



▶ A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

April, May and June will be an active time for LASPE. Hopefully, you will be able to participate in one or two of the following activities.

Weatherford BBQ: The BBQ will be held on April 7, after a one-year hiatus, at Weatherford's Facilities in Rancho Dominguez. Please see the announcement on second page for more details. This is a social event for networking, recruiting new members and for outreach to teachers at schools in our elementary and high school outreach programs.

April Forum: Hal Bopp, California's Oil and Gas Supervisor will be the speaker at our regular Forum at the Petroleum Club on April 13.

Science Fairs: Volunteers are needed at the California State (May 24 – 25 at Exposition Park), LA County (April 14 - 15 at Staples Center), Orange County (April 28 at the fairgrounds) and Long Beach Science Fairs (April 24 at Cabrillo H.S. in Long Beach). LASPE members join the ranks of the judges and judge projects for our own cash awards to deserving students interested in science. These are worthwhile and fun events. If you are interested, please contact Dan Dudak at 562-577-9485 (cell) or by email at dudakd@slc.ca.gov.

Scholarships: Please visit our website at www.laspe.org to find a list of scholarships available to LASPE SPE members and to their sons, daughters, grandchildren and siblings. LASPE has budgeted \$8,000 for scholarships this year, but we cannot make awards without applications.

PetroTech Mini-Expo: This is a new idea for transfer of developing technologies in the LA Basin. All of you should have received a request to submit projects for presentation at LASPE's May 11th Forum at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. The idea is to have up to four short verbal presentations of interesting and successful projects in the basin followed by lunch, and a poster session for each project, providing the opportunity for interested members to learn more and to exchange ideas.

June Golf Tournament: Full details are on our website. This will be a great event. Mark Shemaria and his team have put together a 36-hole tournament on June 18 at Los Serranos Country Club with loads of prizes and plenty of delicious food.

2005 Western Regional Meeting: This is outside the current timeframe, but here is an early mention anyway. The 2005 WRM will be a joint meeting with the San Joaquin Valley Section next March 30 through April 1, 2005 in Anaheim, near Disneyland. Co-Chairs are Joyce Holtzclaw (Berry Petroleum) of SJVSPPE and Mark Kapelke (Tidelands) of LASPE. There will be plenty of opportunities for LASPE members to participate in this worthwhile conference.

LASPE is your professional organization for technology transfer, continuing education and community outreach promoting our industry. All members are welcome to participate in any of the above activities. All are invited to attend our board meetings that take place approximately an hour before the monthly Petroleum Technology Forum at the Long Beach Petroleum Club.

Rick Finken 2003-2004 Chairperson
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You are all invited to join friends and colleagues for an outstanding talk from:

Hal Bopp

TOPIC: "Issues Confronting DOGGR and Industry"

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 11:30 am

TIME: 11:30 am **COST:** \$15.00

PLACE: Long Beach Petroleum Club
3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA

Summary:

Several challenging issues confront the oil and gas industry, including California's declining production, difficulties marketing natural gas, aging infrastructure, the potential impact of rising energy prices, and operating in the state's political and regulatory climate. Additionally, DOGGR is focusing on specific objectives, in particular the development of a comprehensive electronic management system and continued emphasis on the orphan/idle well program

Biography:



Hal has been with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources since 1975. On May 2003, he appointed to the position of State Oil and Gas Supervisor. Before that, he was the Bakersfield District Manager since 1990, and was the Santa Maria District Manager from 1988 to 1990. Hal has been active with SPE including serving as Vice-Chair of the Santa Maria Section, the San Joaquin Valley Section Scholarship Committee, and Co-Chairing the 1999 International Thermal Symposium. He has a degree in Civil Engineering from USC and is a registered civil engineer. He currently resides in Sacramento with his wife, Denise, and two cats, Simon and Katie. For more details about this forum, check our website at: www.laspe.org or contact **Anthony Taglieri** at: Anthony_Taglieri@oxy.com

SECTION AWARD NOMINATION

REPORT



Vivian and Scott with Kate Baker, SPE President after receiving the Regional Service Award at the Western Regional Meeting Keynote Lunch in Bakersfield on March 17, 2004. Congratulations Vivian and Scott!

WEATHERFORD BBQ

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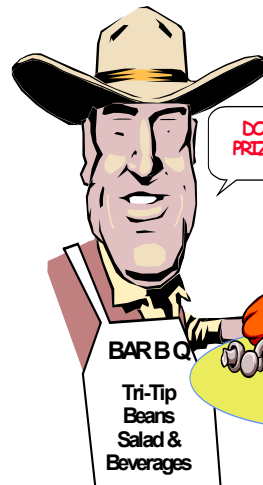
Los Angeles Basin Section

Announces

The 9th Annual

Membership Cookout - *Santa Maria Style BBQ*

*Membership Drive & Fund Raiser For
Community Outreach Program*



DOOR PRIZES!

WHERE & WHEN

Weatherford Enterra

1972 So. Alameda St.

Rancho Dominguez

Near Del Amo and Santa Fe

(see map)

Wednesday,

April 7, 2004

5:00 p.m.

Tickets are

\$10.00 each

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