

## *President's Letter*

**S**PEE was again successful in getting legislation passed to facilitate evaluation engineering across state lines. On May 11, Governor Jindal of the State of Louisiana signed into law House Bill 748, which relates to the practice of engineering in the state of Louisiana and provides an exception for the evaluation of oil and gas resources. The law will come into effect on August 1, 2012. Congratulations to **Tim Smith** and **Mike Veazey**, who guided SPEE's Louisiana legislative activity. Importantly, the bill passed overwhelmingly in both the Senate and House by votes of 35 to 1 and 93 to 2, respectively. This effort by SPEE is another step toward national recognition of the need for centralized evaluations of oil and gas properties – a practice that has been accepted by the industry and professional engineering firms since the practice of petroleum property evaluation began. To read the bill and its history, you can visit the following webpage:

<http://legiscan.com/gaits/view/410375>

In addition to working on legislation in Louisiana, **Tim Smith** was also in Geneva, Switzerland, with **John Ritter** as SPEE's formal representatives during the Third Session of the Expert Group on Resource Classification ("EGRC") formed under the Sustainable Energy Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. The focus of the meeting was the generic specifications under development for UNFC-2009. Of particular interest to SPEE and the other PRMS-sponsoring societies was the linkage text to PRMS. The EGRC determined in prior sessions that PRMS should provide the commodity-specific specifications for petroleum supporting UNFC-2009. Achieving consensus on the important linkage text in an international environment is a challenging endeavor. The goal is to have a working document with acceptable linkage language by next summer.

I'm sure most of you read **David Gold's** ethics summary in the last newsletter. In that light, the Executive Committee has reviewed and considered amending our By-Laws to clarify procedures for handling charges of violation of Article VI or the Principles of Acceptable Evaluation Engineering Practice as set forth in our By-Laws. If you review your

state's professional engineering board enforcement notices, you will note that most cases involve civil engineering. In Texas, most of the enforcement actions surrounding petroleum engineering are for

practicing engineers who have not registered their firm. Even in light of the Macondo blowout, little has been done to enforce professional engineering practices in the field of petroleum engineering, especially when it comes to evaluation engineering ethics or practice. Given that states have licensed us to practice engineering in our field of expertise, it would be logical that they should enforce and discipline malpractice and ethical violations. However, in the case of ethics, this becomes a gray area for states to enforce. One of the main problems with state boards is that no petroleum engineer sits on any of the boards. As most of you are familiar, evaluation engineers deal with that which cannot be seen or touched. This makes it even more difficult for state boards to understand and examine cases regarding petroleum evaluation engineering issues. On the other hand, do we want more governmental oversight in our profession? In Canada, APEGA works to enforce by utilizing petroleum engineers for their expertise in assessing cases of malpractice. Therefore, I would like to explore multiple avenues to address malpractice and ethics enforcement. First, we need to insure our By-Laws efficiently address cases of violations noted above. Second, we should consider working with the states to get them to do their job similar to APEGA. A third option would be to take on all oversight of petroleum evaluation engineering practice, although I am not sure if we want or could legally/legislatively accomplish that. A fourth option is to do option one above



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and simply let sleeping dogs lie, thus assuming that the states will never desire to pursue malpractice issues with petroleum evaluation engineering. I personally believe that if we do not take the initiative to clarify state regulations, someone else eventually will and that someone probably will not be a petroleum evaluation engineer. We, as professional engineers, have a duty to report suspected violations to our respective societies or, when necessary, to our respective state boards (see SPEE Principles of Acceptable Evaluation Engineering Practice, Article III, 5). But before we start involving state government, we need to make sure state boards are properly equipped to deal with our specific issues.

In the last newsletter, **Richard Miller** stated we needed more training at the local chapter level. I agree with Richard and think a good start would be to offer more talks involving case studies and reserve evaluation methods. It has been my experience in Midland that these talks/presentations attract the greatest number of guests and usually result in a lively discussion. I would like the local Chapters and National office to work together to help finance a distinguished lecture circuit, similar to SPE, in hope of facilitating Richard's idea. Also, for ethics training credit, Richard suggested members could write in comments and questions to the newsletter. To aid in all of the above, I have suggested to our Web committee, chaired by **Gary Gonzenbach**, to develop an online forum, similar to SPE's Technical Interest Group (TIG), to facilitate discussions on certain subjects such as ethics. In addition, these forums could be utilized to further the dissemination of technology in regards to our specialized field.

You should have received the latest issue of the *Journal of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers* (JSPEE) via email last month. I want to congratulate **Richard Miller** and his committee, consisting of **James Haag, Keith MacLeod and Rod Sidle**, for a fantastic job in putting together the Spring 2012 issue, (Volume VI, Issue 1) of the JSPEE. Volume VI, Issue 1 is a prototype of the professional Journal that SPEE proposes to publish on a regular schedule. However, the Journal will only go forward if enough Members are sufficiently interested in supporting it. The interest of Members in the Journal will be measured by the response to this prototype. When you have had a chance to review Volume VI, Issue 1, please take a survey covering many aspects of the prototype Journal. Responses will be collated and used in a report for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in June. The survey can be accessed online at the following address: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRG86N2>

Some members were confused by the method of dues payment this year. It was our attempt to make the process

not only easier, but also to save costs by utilizing internet/email. Next year we will mail statements with the last Newsletter of the year in addition to emailing statements. The Newsletter will have a stamp on the envelope noting **DUES STATEMENT ENCLOSED**. With our new webpage reconstruction, you will be able to pay your dues online or you can still mail them in if you desire.

Our Society, in general, is going electronic with all forms of official society communication (i.e. email and our SPEE web page). In addition to dues payments, we use the electronic means for voting, sale of SPEE literature, the Annual Survey responses, etc. Our recent By-Law changes reflect the overwhelming majority of our membership elected to move toward a more "green" method of communication and doing business. However, we have decided that the members like to have hard copy newsletters and we have continued to send these out in hard copy.

We have decided to print a new directory celebrating our 50th Anniversary. The success depends on our members updating their information and supplying us with a RECENT picture. No, your younger picture in no way preserves your youthful looks. We are evaluating having a photographer at the Annual Meeting to take pictures for the directory, if you so desire, or furnish one as noted below. On June 1, 2012 you will have the ability to go online and update your information on the SPEE website ([www.spee.org](http://www.spee.org)). This is where you can upload that RECENT picture. You will receive an email with login instructions and a temporary password will enable you to make the modifications to your personal profile.

In closing, I would like to encourage every member to think about volunteering for an adjunct position at a university that offers petroleum engineering and geosciences courses. Many universities are very shorthanded and sorely need the services of experienced petroleum engineers. I believe we, as an organization, can make a huge impact, and one that furthers our goals, if our members could share the passion of their career in the form of education. Secondly, I would like to get feedback on creating new chapters in areas that SPEE is not present. The two areas I'm thinking of are the northeastern portion of the U.S., possibly Pittsburgh, and the Pacific Rim, which most likely would be Australia. Any ideas and recommendations would be welcomed. We need to be proactive in these areas, especially now.

I hope to see many of you at this year's 49th Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs. It is going to be outstanding in every way. If you have not done so, please register and make your reservations.

**Marshall Watson**  
**President**

# Chapter News

## Calgary

On February 21, SPEE (Calgary) held its first technical meeting of the year. Mr. Randy Freeborn of Energy Navigator gave a presentation entitled *Are Your Type Wells Accurate?* Approximately 25 members were in attendance for this meeting.

On March 20, a business meeting was held at the offices of Sproule Associates Limited with 25 members in attendance. Following are some of the highlights of that meeting:

- The Calgary chapter currently has 47 paid members with six membership applications in various stages of approval.
- A membership drive committee was struck to attract additional members into the SPEE from E&P companies. The members of this committee are Keith MacLeod, Dave Tutt and Boyd Russell.
- The Resources Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of John Chipperfield, continues to meet monthly to work through certain issues related to Resources guidance. A two-day workshop was held at the end of April to allow the committee to concentrate, uninterrupted, on key issues. As progress has been slow to date, SPEE (Calgary) is investigating the option of paying selected consultants for their time to create this addendum to COGEH. A request for donations from industry is also being considered.
- The Emerging Issues committee, under the chairmanship of John Etherington, discussed the status of the PRMS/COGEH merger. A document from the Chief Geophysical Forum is in the hands of the committee. The committee will make a recommendation of how and where to insert this document into the existing COGEH Volumes. A number of updates need to be made to the existing COGEH manuals which can be facilitated once the electronic copies of these Volumes become available.
- The Communications committee, under the chairmanship of Attila Szabo, has had discussions with the SPE regarding COGEH distribution costs and the Electronification of the COGEH Volumes. At the Business meeting, a motion was passed which would increase the hard-copy cost of each COGEH Volume from \$150 to \$165 to defray some of the additional costs that the SPE is experiencing with distribution. Also at the meeting, a motion was passed for the SPE to create digital copies of each COGEH Volume

which would be bookmarked, indexed, searchable and secure. The SPE would also handle the distribution of the electronic versions.

- Keith MacLeod reported that the 2012 HEES conference will be held in Calgary on September 24 and 25, 2012. Keith encouraged SPEE (Calgary) members to volunteer on the organizing committee as well as submitting abstracts for papers to be presented at the conference.

On April 17, SPEE (Calgary) held its second technical luncheon of the year with 37 members and guests in attendance, a record for the Calgary chapter. Mr. Harry Helwerda, current Calgary chairman, gave a presentation entitled *Evaluating Resource Plays in Western Canada*. Also in attendance at the meeting was Ms. Sijia Zhao who was the first recipient of the SPEE (Calgary) and Robert A. Odd Memorial Bursary in the amount of \$2,000. Sijia is a second-year Petroleum Engineering student at the University of Calgary. Also in attendance were Robert Odd's widow Florence Odd, their two sons, several past co-workers of Robert Odd and the Associate Director of Development of the University of Calgary.

The next business meeting was held on May 15th at the offices of Sproule Associates Limited.

*Meetings - 3rd Tuesday of each month except June, July and August. Membership - 47*

## California

The California Chapter held its most recent meeting in conjunction with the SPE Western Regional Meeting in Bakersfield on March 22nd. There were five members in attendance.

The 2012 SPEE Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs was discussed with indications that four or five members of the CA Chapter are planning to attend.

The ethics requirements of the SPEE by-laws were discussed. It was noted that the SPEE Annual Meeting offers a one-hour session that meets the requirements but not all CA Chapter members are able to attend. The possibility of recording the session then providing it to chapter membership for "self-study" to meet the requirement was discussed. Also explored was the possibility for members to participate in the annual meeting and/or ethics session live using a WebEx-type application.

Future meetings. Ways to increase Chapter participation in future meetings were discussed:

- Webinars: Brad Dewitt, Richard Miller and Jerry Hale will study the use of webinars and report back to the chapter members.
- Joint meetings: Joint meetings with SPE and AAPG have been held in the past and were very successful and should be explored again. Bakersfield was considered a good central location.

The following subjects/topics of future meeting subjects were discussed:

- Discussion of SPEE Monograph 3 (more practical application).
- Review of SPEE's latest *Annual Survey of Parameters Used in Property Evaluation*.
- Methods of oil & gas price forecasting.
- The California Monterey Shale reservoir.
- A technical session on appraisals.

David Gold stated that our chapter by-laws should be revised to more fully describe the responsibilities of the Chapter Officers. He will present proposed changes at our next meeting.

*Membership - 27*

### Central Texas

*Meetings - Quarterly Austin Country Club. Membership – 31*

### Dallas

The SPEE Dallas chapter met in January to hear Art Berman give his opinions on shale. In his presentation, Art indicated that none of the shale gas plays are commercial at present prices on a full-cycle, discounted basis, although geographically restricted core areas hold promise of future profitability at gas prices around \$6/kcf. Reserves and economics depend on estimated ultimate recoveries based on strongly hyperbolic decline profiles that predict decades of commercial production. With only a few years of production history in most of these plays, this model has not been shown to be correct, and may be overly optimistic. We had over 80 in attendance.

In March, the chapter had Marshall Watson speak at the meeting on a variety of topics including where petroleum engineering is headed, the “great crew change,” and general SPEE national news.

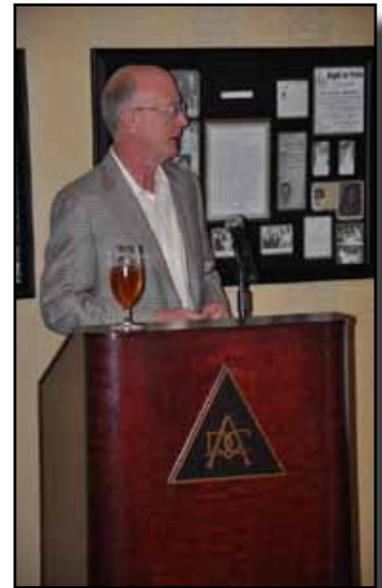
John Lee, Professor of Petroleum Engineering at The University of Houston was scheduled to speak at the May 17th meeting.

The Chapter officers are: Gary S. Swindell, Chairman, Jay Thrash, Vice Chairman – Program, Jack Harper – Treasurer, Phil Crouse – Past Chairman, Dean Eiland – Membership, Paul McDonald – National Board Rep.

*Meetings – Bimonthly September through May on 3rd Thursday of the Month unless otherwise stated. Membership – 55*

### Denver

On April 11, the Denver Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting with Marc Connelly as featured speaker. There were 37 in attendance including 16 members and 21 guests. Mr. Connelly spoke on the topic *Petrophysical Models from Conventional Open-Hole Logs for Unconventional Reservoirs*. He has developed methodologies for using widely available logs to make completion decision in shale and coal-bed methane reservoirs. The presentation generated much interest and a spirited question and answer session.



*Marc Connelly addresses the Denver Chapter*

Additionally, Mike White briefed the chapter on the final financial results of the Monograph 3 school we hosted in February. Forty-five people attended the school, and after all costs, the chapter netted over \$20,000. Mike was also presented with a copy of the wildlife photography book, *Roads Less Traveled: Photographs of a Traveling Salesman* by Bill Hitz, as his departing chairman’s gift.



*Letha Lencioni, Denver Chapter Chairman, presents Mike White with his gift as outgoing chairman*

*Meetings – 2nd Wednesday of first month of each quarter – Denver Athletic Club – The New Petroleum Club. Membership – 66*

### Europe

*Meetings - Four per year. Membership - 11*

## Houston

On March 7th, we had Scott Richardson, co-founding principal of RBC Richardson Barr speak on *Evaluation of Unconventional Assets from the Seller's Perspective*. As assets in the unconventional arena start to change hands, the challenge of marrying the buyer's and seller's expectations occurs more frequently. Particularly for assets that are in the early stages of development, the gap in valuation expectations can be a real challenge. Using insights from recent market activity, he discussed the evaluation of Proved, Probable, and Possible reserve categories for the seller, as well as other factors that go into setting the seller's expectations such as EUR estimates, NPV calculations, and market comparables. There were 59 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

The 4th of April was a wonderful meeting. John D. Schiller, Chairman and CEO of Energy XXI, came in and spoke on *Meeting the Technical Challenges in Evaluating Ultra-Deep Gulf of Mexico Discoveries*. Energy XXI has opened up exciting new frontiers in the ultra-deep section of the Gulf of Mexico. Partnering with McMoran Exploration, they have identified massive new gas resources in reservoirs never-thought possible. In doing so, evaluating these resources using traditional methods has been very challenging. John discussed how the ultra-deep partners have faced these challenges including the technical aspects of logging, wireline testing, and flow testing of these reservoirs, many of which are below 30,000', with pressures and temperatures that can cripple traditional evaluation tools. He also discussed their experience in working with third-party engineers to properly book reserves under SEC guidelines and how these challenging evaluations impact their ability to book reserves as a public company. There were 53 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

*Managing the Time Warp – Application of the SEC 5-Year Rule* was presented on May 2nd by our own Jennifer Fitzgerald. This presentation focused on the impact of the practical application of the 5-year rule. In addition, she discussed how the SEC is checking compliance of the 5-year rule and how companies are managing undeveloped volumes on an on-going basis and what has really changed for companies managing undeveloped reserves in light of the new SEC 5-year PUD rule. There were 45 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

*Meetings – 1st Wednesday of each month except June, July and August – Houston Petroleum Club. Membership – 186*

## Midland

Chapter luncheon meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of odd months at the Petroleum Club. Our last meeting was May 8th. The speaker was Arthur Berman, and his talk was entitled *Shale Gas and Oil-Abundance or Mirage?* The meeting was well attended with 18 people.

Chapter Officers are: Chairman – Todd Yocham, Vice

Chairman – Robert Green, Secretary/Treasurer – Karl Gulick and Membership Chairman – Russell Hall.

*Meetings – 1st Tuesday odd months – Midland Petroleum Club. Membership - 28*

## Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Chapter January SPEE meeting was Thursday the 26th. We were pleased to host Jason vanderKooi, Technical Sales and Marketing Advisor for ThruBit Logging Solutions, and learned about *Lower Risk Horizontal Logging Solutions*. Mr. vanderKooi discussed advanced 2-1/8" logging tools used to acquire open-hole log data in both conventional vertical wellbores and unconventional horizontal wellbores by utilizing patented technology. ThruBit Logging Solutions can acquire open log data in horizontal wells in a low risk and efficient method. Attendance was 38 members and guests.

March 22nd, the OKC SPEE Chapter hosted Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner Patrice Douglas. She spoke about *Legislative Hot Topics*. New rules allowing the drilling of longer laterals across section boundaries were discussed along with efforts to streamline the Commission. Attendance was 27 members and guests.

On April 26th, the Chapter hosted Boyd Russell, President and CEO of Energy Navigator, and learned about *Creating Accurate Type Wells for Resource Plays*. Boyd challenged the audience with examples and solutions for the normalization and projection reserves. Attendance exceeded the 68 reservations for members and guests.

*Meetings – Every odd numbered month. Membership - 25*

## Tulsa

The officers for 2012-2013 are as follows:

- Chairman: Daryl Duvall – WPX Energy
- Vice-Chair(Programs): Marc Schutt – QEP
- Secretary-Treasurer: Laura Stauffer – Newfield
- Membership Chairman: Phil Schenewerk – Apache

The Tulsa Chapter has 28 members of record of which 20 are active and 8 are retired or inactive.

Annual business meeting was held on April 3rd. New officers were elected by email as listed above. All business for 2011 was approved as presented.

All activity above was conducted without loss of chapter funds.

June Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for June 5 at the Summit Club. The speaker is Randy Freeborn, Energy Navigator. His topic will be *Are Your Type Wells Accurate?*

All business documents will be transferred to the new officers during the first week of June.

*Meetings – 1st Tuesday of each month – Petroleum Club. Membership – 27*

## **Looking For a Good Excuse to Travel to Calgary? Here's one:**

The SPE Hydrocarbon Economics and Evaluation Symposium (HEES) will be held September 24th and 25th, 2012, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This event brings together technical, business development and financial professionals in the oil and gas industry who are involved in the economics and evaluation of hydrocarbons and/or energy. The HEES is the premier venue for presentation and discussion of evaluation topics. Mark your calendar for the meeting and plan to attend.

The 2012 HEES conference, under the theme Impact of Technology and Stakeholder Challenges will offer a registration cocktail reception, an opening plenary session, a thematic technical program, training courses, sponsor reception and keynote luncheons. The conference is planning an ambitious program. In addition to the specific topics listed below, all aspects of conventional/unconventional project economics, evaluation and financing options, including portfolio management, performance measures, investment analysis, environmental issues and other topics pertinent to the symposium, are open for discussion.

- Evolution of economics
- Web-based processes
- Price and cost forecasting
- Managing risk / uncertainty
- Unintended consequences
- Impact of technology
- Reserves/resource classification and assessment
- Contractual environments
- New sources of hydrocarbons (shale, CBM, heavy oil and oilsands)
- Evolving oil and gas markets
- Emerging operational constraints
- Integrated projects
- Case studies

The HEES Program Committee is inviting proposals for papers describing and discussing the impact of technology, new or expanded regulations, markets or other changes on your company's evaluation and economic processes.

If you have any questions please contact Wanda Scoggins at SPE ([wscoggins@spe.org](mailto:wscoggins@spe.org)).

# Journal of the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers

In early April the long awaited Volume IV, Issue No. 1 of the JSPEE was sent out to all SPEE Members and a few other interested parties. We hope you have had a chance to review the volume and form some opinions about the content and whether SPEE should go forward with the Journal. As mentioned in prior newsletters, this issue is intended as a prototype of the kind of publication that SPEE could provide to Members and to evaluation professionals. The prototype represents a significant effort on the part of the authors of the papers, the design staff that put the volume together, and the Editorial Committee that has worked on the Journal for the past four years.

Going forward with the Journal will require a substantial commitment of time and dedication by SPEE Members. We do not have a fulltime staff like SPE and AAPG; anything we publish will be the product of Members who are willing to do the work of soliciting papers and articles, review papers from other sources, compile abstracts of articles published in other venues, edit all the content and peer-review the papers submitted for publication.

This is your opportunity to decide whether SPEE will have a professional Journal. Please take some time to go through the JSPEE and then invest some more time in taking the survey that is being used to collect and analyze your comments and suggestions. The survey can be found at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRG86N2>.

Thank you.

*The JSPEE Editorial Committee*

*Richard J. Miller, James W. Haag,  
R. Keith MacLeod, and Rod Sidle*

## Website Happenings

In recent months, we've been working hard to expand the capabilities of the SPEE website. Here are some of the current projects:

### **Online Photo Directory**

Available now: All members should be receiving an email invitation to log in, create a password, and upload a recent photo of yourself. Photos will be used in printing of the Commemorative 50th Anniversary Directory later this Fall. You can update your contact information directly so other SPEE members can get in touch and view your picture.

### **New Content Manager**

We've expanded the capabilities of the Content Manager to make updates easier and allow more flexibility in the future.

### **Credit Card Processing for Local Chapter Events**

We are offering Credit Card processing and online event reservations management for Chapters to take advantage of. Contact me for details on how to connect.

### **Credit Card Processing for Publications**

We are offering SPEE publications for sale directly from the website.

### **Online Annual Dues Processing**

Coming this Fall. Members will have the option to pay dues and handle their member accounts online.

There are a lot of other projects on the drawing board. The two primary initiatives are to enhance the creative side of the website for member service, and to streamline the business processing side so we can stay efficient as the Society grows. We welcome your inquiries and suggestions.

At your service,

*Gary J. Gonzenbach  
Internet Chair*

# Membership Applicants

The following member applicants have been processed by the Qualifications Committee. The by-laws require that names be presented to the membership for at least 30 days as a pre-membership requirement. Any member with an objection should address the objection to the Executive Committee (see by-laws regarding other important details) since the applications have already passed through the Qualifications Committee.

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