for Placid Oil, Seneca Resources, Howell Petroleum, Prairie Producing, Gulfport/Jaguar and Esso. Spartan is presently engaged in prospect and 3-D project generation, consulting for three independent clients and providing geosciences, expert testimony.

Larry has been and continues to be very active in AAPG, SIPES, and the Houston Geological Society. He has served on the AAPG Executive Committee, various AAPG Membership Committees, DPA Council, the DPA By-laws Committee, the Advisory Council, and as an Academic Liaison. He is a Trustees Associate Member of the AAPG Foundation.

Honorary Member of the House of Delegates is the highest award of the House presented in recognition of a record of consistent, dedicated, and exemplary service to the House of Delegates through committee work and officer service. Larry has been an extremely responsible delegate for many years to the House of Delegates from Houston. He has been a member and chair of numerous HoD, standing and ad hoc Committees and served as Chairman, HoD from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. It was during Larry’s terms as Chair-elect and Chair that the issues of broadening AAPG’s international leadership representation and graduated dues were brought to the table. Larry played a key role in creating the Vice-President, Regions position. It was through his outstanding leadership that the members of AAPG came to know, understand, appreciate, and support the importance of graduated dues to both the domestic and international members of AAPG.

Prior to his selection as Honorary Member, Larry Jones was selected for and received the AAPG Distinguished Service Award, the House Recognition of Service Award, and the Nine-Year Certificate of Service Award. Recently Larry was asked, and he graciously accepted, a role providing counsel and advice to me as HoD Chair on the appropriateness and necessity of legislation being debated prior to coming to the floor.

In my 42 years of membership in AAPG I have met many outstanding professors, and practitioners of the geosciences and many who have labored tirelessly to help fulfill the mission of AAPG. Among these exceptional ladies and gentlemen, Larry Jones stands tall. His ethics, sense of tradition and belief in the young geoscientists of today and tomorrow are admirable and enviable. As he continues to mentor, we would all do well to listen.

—David H. Hawk

### Distinguished Member of the House

**George Eyon**

**Citation:** To George Eyon, for his distinguished and unselfish service to AAPG, his unmitigated contributions to the geological community, and for his impeccable and professional integrity.

George grew up in northwest London and developed a love of the outdoors from his years in Scouting. He spent his weekends cycling, hiking, camping and hostelling in the Chiltern Hills, the Essex and Sussex coasts, Wales, the Lake District, Devon, and the Yorkshire and Derbyshire dales. He saw most of the geological details he had missed the first time around. George read geology and geography at the University of London to fill in the many details he had missed the first time around.

George taught high school in London after earning his B.Sc. and then undertook graduate studies at McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario. Armed with his M.Sc. he had to choose between doing a Ph.D. at Oxford with Harold Reading and being paid by Amoco in Calgary.

He certainly made the right choice! Within a few months of arriving in Calgary George married Joyce Patricia Lord, an innovative school teacher, who has kept him grounded for the past 39 years. They have two lovely daughters, Tinian and Tamsyn.

George is currently a Board Member with the Energy Resources Conservation Board, of which he was appointed in early 2008. The ERCB is the oil and gas regulator, overseeing the development of Alberta’s hydrocarbon resources: ensuring public safety, and balancing the need for protecting the environment, resource conservation, orderly development, and technical innovation. George is the Chair of the ERCB Regulatory Committee, sits on the Governance Committee, and is Board liaison for several staff regulatory development teams. In the Board’s role he sits as a public hearing panel member, thus adjudicating oil and gas applications disputes. Another significant part of his role is advocating for appropriate regulation of the upstream oil & gas across North America and Europe, consulting with foreign delegations.

George notes that he could not perform as a regulator effectively without the whole gamut of experience from his career and volunteering with his professional associations.

Prior to the ERCB, George was with the Canadian Energy Research Institute — an energy economics think tank — and before that he provided consulting services worldwide to the oil & gas sector, governments, and financial community through GEOS Consulting, Ziff Energy, and Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

For the first 20-plus years of his career George worked in upstream oil & gas in increasingly senior technical, managerial and executive positions with a number of companies.

In the early ‘90s he completed an “MBA-in-a-semester” — the MIT Sloan School Senior Executive Program — a 24/7 thirteen-week development program that helped recharge and reshape his career.

George believes that geology has given him so much that it has been easy to give back to his professional associations and community. (He readily admits that he is only trying to keep up with Joyce in all her activities). Besides AAPG, George is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), and Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, and has held senior positions in all three.

George remembers his first significant involvement with AAPG extremely well: he was the General Chair of the 1992 annual convention in Calgary.

Since that time he has volunteered countless hours serving on various AAPG and House committees: Conventions, International Liaison, Executive, Advisory Council, International Representation, Constitution & Bylaws Amendment Procedure, Honors & Awards, Nominations, Constitution & Bylaws, and he was Chair of the AAPG House of Delegates in 2004. George was awarded AAPG Honorary Lifetime Membership in 2008.

George’s hobbies include reading, music, bike riding, golf and painting. He is an accomplished watercolorist and is an Associate of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colours.

Anything he has accomplished in his career and life he attributes to a handful of truly amazing people he has been privileged to work with and learn from: Roger Walker, Richard Hardman, Clay Riddell, Doc Seaman and Dan Yergin… but mostly Joyce.

—Terry L. Hollrah
Distinguished Member of the House

\textbf{Jeannie Fisher Mallick}

Citation: For outstanding contributions as Delegate, Foreman of the Houston Delegation, and Secretary/Editor AAPG House of Delegates; her creative, organized, and intelligent service “raised the bar.”

A licensed Texas geologist, Jeannie Fisher Mallick has 30 years’ experience in geological and geophysical exploration and development. She is a geoscience consultant specializing in workstation interpretation and integration of well data, seismic and production data, to identify new reservoirs in the domestic U.S. and international arenas.

Jeannie was inspired to become a geoscientist by her father, Dr. James Harold Fisher, Ph.D. Dr. Fisher taught geology at the University of Illinois, the University of Nebraska (where she was born, in Lincoln), and was her professor at Michigan State University. She often said being her father’s student ensured she received lectures both at home and school. She accompanied her father on field trips as a child, where she learned to love collecting rocks, loading as many as she could carry into her white cotton collector’s bag. This pastime continues to fascinate, although now she is more selective about what to keep.

Currently, she works as a consultant in Houston, focusing on South Texas. Jeannie received an M.S. and B.S. in geology (1981 and 1979) from Michigan State University, and a B.S. in botany (1978) from the University of Michigan. She began her career in the oil industry in 1979 with Hunt Energy in Michigan. Moving to Texas in 1980, Jeannie began Gulf Coast exploration for Tenneco Oil Company. She continued her career with other companies, including Texas Gas Exploration, CSX Oil & Gas, Total Minatome, Pogo Producing Company, Pohlman & Associates, CAEX Services, Petrohawk Energy, and Milagro Exploration.

She joined AAPG as a student, and upgraded her membership to full Active status in 1983. Joining the Houston House of Delegates in 1989, Jeannie became its foreman in 2002–2003, and served on the House Honors & Awards committee from 2000–2006, during the last two years as its Chair. She was very proud to have been elected 2006–2007 Secretary/Editor of the House of Delegates. Jeannie served the GCAGS as Short Course Chair for the annual convention in 2000, and was the Nominations & Awards Chair for 2005–2008. She is a DPA Certified Petroleum Geologist #5871.

Active in the Houston Geological Society, she served on the HGS Board as Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and Secretary. Her other activities include the SIPES organization, where she has served the local Houston Chapter as Secretary/Editor, Continuing Education Chair, and Membership Chairman. She has worked on their Active Deal Buyer’s List and designed and distributed the Houston Chapter membership directory in 2006 and 2008.

Jeannie is also a member of the AIPG, CPG #7540, the New Orleans Geological Society, the South Texas Geological Society, the Geophysical Society of Houston and the SEG.

— James H. Fisher

Distinguished Member of the House

\textbf{Vlastimila Dvorakova}

Citation: To Vlastimila Dvorakova — to recognize her contribution through her HoD membership to the emergence of the European Region and globalization of the AAPG.

Vlastimila Dvorakova was born in 1960 and raised in Bzenec, a small town first mentioned in 1015 A.D. in Moravia, a region with natural beauties and tumultuous history, in the South Eastern part of Czech Republic. She graduated (M.Sc.) in 1984 from the Charles University Prague in Applied Geophysics.

As a dedicated research geophysicist she has been working on projects applying seismic methods to deal with geological issues such as reservoir and underground gas storage modelling and, above all, the philosophy of geology, and structural and tectonic interpretation. She started an international career in early 90's (in Libya, USA, Canada and France) and is now currently with the Czech Geological Survey.

Joining AAPG in 1996, the first phase of her activity culminated in 2004 serving the position General Vice Chair of AAPG European Region Conference held in Prague in October 2004, the first one of the European Region (ER) and the first one in Central/Eastern Europe. The conference was a great success contributing to the rise of the ER.

The second phase of her AAPG career started in 2006. She became a member of Organizing Committee of AAPG and AAPG ER Energy Conference & Exhibition in Athens, 2007 (Technical Programme, Short Course Chair). In 2011 she took the position of Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair and Technical Program Theme VI Leader for ICE Milan. With the two terms in the HoD and one term as Co-Team Leader PROWESS Awards and Nomination Committee, she has documented her competency and vision to work on Association scale.

Her leadership in the European Region as Secretary/Treasurer (2006–2009), President-Elect (2009–2011) and President (2011–2013), last but not least as a permanent host of the IBA European Qualifications in Prague (2008–), has generated a deep imprint in the history of the AAPG in general and that of the European Region in particular.

Those who have known and worked with Vlastimila admire the great enthusiasm with which she accepts responsibility and discharges work assignments at a high professional standard and a timely basis, earning a reputation to be able to combine hard work with emotional approach. This is why she has a capability for recognizing talented and dedicated people to work in a worldwide, open community of professionals like the AAPG.

— István Bérczi
House Long Service Award

Edward D. Dolly

Edward D. Dolly, petroleum geologist and explorationist, has been a member of AAPG since 1965. Ed has served at varying times as member or chair of twelve committees. He is currently Chairman of the 100th Anniversary of AAPG Committee, preparing for AAPG’s centennial celebration in 2017.

Ed has represented the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists in the House of Delegates for 30 years. He served as Chairman-Elect and Chairman of the HoD, represented the HoD on the Executive Committee, and has been both HoD representative and Rocky Mountain Section representative to the Advisory Council. His many contributions were recognized by the association with the Distinguished Service to AAPG, Honorary Member of AAPG, and Honorary Member of the House of Delegates.

Ed grew up in Illinois, but has spent most of his adult life in Colorado.

House Long Service Award

Dwight “Clint” Moore

Dwight “Clint” Moore has dedicated many hours of time and energy to the House of Delegates during his 20-plus years of “Long Service” as a delegate. Clint holds degrees in both geology and business from Southern Methodist University, and has held positions of increasing responsibility during a 30-plus-year career at Diamond Shamrock, Anadarko Petroleum, Murphy Oil, and now as Vice-President – Corporate Development at ION Geophysical.

Over the last 20 years, few other members have had more impact on our AAPG Bylaws than Clint, as he worked on improving their clarity and fairness. His HoD achievements span over two decades, whether during his six years of service on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee (C&BLC), multiple times on the Credentials Committee, writing articles for the Delegates’ Voice, or simply answering the calls from past HoD Chairs for guidance and understanding of the C&BLC. Few members in AAPG understand the intent, workings, and complexities of our C&BLC as well as Clint. His many contributions to the HoD were first recognized by the HoD with its Distinguished Member of the House Award (2001), followed recently with past HoD Chair David Hawk recognizing him for a special award from the Chair for his valued counsel during his term.

In the late 1990s, as one of the four members of the HoD’s historic ad hoc International Representation Committee, Clint helped forge our region-section governance structure as it exists today. As Chairman of the C&BLC, Clint led the way for more fairness and openness in our nominations and governance processes, with several bylaw amendments to do just that.

In recent years on the C&BLC, Clint has written additional bylaw amendments to provide clearer guidance to many of the processes and governance of AAPG. His consistent calls for clarity, transparency, and fairness in AAPG, as guided by our bylaws, has made AAPG a more representative and honorable organization.

In addition to being a current C&BLC member (2008–2012), Clint also serves AAPG as Investment Committee Chairman, Career Services Committee Vice-Chairman, and is a past AAPG Treasurer (2004–2006). He also served as Career Services Committee Chairman (2008–2009), as Audit Review Committee Chairman (2005–2006), as a member of the AAPG Advisory Council (1999–2002), as DPA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman (1995–2000), as President of the Houston Geological Society (1994–1995), and as a 23-year HoD member from HGS.

AAPG’s final Constitutional purpose is “to advance the professional well-being of its members.” Clint clearly exemplifies and champions this core constitutional purpose of AAPG and, in so doing, helps AAPG become every member’s “Career Partner for Life.” AAPG’s members have been enriched by his “Long Service” to the HoD, and his HoD work provides an enduring legacy.

Recognition of Service Award

Jeffrey W. Lund

Jeffrey Lund is Chair of the 2011–2012 House of Delegates

David R. Cook

David Cook is Secretary/Editor of the 2011–2012 House of Delegates

2011 HoD Certificate of Service Awardees

The following delegates will receive a 15-year Certificate of Service

Michael Duane Allison

Ardmore Geological Society

The following delegates will receive a 9-year Certificate of Service

Edith C. Allison

Geological Society of Washington, D.C.

Steven Andrew Earle

Houston Geological Society

John L. Forman

Ohio Geological Society

Patrick James Gooding

Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists

Jeffrey Alan Jones

Abilene Geological Society

Larry Craig Knauer

San Joaquin Geological Society

Michael D. Kuykendall

Tulsa Geological Society

Craig Wayne Reynolds

North Texas Geological Society

Lawrence H. Wickstrom

Ohio Geological Society
Committees

Resolutions Committee

Dennis Moore
Chair

The Resolutions Committee has not received any solicitations from Societies that wish to become Affiliated Societies of the AAPG. The Committee is responsible for the disassociation of Affiliated Societies as per the new Rules and Procedures. The first part of this responsibility is to contact those Affiliated Societies that have not sent delegates to the HoD Annual Meetings for at least two years in a row. Attendance at the HoD meeting is a responsibility of the Affiliated Societies so that their members are represented in the AAPG’s business. It is also a means to ascertain if an Affiliated Society is still active.

The Committee attempted to contact 8 societies that did not send delegates to the convention in the past two years. Additionally, as per the Rules and Procedures, if the Affiliated Society does not respond to the Resolutions Committee’s contacts within six months, Section III.A.1.e.2 directs the Chair of the House to certain actions to encourage appropriate representation of AAPG Active members at the House annual meeting. These actions are to send three personal letters, (1) to the Affiliated Society to encourage their participation, (2) to the appropriate Section President to request their involvement, and (3) to the members within the jurisdiction of that Society to advise them that they are not represented and to invite their attention to this matter. The Committee prepared the three letters, and HoD Chair Jeff Lund sent them out. The results of the Committee contacts, the letters sent by Chair Lund and the follow up by the Committee and AAPG staff are currently as follows:

- 7 Societies were contacted regarding disassociation.
- 6 Societies designated delegates as of this report.
- 1 Society is yet to respond.

The Geologic Society of Iowa will be contacted concerning disaffiliation.

Prior to the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2012, the Committee will be contacting the other Affiliated Societies that have not yet provided AAPG staff with a list of their delegates who will attend the meeting. Our goal is to have as many delegates present as possible. The committee is working with Chair Lund, Donna Riggs, Linda Burris and Regina Gill of the AAPG staff to ensure that missing delegates are found to attend the meeting. Currently the Geologic Society of Iowa may be reviewed by the committee to pursue the next phase of disassociation. We hope this will not be necessary by meeting time.

I wish to thank all my Committee Members, Chair Lund and the AAPG staff, especially Donna Riggs, Linda Burris and Regina Gill.

Committees

Rules and Procedures

Sandi Barber
Chair

This year the Rules and Procedures (R&P) Committee comprise the following:

- Sandi Barber, Gulf Coast Section (Chair)
- Mike Allison, Mid-Continent Section (Vice Chair)
- Jerome J. Cuzella, Rocky Mountain Section
- Martin Fleckenstein, European Region
- Ryan T. Lemiski, Canada Region
- Andrea A. Reynolds, Gulf Coast Section
- L. B. Taury Smith, Eastern Section

This year has been fairly quiet for the R&P Committee. We had only one request from HoD Chair, Jeff Lund, to develop a Rules and Procedures Handbook for the AAPG HoD Committees. This handbook will draw mostly from the AAPG HoD Rules and Procedures, Robert’s Rules of Order, and other sources provided by our parliamentarian Mary Bahde. We anticipate presentation of this handbook at the HoD 2012 Annual Meeting for approval by the House.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the AAPG membership and House of Delegates.

Committees

Newsletter

Dave Cook
Chair

The House of Delegates Newsletter Committee comprises Gretchen Gillis, Rob Diedrich and Dave Cook. The committee is assisted by Regina Gill, Janet Brister and Richard Brown in Headquarters.

Three editions of the Delegates’ Voice have been published so far this fiscal year and a fourth edition will be published after the Annual Convention. The committee has attempted to make the Delegates’ Voice as relevant as possible to the House and the Membership. We have tried to prevent duplication of information with the Explorer.

A broad range of articles has been published this year with contributions from HoD Leadership and Committee Chairs, the Executive and Advisory Committees, Division, Region and Section Presidents and Headquarters staff. We are always happy to receive articles from other members of the House.

My thanks go to the members of the Newsletter Committee for their thorough and timely editing of submitted articles. I would also like to thank the Headquarters staff for producing and distributing each edition most effectively.
In Support of the Alternative Membership Class Solutions Proposal (MCSP)

Clint Moore
Member of the C&BL Committee

Kay Pitts
2012 Annual Convention, General Chair

The 2012 Annual Convention and Exhibition in Long Beach, California, April 22 – 25 will be another terrific event brought to you by AAPG and the volunteer Organization and Technical Program cast. The excitement is mounting as our geoscience community is anticipating learning, sharing and networking at the oral and poster technical sessions, field trips, and short courses. The Exhibition Hall will, as always, offer you a peek at the state of the art technologies and favorite vendors and publication purveyors.

Registration – At six weeks before the start of the Convention we have 3,492 registrants - slightly above the 2010 New Orleans registration, 740 above the 2007 Long Beach meeting, and only 470 below last year’s Houston registration at this time.

Technical Program – The committee was very pleased with the number of top quality submittals received - 1,383 abstracts. We expanded the poster space and sessions as much as possible, but could only accept 79%. We regret not being able to include several highly regarded authors and talks. We were able to accept 417 oral presentations and 669 posters for 53 oral sessions and 58 poster sessions. The Technical Program Committee came together as a high functioning team to assemble the technical program. We appreciated the flexibility and understanding offered by the Theme Chairs.

Short Courses – Eleven short courses were offered and, at this time, seven are sold out or are a “go”.

Field Trips – As we have seen in the past, field trips are a priority for attendees in California. Of the twenty field trips that were offered, twelve are sold out, and an additional six are a “go” for a 90% early registration success rate.

Sponsorship – As of March 12 (six weeks before the convention) we have $771,100 raised in total sponsorship. This compares to $663,000 raised for the 2011 ACE in Houston at the same time. Join me in a standing ovation for Larry Knauer for leading this effort.

Speakers – All of the luncheon speakers are bringing perspectives on topics of immediate interest to the membership. Robin West, the All Convention Luncheon Speaker, has served on the White House staff and advised international and national oil and gas companies. He brings a global view on the state and politics of our industry. The DPA/PROWESS Luncheon panel features Sally Benson (Stanford University Global Climate and Energy Project) and Sharon Mosher (Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas). DEG brings Steve Leifer to the table on Hydraulic Fracturing: Separating Myth from Reality. The EMD is exploring alternative energy with Lee Allison on Geothermal Exploration. SEPM's speaker from 2011, John Grotzinger (Cal Tech and JPL) is our Michel T. Halbouty Lecture speaker with an introduction by Jim Reilly.

Other Highlights – Our future can be directed through understanding our past. The History of Petroleum Geology Forum on Sunday offers five talks with a global exploration perspective ranging from 1843 Poland to China.

The Discovery Thinking Forum on “New Discoveries in Old Areas” is sure to play to a full house. The kick-off talk is from Oxy geologists on the prospect that is bringing companies from around the world to explore California again – the Gunslinger Discovery. Unconventional discoveries from the Wolfberry, Bakken and Granite Wash are also highlighted in this forum.

The AAPG Distinguished Ethics Lecturer, Rusty Riese, will encourage you to explore ideas with his talk on “Oil Spills, Ethics and Society – How They Intersect and Where the Responsibilities Reside.”

A special treat is a showing of the AAPG Foundation-funded documentary “Switch” at the Cinemark movie theatre adjacent to the Convention Center. Past AAPG President Scott Tinker guides the viewer to answer the question “What will it really take to make the transition from oil and coal to alternative energy resources?” You may recognize this documentary from the working title “The Bridge.”

Credits – The convention will be a blockbuster due to the starring roles played by Larry Knauer (General Co-Chair) and Technical Program Co-Chairs Gene Fritsche and Kurt Neher. Key supporting roles were played on the technical side by Stefano Mazzoni (Field Trips), Heidi Hoftower (Short Courses), Mariéke Gaudet (Posters), Dalton Lockman and Dan Schwartz (Technical Advisory Committee liaisons and AAPG Technical Vice Chairs), Jon Allen (AAPG Oral Sessions), Gareth Jones, SEPM Vice Chair, Stephen Testa, EMD Vice Chair, and Paul Britt and Bob Countryman (DPA Vice Chairs).

Bob Ballog (Teacher Program), Jeff Garlant and Terry Thompson (Judging), Linda Specht (Guest Program), Dave DeFelice (Student Volunteers) and Cynthia Huggins all deserve awards for their service coordinating the “other” programs that reach out and provide the glue that makes a convention successful.

I am very grateful to all of these stars, the rest of the committee members, and AAPG Staff for their extraordinary work and for the opportunity to collaborate on this convention. It has been a great experience!

Membership in AAPG in any class is a privilege, and something to be valued. Attainment of membership in its Active, Emeritus and Honorary classes is something to be respected by every member, and a goal for every member to attain. Currently, we have 5 classes of membership, Active, Honorary, Emeritus, Student, and Associate, and these have been our standard classes for many decades. To make a change to this proven and valued structure must have a justification of importance, so I offer my opposition to the Membership Simplification Amendment, and support for the Membership Class Solutions proposal instead. I only seek the addition of a class to correct a problem created in 1999, when we consolidated Juniors into the Associate class with non-degreed members. That was a simplification that created too much simplification, and left us with a major problem that was unforeseen by its proponents back then.

As a result, we have been substantially growing the Associate class
with both geodegreed and non-geodegreed members since 1999. Many of us who spend time on such C&BL matters have recognized that this attempt at simplification back then created a new problem, due to a zeal to “simplify” classes by consolidating them into fewer numbers of classes. In order to correct this problem, I devised the MCSP to simply reclassify the geodegreed Associates into their own new membership class, to be called “Basic” (or a better descriptive noun that the HoD can agree on). I oppose all consolidation/combinations of classes, since it lowers the well-deserved recognition of our Honorary and Emeritus members.

The key purposes of having multiple member classes have always been 1) to bring distinction with “Honorary” and “Emeritus,” as well as 2) to differentiate those that have sought and achieved sponsorship with “Active,” and those that have not with “Associate” and “Student.” We do not need egalitarianism of our membership classes – we should celebrate the distinctions as classes of merit, and not relegate them to “special designations”. If you want to aid the dilution or elimination of the sponsorship requirements, then support the MSA proposal, for there are clear indications that this will be proposed next year, as the next logical step of “simplification” after eliminating “Active,” “Emeritus,” and “Honorary” classes this year. If you want to preserve and enhance the longstanding structure, and simply differentiate the Associates by giving those with geodegrees their own “Basic” class, then support the MCS proposal. If you don’t like the word “Active,” then offer a new one, but please don’t consolidate all three classes under the word “Member.” It would be better to do nothing this year than to do that, as the C&BL Committee had requested in its unanimous motion to take two years to work through all this.

Maintaining the existing structure and adding this proposed “Basic” class also preserves the potential for any future classes that we all might someday like to consider creating. In fact, a proposal was offered last year for the addition of a “Certified Class,” and just under the necessary 2/3rds of the HoD voted for it then. Even this past fall, leadership conducted an e-mail survey of the 3,000+ DPA members, and over 2/3rds of the DPA members surveyed support a “Certified Class,” which will not happen if we consolidate classes under the MSA. At best, it would become a “special designation,” which I, as a DPA member, think is worthless. I’ve asked several times that an electronic survey of the 18,000+ Active, Honorary, and Emeritus members be taken, much like the DPA, but the HoD leadership has refused my request every time.

In the end, most of us have never found the existing class structure to be “confusing,” as the simplification proponents suggest. Membership classes in bylaws always need to be clear and serve a purpose, and ours have done so for many decades. We would hope that no one seriously believes that either the MSA or MCSP is going to increase membership, yet they do offer distinctly differing approaches to how we will structure our membership classes going forward. I prefer to either create this additional “Basic” class to fix the problem of the Associate class, or just leave the classes alone, as is. Either way, I hope the HoD will do what’s best for the membership, as well as continue to honor all our Honorary and Emeritus members with their own class. Thank you. Clint Moore

This article represents the opinions of the author and not those of the majority of members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Ed.

Deadlines

AAPG House of Delegates

- Receipt of PowerPoint slides for House Meeting. April 2, 2012
- Names of appointed alternate delegates should be in Headquarters office.* & ** April 6, 2012 (15 days before Annual Meeting.)
- Delegates Reception: AAPG Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA April 21, 2012
- Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, Long Beach, CA April 22, 2012
- Minutes Approval Committee should have completed review and approval of 2011 minutes.* June 21, 2012 (60 days after HoD meeting.)
- Last day to mail ballot to members regarding Constitution changes.*** June 21, 2012 (60 days after HoD Meeting.)

Note: Bylaws changes approved by the HoD are effective immediately and do not require a vote of the membership.

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