

# Los Angeles Basin Section Society of Petroleum Engineers

*Recipient of the 2011 SPE President's Section Award for Excellence*

## A Message from the Chair



### The 3 wishes!

Dear Fellow SPE Members,

I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebration with family and friends and I hope 2014 is an exceptional year for you all. This year will bring change in the LA SPE section.

Although change can often be difficult to deal with, it can also bring well needed and fresh ideas to an organization. With that said we have three major goals to focus on this year for our section.

The first goal was to vote on a balanced budget, where our expenses cannot exceed our revenue and the idea was to present a revenue number for 2014 and ensure that our expenses will not exceed it. The Balanced Budget received a unanimous vote and I want to thank and congratulate the voting Board of Directors and committee members in achieving this goal, by being flexible, reasonable and willing to work as a team. Some of the members took the budget away in December to look at areas where they would like to see appropriate increases and cuts in order to match the revenue number. In the January meeting we will be finalizing the line items in the budget and approving it, in order to proceed with our expense disbursements for 2014.

The second Goal will be to increase our reserve base since the section will be holding the 2015 Western Region Meeting in Los Angeles and we need to ensure that we can front load the booking venues costs. This upfront cost is essential in ensuring the success of the meeting. In regards to this endeavor, I will be meeting with the Golf Tournament Chair Rich Manuel to brainstorm some ideas of how we can build on the successful annual tournament

*continued on page 2....*

## Contents

Petroleum Technology Forum  
January 13th "Slugging in Pipelines:  
What You NEED to Know"  
pages 1 & 3

Nominations open for Treasurer  
pages 4

Photos from Dec 10th Forum  
pages 5

LASPE Well Casing Workshop  
pages 6 & 7

Volunteers needed for MESA Day  
page 8

SPE Western North America &  
Rocky Mountain Joint Regional  
Meeting  
page 9

Young Professionals Social Event  
page 10

PetroWiki - Online Resource  
page 11

Student Chapter News  
page 12

*continued on page 2...*

## PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM, JANUARY 13TH - A MONDAY!

The next Petroleum Technology Forum is "Slugging in Pipelines: What You NEED to Know" on SPECIAL DAY - MONDAY January 13th by Mona Trick of SPT. *Details follow on page 3 ...*

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Long Beach Petroleum Club 3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA 90807	Registration: 11:30 AM Buffet Lunch: 11:30 AM Presentation: 12:00-1:00 PM	\$25.00 members, \$30.00 non-members, Free for students

Message from the Chair...continued from page 1

which raises the lion's share of net revenue for our section each year.

The third goal will be that the LA SPE section, going forward will fairly and equitably share the good fortunes in evenly distributing scholarships to all the local SPE Student Chapters. I hope that we will have 4 bona fide SPE student chapters this year in order to lay down a new student landscape which will provide the Oil Industry with an exceptional mix of students from various engineering backgrounds. This pipeline of student talent will ensure the industry can hire local graduates to service its business needs.

These three goals can be achieved by working as an integral team, towards a common goal of making the LA SPE section an organization that provides a service to all its students, members and industry in the best possible manner. I look forward to the continued support of the Board and committee members in this endeavor and thank them for their hard work and continued volunteerism.

I want to remind our members that the registration for the SPE Western North America and Rocky Mountain joint regional meeting on April 15-18th is open and if you have any questions please contact Steve Cheung ([Steveior@yahoo.com](mailto:Steveior@yahoo.com)). In addition I want to give a shout out to the upcoming 2014 Mesa Day competitions on March 1st and March 8th at CSULB School of Engineering. The contact for this great cause is Scott Hara ([scotthara@yahoo.com](mailto:scotthara@yahoo.com)), who is always looking for volunteers to help out.

Finally our monthly meeting will be held at the Petroleum Club on Monday January 13th and we have the pleasure of listening to Distinguished Lecturer Mona Trick of SPT Group. She will be discussing "Slugging in Pipelines: What You Need to Know".

I look forward to seeing you all on January 13th and thank you for supporting the local section and its members.

Sincerely  
Baldev S. Gill  
Chairperson 2013-2014  
[Baldev.Gill@longbeach.gov](mailto:Baldev.Gill@longbeach.gov)

**Contents *continued***

LASPE Upcoming Events  
& Newsletter Article Submission  
Dates  
page 13

BoD Minutes for November 12  
pages 14 - 16

Services Offered  
page 17

Board Members and Committee  
Chairs  
page 18

[connect.spe.org/LosAngelesBasin/  
Home](http://connect.spe.org/LosAngelesBasin/Home)

[www.LASPE.org](http://www.LASPE.org)

**2014 Annual SPE Golf Tournament - May 2nd - SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Annual LA Basin SPE Charity Golf Tournament, Awards Banquet and mega-raffle is set for Friday May 2, 2013. Once again we will be returning to Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills for a guaranteed 1:00 PM scramble start. Tell your friends and acquaintances about this great tournament and plan to attend. Make your plans to attend early, form your teams and be ready to sign up. You can sign up through the links on [www.LASPE.org](http://www.LASPE.org) in early 2014. We expect this event to sell out, as usual, so don't get left out.

Interested parties and VOLUNTEERS PLEASE contact Rich Manuel at [rmanuel@mindspring.com](mailto:rmanuel@mindspring.com).



FORUM FROM PAGE 1 . . .

## **Slugging in Pipelines: What You NEED to Know**

**by Mona Trick**

### **Abstract**

For the unprepared, liquid slugs in multiphase pipelines can have disastrous consequences ranging from increased corrosion, production impairment, and compressor damage to flooding of separators and damage to process equipment. The key to avoiding problems with slugging in pipelines is to determine the type and magnitude of the slug now and into the future. In this talk, the 4 different types of slugging phenomena will be described. These include hydrodynamic slugs, terrain-induced slugs, slugs caused by flow rate changes and slugs formed by pigging operations. Procedures for handling and modeling each type of slug will be outlined using both steady state and transient modeling tools. Videos of actual slug flow in pipelines will be shown to help give a better understanding of slug flow. The talk will also describe the current status of mechanistic slug modeling and areas of active research. Once the kind and size of slug is determined, then the appropriate steps can be taken to avoid problems.

### **Biography**

Mona Trick, P.Eng. is an Advisor for SPT Group, a Schlumberger company. Throughout her 30-year career, she has been involved in the application of flow modelling to the design, analysis, and optimization of systems involving multiphase flow, including the identification and mitigation of challenges associated with slug flow. Her principle responsibility is the on-going development of FORGAS, SPT Group's gas and oil field production forecasting software. She has written and presented more than 10 technical papers for the SPE and other professional organizations. She holds a B.Sc. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Calgary, is a registered professional engineer in Alberta, Canada and is a 25 year member of the SPE.



---

### **LASPE Community Outreach NEEDS Volunteers for MESA DAYS**

We invite you to Volunteer and/or be on our Planning Committee. Please contact Scott Hara at [scotthara@yahoo.com](mailto:scotthara@yahoo.com) or 626-482-6757 cell  
Take part in one of the largest outreach programs in our industry!

See Details on Page 8 !!!



**LASPE NOMINATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VACANT POSITION**

**LASPE Treasurer  
Nominate ASAP**

The LASPE is seeking nominees for Treasurer position. The term of this position is for 1 year, through September 2014, and subject to renewal thereafter. If you would like to be considered for the position, please submit a brief biography emphasizing your education, work experience, petroleum industry related activities and previous involvement in and contribution to SPE, enthusiasm for performing volunteer activities, and availability and commitment to volunteer your time in supporting the LASPE. Board Members and active LASPE Section members are encouraged to apply.

Commitment for this position involves attending the monthly BOD meetings, generally held at 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Long Beach Petroleum Club immediately before the monthly LASPE Forums.

In addition, the Treasurer is expected to prepare and submit monthly a financial report of activities including all expenses and income, keeping track of approved annual budget and funds. The Treasurer will be responsible for issuing all checks, making necessary payments and deposits, counting monies at forums, helping manage online reservations for events, and any other necessary financial duties when called upon. You will be supporting a financial audit performed by SPE, as necessary.

You will be expected to be familiar with SPE operations ([www.spe.org](http://www.spe.org)), help run the local section and represent the local members in the regional and national SPE affairs. You also need to be familiar with LASPE bylaws ([www.laspe.org](http://www.laspe.org)).

LASPE is looking forward to receiving your biography and any other pertinent information you feel will assist in evaluating your candidacy to become the Treasurer. Please submit your biography to the email address listed below.

If you have any questions or if you would like to apply, please contact Eric Withjack: [dremmw@yahoo.com](mailto:dremmw@yahoo.com)

---

**2014 Annual SPE Golf Tournament - May 2nd - SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Annual LA Basin SPE Charity Golf Tournament, Awards Banquet and mega-raffle is set for Friday May 2, 2013. Once again we will be returning to Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills for a guaranteed 1:00 PM scramble start. Tell your friends and acquaintances about this great tournament and plan to attend. Make your plans to attend early, form your teams and be ready to sign up. You can sign up through the links on [www.LASPE.org](http://www.LASPE.org) in early 2014. We expect this event to sell out, as usual, so don't get left out.

Interested parties and VOLUNTEERS PLEASE contact Rich Manuel at [rmanuel@mindspring.com](mailto:rmanuel@mindspring.com).



PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER 10TH  
PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY FORUM

**History of Down Hole Cameras & Applications**

by Gregg Linville

EV Down Hole Camera Services



## **SPE – LOS ANGELES SECTION**

### **Well Casing Design Workshop**

Long Beach: January 21, 2014,  
The Grand, 4101 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815

7:30 a.m. Check in

- 1. Introduction, including manufacture and standardization of casing**
- 2. API Performance Properties**
  - a. Tension
  - b. Burst
  - c. Collapse: Yield Strength, Plastic, Transition, and Elastic
- 3. Other Stress Considerations**
  - a. Combined Stress
  - b. Bending
  - c. Hydrogen Sulfide
  - d. Casing Handling Practices
- 4. Casing Design Criteria**
  - a. Setting Depths
  - b. Casing Sizes
  - c. Selection of Weight, Grade, and Couplings
- 5. Specific Casing Strings**
  - a. Conductor Pipe
  - b. Surface Casing
  - c. Intermediate Casing(s) or Liner(s)
  - d. Production Casing or Liner
- 6. Special Design Considerations**
  - a. Shocks, Changing Internal or External Pressures
  - b. Thermal Effects
  - c. Subsidence Effects

*program continued next page...*

## **SPE – LOS ANGELES SECTION**

### **Well Casing Design Workshop *Continued***

Long Beach: January 21, 2014,

The Grand, 4101 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815

*...program continued*

- 7. Casing Landing and Wellheads**
- 8. Case Reviews**
- 9. Summary and Conclusions**

#### **Registration and Payment:**

The fee of \$160 includes workshop, materials, refreshments, and lunch. All attendees must register in advance. You may register and pay on line using PayPal at LASPE.org. If paying by check please make out to "LASPE" or pay with cash and please pre-register by email to goras9@aol.com. NO WALK-INS PLEASE.

#### **Presenter:**

**Val Lerma** has worked in the oil industry for over 30 years. Her experience includes drilling, reservoir, and production engineering, as well as management. She has worked for both major and independent operators. She has a BS and MS in Petroleum Engineering from USC, and an MBA from California Lutheran University. She taught the drilling engineering course at USC for 7 years, and is currently the Business Development Manager for Orchard E&P, LLC. Val is a licensed professional petroleum engineer in the State of California.

## MESA DAY COMPETITIONS



### 2014 LASPE Community Outreach Program

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and join us as we partner with the California Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program at their MESA Day Competitions for over 1,400 High School and Middle School students and 50 teachers. MESA is a UC-based organization and the largest state STEM program that serves over 28,000 educationally-disadvantaged students in grades K-16. Their mission is for students to achieve UC/CSU eligibility, and graduate with four-year degrees in science, engineering and math majors.

**Take part in one of the largest outreach programs in our industry!** Volunteers will judge student projects and competitions, make presentations about engineering, geology and our industry, and lead and demonstrate science and math-based games and experiments. **Come to one or all four MESA Days.**

**March 1** High School, CSU Long Beach School of Engineering

**March 8** Middle School, CSU Long Beach School of Engineering

**Top Three Students in each event go to Regional MESA Days Competitions between MESA Centers at USC, UCLA, CSULA, and CSULB**

**April 5** Regional Middle School, UCLA School of Engineering

**April 12** Regional High School, CSULB School of Engineering

**We invite you to Volunteer and/or be on our Planning Committee. Please contact Scott Hara at [scotthara@yahoo.com](mailto:scotthara@yahoo.com) or 626-482-6757 cell.**





## SPE WESTERN NORTH AMERICA AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN JOINT REGIONAL MEETING

*From the Rockies to the Pacific – Bridging the Unconventional and Conventional through Technology*

**Registration is open! Go to <http://www.wrmjce.org/>**

The SPE Annual Conference will be held in Europe in 2014. For those of you who would not be able to attend the SPE Annual Conference or would like to attend more than one meeting in 2014, here is your chance. The Western North America and Rocky Mountain Regions are joining force to offer a Joint Regional Conference on April 17-18, 2014 in Denver, Colorado. This is the main SPE Regional Meeting in North America in 2014. We will bring you a comprehensive technical program focused the latest Technology and field case histories for Conventional and Unconventional Assets. We will also have the highly popular panel discussions during the conference and there will be continuing education courses on April 15-16 also. Hope to see you there!

If you are curious about the program details, desire to register, book hotel reservations, reserve exhibit booths or your company would like to sponsor events, please log onto the web-site below. The details are at the link below:.

<http://www.wrmjce.org/>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Cheung at [SteveIOR@yahoo.com](mailto:SteveIOR@yahoo.com) .

Sincerely yours,  
Steve Cheung and Kumar Ramurthy  
Conference Co-chairs



## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL EVENT

### LA SPE – Young Professionals Event Summary

LA SPE Young Professionals joined forces with Young Professionals in Energy, Los Angeles Chapter to host a joint networking event Thursday evening December 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 50 attendees gathered at Rock Bottom Brewery for light refreshments, networking opportunities, general edification & good natured socialization. This event was made possible through generous a contribution by Multi-Chem (A Halliburton Service) & further sponsorships from: Baker Hughes, INTEQ; Kenai Drilling; National Oilwell Varco; & San Joaquin Bit Services;

Young Professionals in Energy membership is not limited to the petroleum industry. 2014 LA SPE Chair Baldev Gill, therefore, graciously treated attendees to a brief overview of the oil & gas industry. Attendees from the non-petroleum backgrounds greatly appreciated his comments & introduction to our business. Those attendees with petroleum background patiently humored Mr. Gill's refresher.

The purpose of LA SPE Young Professionals events is to build a sense of community between young professionals in our industry & to exchange ideas & lessons learned. As is common at SPE Young Professional events, attendees were drawn from across the LA basin and from across the industry (upstream, downstream, & service sectors). Jointly hosting the event with Young Professionals in Energy drew additional attendees from distribution, efficiency, financial, legal, trading, & various green backgrounds not normally present at SPE events. This offered new opportunities for sharing ideas & cross pollination. More importantly, however, this enables us to present our industry to a larger community in a favorable light.

As always, The SPE Young Professionals are seeking additional volunteers to help share the load in planning, coordinating & hosting future events. Interested candidates should contact a SPE Officer directly by email, or at an upcoming meeting (such as those we are currently planning for this coming fall).

The next meeting is not yet planned, and will probably be scheduled for either late January or early February 2104. Future event information will be always posted to the LA SPE Young Professionals Facebook page & distributed through the LA SPE Young Professionals Email list. To join, leave, or manage your membership on the e-mail list, please e-mail: [laspeyp@gmail.com](mailto:laspeyp@gmail.com)

Right: Baldev Gill (City of Long Beach & 2014 LA SPE Chair) shares insights with Manuel Walker (LA DWP Energy Resource Manager).



## PETROWIKI - AN ONLINE RESOURCE

### What is PetroWiki?

PetroWiki was created from the seven volume *Petroleum Engineering Handbook* (<http://store.spe.org/Petroleum-Engineering-Handbook-Volumes-I-VII-Print-Set-P126.aspx>) (PEH) published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (<http://www.spe.org>) (SPE). PetroWiki preserves the PEH content in unaltered form (page names that start with PEH:), while allowing SPE's membership to update and expand content from the published version. Pages that do not have PEH: at the beginning may have started with content from the PEH, but have been modified over time by contributors to the wiki.

Content in PetroWiki is moderated (/PetroWiki%3AModeration) by at least two members with subject matter expertise. This helps to ensure that the information found in PetroWiki is technically accurate. Disclaimer (/PetroWiki%3ADisclaimer)

Unlike some other online wikis, PetroWiki content is copyright (/PetroWiki%3ACopyright) SPE. For information about using content from PetroWiki, see PetroWiki:Permissions (/PetroWiki%3APermissions).

### How do I use PetroWiki?

*Use the search box at upper right to find content of interest.*

PetroWiki is indexed by search engines, so you also may find content of interest through your favorite search engine.

*English not your first language?* You'll find Google Translate in the navigation under Toolbox. While the translations are far from perfect and technical terms may not translate well, it may help with understanding. When you're on a translated page, mouseover the text to see the original text for ease of comparison.

### How can I contribute to PetroWiki?

- \* The *Petroleum Engineering Handbook* was published in 2006-2007. Therefore, some of the content is outdated and newer technologies may not be included. We need your help to update PetroWiki and share your knowledge with others.
- \* Adding links to good papers in OnePetro and elsewhere is a great way to enrich existing content pages.
- \* Creation of pages about specific fields are welcome. Knowing the basics of the reservoir and how the field was developed over time can provide valuable information to others. (See Prudhoe Bay field (/Prudhoe\_Bay\_field) and Kuparuk River field (/Kuparuk\_River\_field) as examples)
- \* If you are an SPE professional member, you must log in. [Use your SPE website login.] Help with editing (/Help%3AEditing\_a\_page)
- \* Pages that start with PEH: cannot be edited.

For more information, see PetroWiki:Frequently asked questions (/PetroWiki%3AFrequently\_asked\_questions)

*Content categorization - most pages in PetroWiki do not currently have categories assigned to them. SPE is in the process of finalizing a technical taxonomy that will be used for PetroWiki, OnePetro, and other SPE content. Once the taxonomy is final, categories will be added to PetroWiki pages.*

## SPE STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

### CSULB SPE 2013 Recap

2013 has now passed and gone and the students of Cal State Long Beach would like to take a moment to go back over our major events of the year. We would also like to express our gratitude to LASPE for over 20 years of supporting CSULB SPE students.

In April CSULB SPE attended the SPE 2013 Regional Meeting in Monterrey, California thanks to a generous donation from LASPE. The regional meeting was an excellent opportunity for our students to meet other students and professional petroleum engineers in the Western Region.

In October thanks to donations from LASPE and Signal Hill Petroleum our officers attended ATCE in New Orleans. This provided a wide array of opportunities from chapter improvement workshops, technical presentations, firsthand experience of various tools and implements used in the field, and simulations of current production strategies, to social events with students, young professionals, and experienced engineers from around the world.

We are looking forward to a very productive year in 2014. We plan to have several professional building seminars for our members, technical presentations, social mixers, fundraisers, and also plan on attending the next regional and international conferences. We are looking for ideas about technical presentations and speakers. If anyone has any ideas or would like to speak please contact Kim George at [kimgeorge3@hotmail.com](mailto:kimgeorge3@hotmail.com).

From the students at CSULB have a wonderful new year!

Pictured Left to right: Bryant Mercado, Stephan Lopez, Stephanie Grace Arriola, Erik Renteria, and Kim George



**SELECTED SPE UPCOMING EVENTS 2013 - 2014**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>“Slugging in Pipelines: What you need to know“ by Mona Trick (DL)* (Monday)</b>
<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>LASPE Well Casing Design Workshop by Val Lerma The Grand Hotel, Long Beach</b>
<b>Feb 11*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Mar 11*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Mar 17-19	SPE Conference on Health, Safety, and the Environment at Long Beach Convention Center
<b>Apr 8*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Apr 17-18	SPE Western North America / Rocky Mountain Joint Regional Meeting, Denver CO
<b>May 2</b>	<b>2014 Annual LA Basin SPE Charity Golf Tournament</b>
<b>May 13*</b>	<b>“Hydraulic Fracturing Myths, Reality and Environmental Stewardship Through Better Chemistry“ by Daneil Daulton (DL)*</b>
<b>June 17*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Note: * LASPE Board meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. and all members are welcome to observe</b>

**DEADLINES FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION**

Month	1st Submission Call	Last Submission Call	No Submissions Accepted After	Newsletter Publish Date
February	1/19/14	1/26/14	1/31/14	2/4/14
March	2/17/14	2/24/14	2/28/14	3/4/14
April	3/17/14	3/24/14	3/28/14	4/1/14
May	4/15/14	4/23/14	5/2/14	5/6/14
June	5/19/14	5/26/14	5/30/14	6/3/14
September	8/18/14	8/25/14	8/29/14	9/2/14

**LASPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

**Attendance:**

Baldev Gill, Section Chair (Proxy for Christian Vaccese)  
Eric Withjack, Senior Past Chair (Proxy for Steve Cheung)  
Ted Frankiewicz, Vice Chair 2013-2014 and Board Member through 2015  
Nazee Heda, Board Member - Chair Scholarship through 2016 - Proxy  
Serge Baghdikian, Nomination Chair through 2014 - Proxy  
Brian Tran, Board Member through 2016  
Rick Finken, Treasurer  
Scott Hara, Community Outreach  
Sam Sarem, Chair, Membership and Awards Committees  
Mike Utt  
Rachel Spitz  
AB Gorashi Abdulrahman, Continuing Education Committee Chair – Not Present  
Soham Punjabi, USC Student Chapter  
Kulbir Singh, USC Student Chapter  
Nathaniel Sia, USC Student Chapter  
Asim Shakour, UCI Student Chapter

**Proceedings:**

1. Baldev Gill called the meeting to order at 10.45 am (Pacific Time Zone) and Nathaniel Sia, acting as secretary in place of Christian Vaccese, recorded the minutes. A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.
2. Baldev Gill proposed the agenda for approval, whereupon motion was made by Eric and seconded by Serge.
3. Ted moved to approve the minutes of October and Serge seconded.
4. Old Business:  
There were no outstanding business items from the previous month.
5. New Business:

*Waterflood Workshop*

Baldev Gill announced that a similar workshop be done again the next year which would focus on other topics such as CO2 recovery or other forms of EOR methods.

*Two Signature Vote for Writing Checks*

Baldev proposed that there should a system of checks and balances in place in terms of finances. To this effect, two signature votes are required to write checks with amounts exceeding \$1500. A second approval sent by email would be acceptable but it needs to be recorded as secondarily approved in the Treasurer's Report. Also, Article VII has to be modified to indicate the 2 signatory compliances based on the voted increase dollar amount. Eric motions to approve this change, and is seconded by Ted. Larry is to update the article on the website.

*Speakers' Fee for Luncheon Talks, and Expenses Amount*

Ted discussed upon the expenses of inviting speakers to luncheon talks and other such events. Baldev proposes that \$1000 to \$2000 will be sufficient to cover speaker costs. Also, the speaker for December is confirmed, as is the Distinguished Lecturer for January. However, there is need for a speaker in February and 3 additional speakers for this year's forum. Nevertheless, this issue will be put on the December BOD meeting's agenda and will be further discussed then.

**LASPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUES...**

*Succession for 2013-2014 Treasurer and BOD position*

Serge updated the board on the status of applications for the Board of Director's (BOD) position. Only 1 response was received in the last month, that of Mr. Robert Schaff. The application deadline is to be extended till November 15th.

*Treasurer's Report and Moving Reserve Funds to Chase*

Rick informed the board of the chapter's current financial situation. For the month of October, expenses exceeded income by \$120. The following is the breakdown of costs and expenses:

1. \$7400 – (unable to recall expenses)
2. \$5500 – (unable to recall expenses)
3. \$1000 – Reimbursement for CSULB ATCE
4. \$512 – Newsletter Costs
5. \$24 – Purchase of new checks
6. \$100 – for OCEC
7. \$265 – Reimbursement for the Young Professionals (YP) group

The science fair award check remains uncashed after six months and will be credited to the account. So too will the uncashed \$104 check for the YP reimbursement. In addition, the waterflooding workshop netted an income of \$6277 which is more than its expenses.

Currently, the financial standings of the chapter are as follows:

- \$ 68,000 – Total assets (as of October 31st)
- \$ 38,000 – Working funds
- \$ 30,000 – Reserve Funds which are held in accountant fidelity with an interest rate of 50 cents/month

Rick clarified that the mutual fund is the Puritan fund. The fidelity funds are to be moved into Chase where it was proposed that one third of the funds be invested in the money market. Rick will make a recommendation to move the funds to Chase in the next BOD meeting.

*WNAR Denver 2014 Meeting Update*

Eric, acting as proxy for Steve, updated the board on the status of the Denver WNAR. The program is set and the number of sessions has been figured out. As for the panel discussion, the head of oil commissioners in each state will be in attendance except for Wyoming. It is expected that Wyoming will send a deputy oil commissioner to the panel. In addition, it is likely that the \$4600 seed money will be returned. Registration for the WNAR opens on November 15th and early registration will continue through February.

*Continuing Education Committee Activities – Casing Design Workshop*

AB informed the board that the workshop will take place at The Grand on January 21st, 2014. PTTC is also no longer interested to co-host the workshop. The Grand also wishes that the contract be signed. AB is to follow up with Val regarding the contract. To break even, the workshop will require 10 sign-ups (refer to the budget sheet given by AB). The fee is set at \$160 and the Paypal link for registration is already active. In addition, AB informed that the list should be given a week prior to those committed to the workshop.

\*Sam and AB are to talk offline about some of the SPE short classes.

Decision of Working with PTTC - The issue is no longer relevant as PTTC is no longer involved.

*Quarterly New Member Listing and Welcome Note*

Sam is to be in charge of looking up and sending a welcome note to the new members whom have signed up in the Basin during every quarter. Baldev will provide the list to Sam for each quarter.

*YP activities*

Since there are no YP representatives in attendance, this agenda item was not discussed.

**LASPE BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUES...**

*USC, CSULB and UCI Student Representative Updates*

Soham Punjabi from USC informed that the chapter had recently hosted a bowling social with CSULB the past Saturday. In addition, the USC chapter has already put into place a community outreach program in the form of the Energy4Me talks at nearby middle schools. Also addressed was the \$300 reimbursement per student for ATCE 2013.

Asim Shakour, representing University of California Irvine (UCI), informed the board of the chapter's successful establishment in UCI. Their faculty advisor is Mr. Frank Shi from the Chemical Engineering Department and they currently have 6 chapter officers and 15 members whom were chemical and mechanical engineers. Their first AGM will be held next week during the start of UCI's next academic quarter. They have contacted Ms. Devon Shay from Signal Hill and Baldev has expressed interest in giving a talk at UCI SPE's AGM.

Other Matters

*Legion of Honor Awardees*

Sam Sarem informed the board that the certificates for the Legion of Honor have yet to arrive. However, awardee Mr. Willis Wood Jr has already received his plaque and certificate.

Unfortunately, he was unable to come this month but is able to come next month. Sam will follow up to see if Richard Finken has received the certificate and plaque.

*Community Outreach*

Scott announced that there was to be a committee meeting after the luncheon. Apart from that, he has already scheduled 4 days to assist MESA. The dates are as follows:

- March 1st – CSULB's high school program (the local MESA center)
- March 8th – CSULB's middle school program
- April 5th – UCLA's middle school
- April 12th – CSULB's high school

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11.35 am (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,



Nathaniel Sia, Recording Secretary



## SERVICES OFFERED

### **Plurimi Petro**

**Petroleum Engineering Consulting  
36 Years of Diversified Experience**

**Asset Development  
Reservoir Management  
Drilling Programs  
Waterflood Optimization  
Tertiary Recovery / EOR  
Reserves and Economic Evaluation  
Acquisition and Divestitures**

**714-403-9839**

**[LOVESM@IX.NETCOM.COM](mailto:LOVESM@IX.NETCOM.COM)**

**DAVID B. DEL MAR  
Consulting Petroleum Geologist  
California Registered Geologist #634**

**Development - Thermal EOR - Property Reviews**

**2027 Park Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90026  
C (323) 219-3804 H (323) 664-3358**

**[dbdelmar@gmail.com](mailto:dbdelmar@gmail.com)**

 **Clark Asset Management**  
+ ASSOCIATES, INC. Since 1989

**Build a better future...**

With A Friendly, Professional Investment Manager.



*"Dedicated to improving your retirement portfolio investment returns."*

- Involved with Petroleum Industry.
- Fee-Free Initial Consultation.

Ph: (818) 236-3794 / Fax: (818) 541-0856

[gnclark@clarkassetmgmt.com](mailto:gnclark@clarkassetmgmt.com)

[www.clarkassetmgmt.com](http://www.clarkassetmgmt.com)



**2012-2013 LASPE OFFICERS & BOARD**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Dr. Eric Withjack	Senior Past chair	<a href="mailto:dremmw@yahoo.com">dremmw@yahoo.com</a>
Dr. Steve Cheung	Junior Past Chair	<a href="mailto:steveior@yahoo.com">steveior@yahoo.com</a>
Baldev Gill	LASPE Chairperson 2013-2014	<a href="mailto:Baldev.Gill@longbeach.gov">Baldev.Gill@longbeach.gov</a>
Dr. Ted Frankiewicz	Vice Chair - Board member through 2015	<a href="mailto:tfrankiewicz@specservices.com">tfrankiewicz@specservices.com</a>
Brian Tran	Board member through 2016	<a href="mailto:Brian.Tran@Bakerhughes.com">Brian.Tran@Bakerhughes.com</a>
Christian Vaccese	Secretary - Board member through 2014	<a href="mailto:c.vaccese@gmail.com">c.vaccese@gmail.com</a>
Rick Finken	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:rdfinken@gmail.com">rdfinken@gmail.com</a>
<b>Committee Chairs</b>		
Dr. Sam Sarem	Award	<a href="mailto:Sam4IPRC@aol.com">Sam4IPRC@aol.com</a>
Leila Vlasko	Forum and Program co-chair	<a href="mailto:lvlasko@betaoffshore.com">lvlasko@betaoffshore.com</a>
Dr. Ted Frankiewicz	Forum and Program co-chair	<a href="mailto:tfrankiewicz@specservices.com">tfrankiewicz@specservices.com</a>
Rich Manuel	Golf	<a href="mailto:rmanuel@mindspring.com">rmanuel@mindspring.com</a>
Scott Hara	Community Outreach	<a href="mailto:Scotthara@yahoo.com">Scotthara@yahoo.com</a>
Dr. Sam Sarem	Membership	<a href="mailto:Sam4IPRC@aol.com">Sam4IPRC@aol.com</a>
Dr. Iraj Ershaghi	Publication Mentor	<a href="mailto:ershaghi@usc.edu">ershaghi@usc.edu</a>
Brian Tran	Scholarship	<a href="mailto:Brian.Tran@Bakerhughes.com">Brian.Tran@Bakerhughes.com</a>
Devon Shay	Student Chapter Liaison	<a href="mailto:DShay@SHPI.net">DShay@SHPI.net</a>
Dr. Jalal Torabzadeh	Student Chapter Advisor - CSULB	<a href="mailto:jalal.torabzadeh@csulb.edu">jalal.torabzadeh@csulb.edu</a>
Erik Renteria	Student Chapter President - CSULB	<a href="mailto:erikjrenteria@gmail.com">erikjrenteria@gmail.com</a>
Dr. Iraj Ershaghi	Student Chapter Advisor – USC	<a href="mailto:ershaghi@usc.edu">ershaghi@usc.edu</a>
Soham Punjabi	Student Chapter President - USC	<a href="mailto:USCstudents@spemail.org">USCstudents@spemail.org</a>
Dr. Frank Shi	Student Chapter Advisor - UCI	<a href="mailto:fgshi@uci.edu">fgshi@uci.edu</a>
Asim Shakour	Student Chapter President - UCI	<a href="mailto:ashakour@uci.edu">ashakour@uci.edu</a>
A.B. Gorashi	Training	<a href="mailto:goras9@aol.com">goras9@aol.com</a>
Jovy Kroh	Young Professional	<a href="mailto:jkroh@shpi.net">jkroh@shpi.net</a>
Larry Gilpin	Newsletter & Website Editor / Publisher	<a href="mailto:Larry@4thForge.com">Larry@4thForge.com</a>
Tom Walsh	WNAR Director 2012-2015	<a href="mailto:twalsh@petroak.com">twalsh@petroak.com</a>
SPE Contact for Sections		<a href="mailto:sections@SPE.org">sections@SPE.org</a>