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## President's Message

This will be my first official communique as 1992 SPEE President. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity during the historic happenings in our society and industry. At the same time, it is a real challenge to follow in the footsteps of illustrious predecessors. SPEE has been blessed by a long line of impressive leaders. This is a good time to acknowledge the fine service by Chuck Brittan as 1991 President. A tip of the hat is also due to Dick Banks, Bob Doubek and Vaughn Scanland, whose Board terms expired in 1991. Although gone, you are not forgotten, and we look forward to many more years of Society service by you and association with you. New Board members were reported in the December, 1991, newsletter and are listed on the left side of this page along with newly elected officers.

Close scrutiny of the Committee Chairmen and Individual Appointments listings shows two notable changes. Since Fred Haston has assumed the Vice Presidency, he has relinquished his position as Membership Chairman. Rick Garza of Houston has kindly agreed to head membership activities. Chap Cronquist has accepted service as SPEE liaison on the SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Committee.

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of the January 22, 1992, SPEE Board Meeting. These minutes incorporate discussions and reports which indicate a high level of activity on a Society, Chapter and Committee basis plus an overall healthy Society condition. Cash reserves are adequate, and membership growth is very encouraging (membership stood at 378 on 1-1-92). This is an increase of 12 1/2% over the prior year. Particularly encouraging is the fact that we now have seven Junior members and are gaining a significant number of younger regular members, all of which portends well for the future. Fred Haston has done an outstanding job in the membership arena. Vaughn Scanland and Chuck Brittan have consented to comprise an Ad Hoc Committee which will study and recommend changes to the Society's By-Laws and possibly the Articles of Incorporation. More on this subject will follow.

In addition to a new chapter which is gestating in New Orleans (reported in another article in this newsletter), efforts will be focussed on establishing Chapters in Oklahoma City, Calgary and the Los Angeles area.

Also in another section of this newsletter is an update on the status of proposed changes to the SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Definitions.

It's that time of the year again, i.e. time for the Annual Evaluation Parameters Survey Questionnaire (enclosed herewith). The survey results are a popular publication within the petroleum industry and serve a very useful purpose in reflecting opinions of those who deal extensively with oil and gas property values. Your participation in this survey is urged.

The 1992 Annual Meeting is rapidly taking shape. Scheduled for June 14-16 near Jackson Hole, Wyoming, it promises to be a most educational and entertaining event in a spectacular Rocky Mountain setting. Vice President Fred Haston has done an excellent job of planning and program scheduling. Registration materials were sent earlier via separate mailing. Please make plans to attend.

As 1992 evolves, if you have any questions, complaints or suggestions, feel free to submit same to me, another Society Officer, Director or Committee Chairman. One of my personal goals is to visit each chapter during the year in order to make the Society better. Hope to see each of you at the Annual Meeting, if not sooner.

Regards,

Arlen L. Edgar

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*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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After 26 years in the oil and gas business, CHUCK BRITTAN has elected to start his own consulting practice, C. L. Brittan & Associates, Inc. located at 1100 Milam, Suite 3460, Houston, Texas 77002, telephone 713-650-9713.

ROBERT O. HUBBELL has established an independent consulting office at 8401 Westheimer, Suite 110, Houston, Texas 77063, telephone 713-975-6523.

DAVID KNEPPER decided that downtown was too long a drive and has left DKM Resources to work for STZ Petroleum, Inc. David has owned a small interest in STZ since 1990 and plans to continue evaluating deals for STZ's purchase.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS AND MEETING INFORMATION

### DALLAS

Chairman: C. Glenn Harrison  
 Vice Chairman:  
 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: Rick Carter  
 Vice Chairman: Rick Riseden  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Emmett Wassell  
 Program Chairman: Harry Saul  
 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: Bob Pielsticker  
 Vice Chairman/Membership: Jack Keeling  
 Vice Chairman/Program: Leroy England  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Eddie Hudson  
 Meets: Oliver's Restaurant  
 1st Tuesday  
 11:30 A.M.

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Jackson Lake Lodge  
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Snake River Ride and  
Western Bar-B-Q and Dance**

## CHAPTER NEWS

### DALLAS

The chapter's first meeting of 1992 will be held on March 19 at the Energy Club. Mr. Joseph M. Spiecker, President, Senior Presentation Analyst - Legal Presentation, Ltd. will speak on "Data Management in Litigation". All members in attendance will receive a free copy of the Dallas Energy Council Directory...while they last.

### DENVER

The Denver Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on January 29th. The meeting was dedicated to discussion of how the local chapter can best serve its members needs. The members present at the meeting agreed that the recent growth rate of about 10% per year was appropriate. It allowed growth of the local chapter while maintaining the integrity and reputation of the group which the members felt was of utmost importance.

The members also agreed to continue meeting quarterly and to include a mix of outside speakers, member presentations, and roundtable discussions at future meetings.

### HOUSTON

The Houston Chapter hosted the local chapter of SIPES at the January 16, 1992 meeting. Louis W. Powers, Powers Petroleum Consultants presented the program "Analysis of Congress of the U. S. Office of Technology Assessment Report entitled U. S. Oil Import Vulnerability".

In February there were 55 members and guests in attendance to hear Dale Steffes speak on "National Energy Policy - What It Means to Each Party and 1992 Rig Forecast" and in March Tom Coffman of TIPRO in Austin was the guest speaker.

On April 1st the chapter will hear G. Mauro, Land Commissioner for the State of Texas will speak on "Natural Gas Vehicle Legislation and Technology".

Chuck Watson, President of the Natural Gas Clearinghouse will speak at the May meeting which 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 from June 15 to September 15, 1992. Other arrangements will be made for the September meeting.

### MIDLAND

At the regular Midland Chapter meeting at the Petroleum Club in February, Robert Albrecht of Albrecht and Associates spoke on the various of advising and negotiating sales of oil and gas properties from both the buyers and sellers point of view.

The Midland Chapter, with 24 members as of January 1 this year, was the fourth largest chapter in SPEE. Our newest members, Byron H. Greaves, Russell K. Hall, Joel T. Mays and Ron Strawser were recognized at the February meeting.

### TULSA

Frank Eby, Buttonwood Petroleum, spoke on the Energy Advocates Group at the February 4, 1992 meeting.

On March 3 W. Bland Williamson, Attorney with Pray, Walker, Jackman, Williamson and Marlair discussed the recent "PACK vs Santa Fe" decision which cancelled a lease after 60 days cessation of production, while the well was shut-in due to poor gas prices.

### NEW CHAPTER PLANNED IN NEW ORLEANS

A tenth SPEE member in the New Orleans area has been secured. In progress is an application for Local Chapter status which, per the By-Laws, is to be submitted to the SPEE Executive Committee for approval. If approved, this would be the sixth SPEE Chapter. Congratulations and thanks are due to Skip Wiggins for his good work in local member recruitment.

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These members that receive this flyer should check it and send appropriate amount payable to SPEE to 1201 Louisiana, Suite 312, Houston, Texas 77002. If you have any questions after reviewing, please contact B. K. Starbuck - 713-651-1639.

If there is no flyer enclosed in this newsletter, you have paid 1992 dues.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS  
TO SPEE DEFINITIONS FOR  
OIL AND GAS RESERVES**

These proposed revisions are of interest to a large number of SPEE members. In 1991, SPEE conducted an opinion survey among our members. Results of the survey were conveyed to SPE which received a total of 115 letters from individuals and various organizations. At its February, 1992, meeting, the SPE Board received a report from the SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Committee concerning the comments received. That committee plans to continue studying the various issues involved with the proposed changes. Presently, the committee is focusing on five areas: (1) current/specified economic conditions; (2) confidence levels relating to deterministic/probabilistic methods; (3) improved recovery; (4) use of fuel gas; and (5) optional reserve status categories. The committee will continue to evaluate pros and cons of effecting changes and wording in these five areas. The committee hopes to submit a final report on the proposed revisions by the October, 1992, meeting of the SPE Board.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, Chap Cronquist serves as SPEE liaison member to the SPE Oil and Gas Reserves Committee.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Jack D. Schafer, President of Schafer Engineering, Inc., passed away January 27th of this year. After graduating from the University of Houston in 1948, Jack worked short stints for Atlantic Richfield, DeGolyer and MacNaughton, and Crichton and Company before starting his own shop in 1959. He was a member of the SPEE, SPE, SIPES, AAPG, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, American Arbitration Association and was registered in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana. Among Jack's many accomplishments were the opportunities to consult for King Hussein of Jordan and Christina Onassis of Greece. In summary, the SPEE lost a fine member.

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