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## President's Message

The ballots are in and counted and I wanted to congratulate Jack Haley of Littleton, Colorado, Don Horton of Carrollton, Texas and Dave Tutt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada on their election to three year terms on the SPEE Board of Directors (1992, 1993, 1994). I also want to thank the non-winners for offering themselves in the political process and to serve on the Board of Directors. Any of the six candidates would have been excellent additions to the group of directors as evidenced by the closeness of the votes.

For your information and possible use, the SPEE Reserve Definition Guidelines Committee, chaired by Chuck Massey, has prepared and provided the initial SPEE Summary of Oil & Gas Production Taxes (August 1, 1991). An original draft was presented at the Board of Directors June 16, 1991 meeting in Tamarron, but was updated subsequent to that meeting for tax increases in Colorado and New York, and for an exemption change in North Dakota. The paper furnishes evaluation engineers a condensed summary of current production taxes for all states, pulling from the various public sources identified in the paper. The committee points out that the paper was prepared by the SPEE for the convenience of its membership and that the SPEE is not responsible for the accuracy of its contents. The Board at its next meeting will consider the committee's recommendation that the SPEE publish an annual revision to the summary, making distribution at the annual meeting. A copy of the paper may be obtained by contacting B.K. Starbuck. Our thanks to the committee for an outstanding job.

Speaking of the annual meeting, please note the announcement by Fred Haston, who is responsible for arrangements and program. Fred would appreciate your suggestions on any aspect of the meeting, but especially on program topics and speakers (713-658-0191).

The annual dues statement is included in this newsletter and I urge you to pay promptly in order to avoid surcharges. There are never very many weeks left between the time you get the statement and the end of the year.

This has been an excellent year for SPEE, with membership increasing to about 350 members currently, including several new members in the junior category. We look forward to this segment of the Society increasing in numbers. As usual, committee chairmen have been active, making the job of president an easy one. Thanks for the support of all the members of the Society who take an active role in participating on the various committees and in looking for ways to improve the total Society. And of course, a special appreciation goes to B.K. Starbuck who keeps everything organized and running.

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday season.

Regards,

Chuck Brittan

**1992 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
NOTICE ENCLOSED**

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws, the following applicants have been reviewed and approved for membership in the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers. The names, along with the names of their sponsors, are being presented to the membership of the Society. "If no objection is received within 30 days, the applicant will be notified of his election".*

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### DALLAS

Chairman: Gary Swindell  
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Secretary/Treasurer: Frank Marek  
Meets: Petroleum Club  
3rd Thursday  
11:45 A.M.

### DENVER

Chairman: Doug Lang  
Vice Chairman/Program: Walt King  
Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Reagan  
Membership: Allan Heinle  
Meets: Various locations  
3rd Wednesday of first month of each  
quarter  
11:45 A.M.

### HOUSTON

Chairman: Chuck Frick  
Vice Chairman: Rick Carter  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rick Riseden  
Program Chairman: Emmett Wassell  
Meets: Petroleum Club  
1st Wednesday  
11:30 A.M.

### MIDLAND

Chairman: Buddy Sipes  
Vice Chairman: Scott Hickman  
Secretary/Treasurer: Louis Moseley  
Membership: Arlen Edgar  
Meets: Bi-Monthly

### TULSA

Chairman: Robin LeBleu  
Vice Chairman/Membership: Leroy England  
Vice Chairman/Program: Bob Pielsticker  
Secretary/Treasurer: Joe Wanenmacher  
Meets: Oliver's Restaurant  
1st Tuesday  
11:30 A.M.

## ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING AREA

The 1992 Annual Meeting has been scheduled for June 14, 15 & 16 at the Jackson Lake Lodge which is located approximately 30 miles north of Jackson Hole, Wyoming in the heart of the Grand Teton National Park. Built in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller the lodge offers a spectacular view of Lake Jackson and the Teton Mountains. Yellowstone National Park is located immediately north of Grand Teton National Park. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend now! - Final decisions on speakers and topics will be made soon; therefore, please send any suggestions you may have regarding speakers, topics or activities to:

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### DALLAS

The Dallas Chapter heard a most interesting talk at our October meeting on the Gas Storage operations of Lone Star Gas Company. Data presented showed LSG using storage only for peak deliverability rather than "price banking". Lone Star is actively expanding and reworking their storage fields to improve this phase of their distribution system.

Many chapter members were active in the SPE's annual conference held in Dallas during early October. C. Glenn Harrison served on one of the meeting committees, and Forrest Garb had a large booth. James J. Weisman has been qualified to perform environmental assessments and related work on oil properties. J.W. Wood is serving as chapter representative on the Dallas Energy Council.

### DENVER

The Denver Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on October 16th. Ben Sloat and Jim Mack of Tiorco, Inc. presented an "Overview of Powder River Basin Waterflooding and Enhanced Recovery".

Election of Denver Section officers was held. Serving for 1992 will be Doug Lang, Chairman; Walt King, Vice Chairman/Program; Tom Reagan, Secretary/Treasurer; and Allan Heinle, Membership.

The January quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 1992 instead of the normal Third Wednesday of the month.

### HOUSTON

Elections of 1992 Chapter Officers are scheduled for the December 4, 1991 meeting. The nominating committee will present the following slate of candidates:

Chairman: Rick Carter  
Vice Chairman: Rick Riseden  
Sec/Treas.: Emmett Wassell

The January meeting will be a joint SPEE-SIPES meeting to be held on January 16, 1992. The May, 1992 meeting will be the second Wednesday, May 13, due to a conflict with the Petroleum Club's Fellowship luncheon. The Petroleum Club will be closed for remodeling June 15, 1992 to October 5, 1992, so other arrangements will be made for the September meeting.

### MIDLAND

The fast-growing Midland chapter is forging ahead thanks to Arlen Edgar, our membership chairman. We have recently welcomed Joel Mays to our role.

At our October meeting Scott Hickman led a discussion on "Trends in Property Acquisition". While there were no clear-cut conclusions, the consensus was that, with the number of properties on the market, prices may be lower and returns better.

A nominating committee was appointed to select candidates for next year's officers. The election will be held at the December meeting.

### TULSA

1992 Officers Nominated:

President: Bob Pielsticker  
Vice President, Program: Le Roy England  
Vice President, Membership: Jack Keeling  
Secretary/treasurer: Eddie Hudson

DECEMBER 3, 1991 MEETING will be held at 7:30 P.M. and wives are invited. Nominations for 1992 officers will be made and a vote taken. The speaker will be Charles Kothe, a Tulsa attorney who testified in the Thomas confirmation hearing.

Speakers at previous 1991 meetings included Bruce Randall (SPEE member) discussed results of the public auction of oil & gas properties, and Wilson Busby, CPL, discussing continuing education and certification procedures that the petroleum landmen have adopted.

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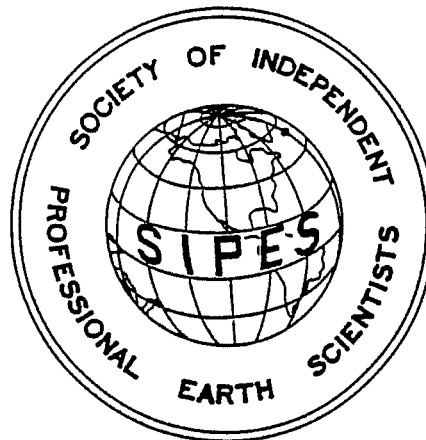
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