

# Newsletter

May 2015

# Gresident's Letter

reetings from the President's office! It is hard to believe it is already May and the Annual Meeting is less than a month away. The first part of 2015 has likely been a blur for everyone in the industry due to the price uncertainty. Those with access to capital are implementing acquisition programs, while others are dealing with restructuring budgets and drilling programs. Everyone has a theory on what prices will do over the next 18 months, how best to manage it, and countless "what if" scenarios to build. In the middle of all this, I encourage you to take time and make sure you attend the Annual Meeting next month. The networking environment and peer interaction at the SPEE Annual Meeting is second to none in the world because of who attends. That's why we all go! If you have never been, you are missing a valuable resource that can help you face the tough decisions in times like these. Please don't miss it.

Preparations for the Annual Meeting in Halifax are in full swing. Chairman Dee Patterson has set the theme as Advances in Unconventional Reservoir Engineering, with short courses and technical presentations to stimulate thought and encourage peer discussion. The meeting kicks off Saturday, June 6th, with golf and social events. Then, we get right down to business early Sunday morning with the Monograph 4 Short Course (Estimating Developed Reserves in Unconventional Resources). You will get a chance to hear directly from the members of the Monograph 4 committee during this full day presentation. Monograph 4 is currently undergoing review and will be presented to SPEE's sister societies for their review in the first week of May, expecting full publication this fall. After that, catch up on current events with your friends and colleagues at the welcome reception Sunday evening. Monday morning, we will be honored to hear from distinguished representatives from both

the Nova Scotia Energy Ministry and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, followed by the full suite of expert Technical Sessions throughout



Monday and Tuesday. The meeting closes out with a short course on Tuesday afternoon on *Geoscience and Unconventionals* by **Creties Jenkins** of Rose & Associates that you won't want to miss. This year's meeting is sure to be another enjoyable one! A full list of activities, as well as everything you need for registration, can be found on the home page of the www.spee.org website.

Regarding price uncertainty, you should have received and filled out your SPEE 2015 Parameter Survey. Parameter Chairman Brent Hale and Internet Chairman Mike White teamed up to make it an extremely easy process, getting a large number of responses this year. The Annual Parameter Survey is recognized as one of the most valuable sources for getting a read on what industry experts think. The opinion on the range of pricing forecast should be especially interesting this year and I look forward to seeing the results in Halifax. I hope you filled yours out!

There is consideration ongoing for another Software Symposium. **Karl Gulick** and **Jennifer Fitzgerald** are putting together a proposal for the first symposium to be held since 2011. The idea, still in planning stages, is to provide a setting to help members discern which package fits their particular company needs the best, as

# 2015 Officers and Directors

#### **Executive Committee**

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Mike White (Director-at-Large)(Denver)

## **Bylaws Committees**

Chair of Past Presidents' Council	Marshall Watson
Qualifications	Tim Gilblom
Committee: Steve Blair, Neal Howard, and Richard Rowe	
Nominating	Samantha Holroyd
Grievance	David Gold
Committee: Frank Molyneaux and Dan Olds	
Reserves Definitions	Rod Sidle
Committee: Russ Long, S. Tim Smith, Stuart Filler, John Ethe	rington, John Ritter, Dave
Elliott and Martin Hubbig	

# **Individual Appointments**

Ethics	Tom Collier
Evaluation Parameters Survey	Brent Hale
Fair Market Value	D. Russell Long
Internet	Mike White
Membership	Donald C. Jacks
Newsletter Coordinator	Richard J. Miller
Communications	George Schaefer
Production Tax Summary and University Interface	
Recommended Evaluation Practices	Daniel R. Olds
Annual Meeting Advance Planning	Barry Ashton
Professional Registration	Marcus Snyder
Monograph 3 - Evaluation of Resource Plays	
Monograph 4 - Unconventional Developed Reserves	John P. Seidle
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# **Chapter Officers - 2015**

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Chairman – Doug Wright Vice Chairman – Keith Braaten Secretary – Floyd Williams Treasurer – Gary Metcalfe Membership – Mark Ireland

#### California

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#### Tulsa

Chairman - Phil Schenewerk Vice Chairman - Exec. Comm Secretary-Treasurer - Laura Stauffer Membership Chairman -

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opposed to a set of problems to work. If you have any thoughts or comments on this please contact Karl Gulick (713-693-5380 or karl.gulick@regions.com).

As I mentioned earlier, one of SPEE's greatest strengths is in the networking opportunities that occur because of our membership. The sharing of ideas with peers at this level is what allows publications, like the monographs, and recommended practices to become possible. Over the last 50 years SPEE has provided invaluable industry guidance and is viewed as an industry leader because of it. We are a responsible society, and we need to encourage membership growth so that this leadership role and unparalleled networking situation continues for the next 50 years. SPEE is now thinking globally, and the membership should be also. The membership applications have been adjusted in keeping with the By-Laws to facilitate attraction of members in areas lacking SPEE members. The European Chapter has done a fantastic job of expanding SPEE's presence and finding qualified membership outside of North America. I urge you all to think of yourselves as an extension of the membership committee, both within North America and out. The membership committee is always looking for the right candidate, not numbers of candidates. We have excellent leadership in our Membership Chair **Don** Jacks and with the Qualifications Committee chair Tim Gilblom. If you have a candidate in mind, but need some help, please contact these individuals. Don Jacks has mentioned to me many times that membership starts at the chapter level. I encourage all the Chapter officers

to reach out to Don for ways to accomplish this. We all need to think about who we want to carry on the legacy when the call of the golf course can't be ignored any longer.

That is all for now. I close with thanks for the tremendous efforts and contributions from the individuals named above, as well as for all the Chapter Officers and Committee Members that make SPEE the success that it is. Thank you to the editorial staff for putting together the newsletter and to BK for making all of this such a pleasure. See you in Halifax!

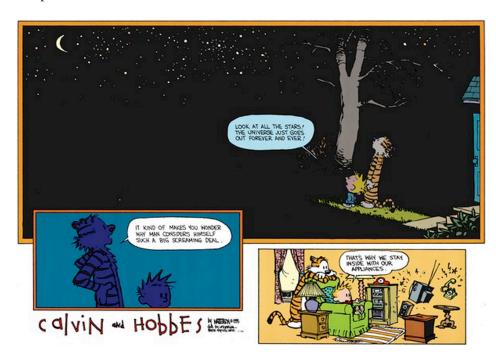
Gary Gonzenbach 2015 SPEE President



# **SPEE Annual Meetings**

June 5 - 9, 2015 Halifax, Nova Scotia The Westin Nova Scotian June 3-8, 2016 Lake Tahoe, Nevada Ritz Carlton

Contact Barry Ashton to provide suggestions on locations and venues for future meetings.





## **Calgary**

Meetings - 3rd Tuesday of each month except June, July and August. Membership - 55

#### **California**

Membership - 22

#### **Central Texas**

Membership - 33

#### **Dallas**

Meetings - Bimonthly from September through May at the Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute. Membership - 58

#### **Denver**

On April 8th, Denver Chapter held its second luncheon meeting of 2015 with 39 in attendance, 25 members and 14 guests. Guest speaker Mr. Jim Lightner spoke on the topic Abundant American Energy and the Perfect (Manmade) Storm: How Increasing Regulations Will Eventually Collide with Our Energy Demand. Tracing the world's energy supply from wood, coal, steam, nuclear, and oil and gas, Jim made a convincing argument for the impact of low energy costs to the improvement of society. Taking quotes from Indira Gandi, "Poverty is the worst polluter," and Robert Bryce, Jim argued that a significant way to protect the environment is for countries to get richer through the use of low cost energy sources, with the understanding that, wealthy countries can afford to protect the environment, where as poor ones cannot. Providing multiple examples of recent increased energy regulations, including Climate Change and CO2 levels, increasing the cost of energy, Jim reasoned that energy poverty is the real "Inconvenient Truth," where low income people will suffer the most from rising energy costs.



Left to right: Speaker: Jim Lightner, CEO of Beacon E&P Company, and Andrew Forcina, Denver Chapter Vice Chairman

An SPEE membership certificate was presented to Denver Chapter's most recent member, Ms. Emily Miller.

Meetings - 2nd Wednesday of first month of each quarter - Denver Athletic Club - The New Petroleum Club. Membership - 60

#### **Europe**

Meetings - Four per year. Membership - 28

#### Houston

On December 2nd, the Houston Chapter hosted a joint meeting with the SPE-Gulf Coast Section, Reservoir Study Group at the Houston Petroleum Club. Pedro Caruso, a partner at Bain & Company, gave a presentation on Operational Excellence in O&G Upstream: What is it and how to achieve it? Mr. Caruso shared experiences on improving performance and building systems to reach Operational Excellence across the industry. There were 31 SPEE members, guests, and visitors in attendance plus another 17 associated SPE members for a total of 48 attendees.

On January 22nd, the Houston Chapter hosted our annual joint meeting with SIPES at the Houston Club while the Houston Petroleum Club moved locations. Dr. Kenneth B. Medlock, PhD, Fellow and Senior Director at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, presented the topic Recent Developments and Emerging Fundamentals in Global Oil and Gas Markets. There were 44 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

On February 4th, the Houston Chapter hosted our first monthly luncheon at the new location of the Houston Petroleum Club. Dr. Christine Ehlig-Economides, Professor who holds the William C. Miller Chair honoring Charles V. Fitzpatrick at the University of Houston, presented the topic Has Unconventional become Conventional? There were 65 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

On March 4th, the Houston Chapter hosted our monthly luncheon at the the Houston Petroleum Club with David Pursell, Managing Director and Head of Securities at Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. as speaker. Mr. Pursell is responsible for TPH's analysis of global oil & gas markets; he presented the topic \$50/bbl Crude Oil – or how I stopped worrying and learned to wait for 2016! There were 73 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

On April 1st, the Houston Chapter held its ethics presentation for the year. Dan Olds, Managing Senior Vice-President with Ryder Scott Company, dusted off and rehashed Cowboy Ethics & Ethics in the News. He discussed the applicability of Cowboy Ethics in today's world and presented current situations from the news to see if we could determine the difference between ethical lapses, pathological lying and outright stupidity. There were 61 members, guests, and visitors in attendance for the meeting.

On May 6th, Attorney Robert P. Thibault will speak regarding the growing trends in sub-surface rights and trespass arising from fracing and horizontal drilling.

Meetings – 1st Wednesday of each month except June, July and August – Wyatt Room of the Petroleum Club of Houston, 1201 Louisiana St. 35 Floor, Houston, TX 77002. Membership – 182

#### Midland

The Midland Chapter meetings are scheduled bimonthly starting in January on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. They are held at the Petroleum Club of Midland at 11:30 AM and feature a sit-down plate-served luncheon. The meetings are open to non-members to reach out to the technical community and attract new members.

The January meeting featured Dr. Jim Wright, Project Director of the High Temperature Test and Teaching Reactor, University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He presented a talk on *The UTPB HT3 Project and Other Observations of the Nuclear Industry*. His presentation included: the HT3 Project, Observations from Los Alamos, and Insight into the Nuclear Accident at the Japanese Nuclear Power Plant at Fukushima Daiichi. Nine persons attended the meeting.

At the March meeting, Glenn Winters, Chief Geophysicist, Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd., Presented Obstacles and Pitfalls of the Everyday Interpreter, the Role of Geophysics in Resource Plays. His presentation included the explanation of seismic anomalies which caused several shallow blowouts in the Permian Basin. He referred to them as FLT's or Funny Looking Things on shallow seismic. Eleven members and twelve non-members attended.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 13th, at the Midland Petroleum Club. The Past President of SPEE, Sam Holroyd, will speak on *Financing the Oil Industry and Benefits of SPEE Membership*.

Meetings – 2nd Wednesday odd months – Midland Petroleum Club. Membership - 22



#### **Northern Rockies**

The Northern Rockies Chapter SPEE hosted a meeting for members and prospective members at the Casper Petroleum Club on April 28. Topic of discussion was Ethics in Engineering which was presented by Robert J. Walters, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wyoming. Robert is the lead attorney when it comes

Robert J. Walters, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wyoming



Left to right: Lyn George, Bonnie Percy, Dennis Brabec, Cory Buelt, Tiffany Kaschmitter, Joe Rochelle, Steven Marler, Tom Fitzsimmons (NR SPEE Chairman), Pat Galuska (SPEE), Scott Stinson (SPEE), Donald Stinson (SPEE), Kyle True, Leo Giangiacomo and Mike Borah. Not pictured, Rick Vine (NR SPEE Vice-Chairman/Programs). Bonnie Percy and Leo Giangiacomo have SPEE applications submitted and Mike Borah is working on his application.

to discipline actions taken against engineers practicing in Wyoming. Robert provided discussion of the SPEE Code of Ethics along with the NSPE Code of Ethics. Also discussed were past case histories of civil actions taken against engineers who practiced unethically. At the end of the meeting some time was spent on Q&A along with answering any questions related to membership with SPEE.

Membership - 10

# **Oklahoma City**

During the first quarter of 2015, the Oklahoma City Chapter held two excellent lunch meetings at the Twin Hills Country Club.

On January 22nd, the OKC SPEE Chapter hosted Scott Dixon, Business Manager for NCS Multistage. NCS has developed an innovative field proven completion method that improves efficiencies and has shown improved production results compared to traditional methods. Scott presented case histories of the Multistage Unlimited System.

On March 26th, the OKC SPEE Chapter hosted Jeff Voorhis, Corporate Sales for Hy-Bon Engineering. Jeff discussed the EPA's requirements under 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOOO (known as Quad O) for waste gas emissions. He presented various methods of Vent Gas Management for tank batteries.

The Chapter elected the following new officers:

Gary Hunter - Chairman David Yard - Vice Chairman Fletcher Lewis - Treasurer Bruce Heath - Secretary Don Jacks - Membership

Meetings - Every odd-numbered month. Membership - 22

#### Tulsa

Meetings - Four times yearly - Summit Club. Membership - 24



# The 52nd Annual SPEE Conference is just weeks away!

This year promises to top your can't-miss events of 2015. Come to Halifax Nova Scotia for some cool Canadian Maritime weather and enjoy the water-front, whale watching, sightseeing and great seafood. Come catch up with friends and colleagues, network with peers, participate in short courses, listen to some great speakers and have some quality time to relax!

## Don't miss:

- US Securities and Exchange Commission speaker John Hodgin
- Sunday Short Course covering the highly anticipated Monograph 4 taught by the authors
- Tuesday Afternoon Short Course by Creties Jenkins on How Geoscience Impacts Volumes, Rates and EUR's in Unconventional
- SPEE Parameters Survey
- Presentations on Resource Play Evaluations, Oil Price Dynamics, and how a Bank is adjusting to the change in prices



# Haven't registered yet?

Look for your registration packet in the mail or download one from <a href="https://www.spee.org">www.spee.org</a>

But hurry, events are almost full!

## **Events**

- Saturday Golf Tournament at Glen Arbour Golf Course
- Short Courses on Sunday and Tuesday
- Technical Presentations on Monday and Tuesday
- Awards Banquet and Entertainment on Monday Night
- Whale Watching
- Sightseeing Activities

Thank You!

Dee Patterson, 2015 SPEE Annual Meeting Chair

SPEE Group daily room rates of \$185 are valid at the Westin Nova Scotian for 3 days prior and 3 days after the conference, subject to availability.

# News You Can Use from Your Internet Committee

The Internet Committee is comprised of SPEE members Mike White and Jennifer Fitzgerald. In this article series of News You can Use, the Internet Committee, IC for short, covers useful aspects of your SPEE website. The address of the SPEE website is www.spee.org.



The redesign of the Past-Presentations page has been completed. You can find this page under (main menu) Resources then (right side menu)-Past Presentations. Currently, the page is populated with presentation slides in .PDF format listed in reverse chronological order going back to 2008. Primarily, entries on this page come from the various SPEE chapter luncheon programs, but the page can serve as an archive for slide files from any SPEE function where propriety is not an issue. Where biographical background information (or an email flyer) on the presenter is available, it has been captured as well. Note to chapter program chairmen: send your presentation slide files and email flyers to info@spee.org for posting. While perusing the page, see what other chapters are doing program-wise.

Also, while no one was looking, the internet committee has been quietly posting prior-year PDF versions of the SPEE newsletter on the website. You can find all available newsletters under (main menu) News then (right side menu)-click the year you desire. Under the tab "2011 and older" the newsletter is populated back to 2002. There have been several newsletter format revisions over the years, but as you can see, SPEE went to its current color layout in August 2006. March 2008 was first to sport the SPEE logo redesign. Take a stroll down memory lane. Years 1995 through 2001 is the next block of newsletters to be posted. So check back soon.

During the month of April the Internet Committee joined forces with Brent Hale, Chairman of the Evaluation Parameters Survey Committee, to conduct the annual survey of parameters. Every member should have received an email invitation (or two) to participate.



Brent's comments: The 2015 survey was shortened some from last year and streamlined so that it was an eight-page survey as compared to twelve pages a year ago. One minor but significant change is that the oil and gas price question asked for a minimum, mean, and maximum expected price for 2015 rather than just the mean price as in prior years. We also asked each of you to recommend non-SPEE participants for the survey. As a result, we sent out over 50 new invitations to associates not previously participating in the survey. The response to the survey has been very good with 170 responses at the time of this writing including over 130 member responses and over 30 non-SPEE member responses. Over 30 of the responses are from outside of the United States. We really appreciate the input from the members and the interaction with them in preparing the survey and making sure it was properly delivered. The process of compiling the survey data and statistics is in progress and results will be reported at the annual meeting. With additional responses this year, the survey will have a broader footprint and more fully assess the parameters we and our associates are using to evaluate oil and gas properties as of April 2015.

A brief word on data security: In March, SPEE migrated its website to a new host server and contracted technical web support with a new provider. As part of the migration, all software was upgraded and the latest security patches implemented. Included in the technical support agreement is a requirement to provide timely future software security upgrades if and when any become available. Rest assured that no financial (credit card) data is ever stored on our site, and that SPEE contracts with some of if not the most reputable merchant service and gateway providers in the payment card industry. If we do our job correctly, this should be completely transparent to you. Except for one thing - you may notice that website download speeds are faster than ever.

Lastly, if you require assistance regarding online issues, simply email info@spee.org. We love hearing from members.



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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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