



A message from the Chair

Dear Fellow SPE members,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that 13 members from the Los Angeles Basin Section were admitted to the SPE Legion of Honor during 2005. Only those members with 50 years of continuous and active membership in SPE are admitted to the SPE Legion of Honor. The following members from our Section received this distinction during 2005:

- *Mr. Charles Babcock*
- *Mr. W.J. Baker*
- *Mr. Clyde Barton*
- *Mr. B.P. Bayliss*
- *Mr. Martin Garrity*
- *Mr. J.F. McGouldrick*
- *Mr. Robert Miller*
- *Mr. Allen Nelson*
- *Mr. Leo O'Brien*
- *Mr. David Rowley*
- *Mr. Carl Vogelsang*
- *The Late Mr. Robert Wheeler*
- *Mr. Sherwin Yoelin*

Many of the above honorees will be recognized for receiving this high honor in person at our December 13 and January 10 Forum luncheons at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. I hope you will be there as we express our appreciation to them for their long service to our Society.

Sincerely,

Pat Shuler
LASPE Chairperson 2005-2006
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The Next Petroleum Technology Forum - December 13, 2005

LASPE Forum: December 13, 2005

Long Beach Petroleum Club
3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA
90807

Registration: 11:30 AM

Buffet Lunch: 12:00 noon

Presentation: 12:20 – 1:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00, students are our guests.



Steve K. Cheung

The December Monthly Petroleum Technology Forum meets Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Steve K. Cheung of Chevron Energy Technology Company will present a discussion titled “The Latest in Ways to Improve Asset Value Through Better Water Management.” A complete abstract and bio is provided below.

Abstract:

Many wells and reservoirs are prematurely abandoned due to excess water production, resulting in lost production and recovery. We need ways to delay water production in new fields, and to maximize efficiency in mature producing fields. This talk highlights some of the latest technology in prevention, diagnosis, mechanical/chemical methods, and with supporting field case history. Specific applications for injector, producer, reservoir-wide, and facility-related will be communicated. New near-wellbore and reservoir in-depth treatments will be particularly detailed. There will be discussions on Best Practices/ Lessons Learnt to improve the success rates, and mention of challenges ahead.

Biography:

Steve Cheung is the Project Leader – Conformance Control at ChevronTexaco Energy Technology Company. He holds M.S. Petroleum Engineering from University of Southern California, and a Ph. D. in Chemistry from University of California, Irvine. He has worked in the industry for over 25 years, and was Team Leader – Produced Water Management, and Team Leader – Oilfield Chemistry. He teaches in-house Water Control Workshop worldwide and has consistently received the highest marks. Steve also organized in-house worldwide Subsurface Conformance Control conferences, and taught graduate-level Petroleum Engineer class at USC. He has authored papers in Well Stimulation, Conformance Control, EOR, Reservoir Monitoring, and Flow Assurance. He has been invited to speak in many meetings in USA, England, France, Denmark, Brazil, Oman, and Malaysia. He was a SPE Technical Editor, chaired many sessions in SPE Annual Conference, and co-chaired a 2004 SPE-ATW.

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Board and Forum Report - November 8, 2005

The Board held its regular monthly meeting on November 8, 2005 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Chairperson Pat Shuler called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Highlights follow:

- The Treasurer reported a net surplus for the October 2004 – September 2005 Fiscal Year of just over \$3,000. This result includes a total of \$11,000 in scholarships awarded to 13 university and four high school students.
- The Board approved a balanced budget for the 2005 – 06 fiscal year. Significant items include increases in Continuing Education, Community Outreach and Scholarship funding. The largest single source of funding will be the Charity Golf Tournament, scheduled for May 19, 2006.
- The Board endorsed the nominations of Sam Sarem for Western Regional Director (2006 – 09) and the nomination of current Western Regional Director, Behrooz Fattahi for the position of VP, Finance of SPE.
- Scott McGurk reported a Continuing Education workshop on well remedial work is scheduled for November 18, 2005 at the Petroleum Club.



Prior to the Forum Program, 2004 – 05
Chairperson, Raj Upadhyay was awarded a very
nice commemorative plaque by Pat Shuler.

The Forum was attended by nearly 50 members and featured two speakers, speaking one topic – crude pricing. Tom Walker reviewed key drivers of California pricing, which include increasing imports, competition from China and spare capacity increasingly met by heavy crude.



Barry Evans focused on world pricing. Key drivers here are Saudi spare capacity, declining new discovery reserve additions and the unsettling notion that the Middle East reserve base could likely be overstated. High prices could mitigate demand, but with spare capacity below 3% of production, the bottom line conclusion for both talks is that prices continuing in the \$50 - \$60 range are likely.

Both presentations are available on the LASPE website.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PXP - Plains Exploration & Production Company

RESERVOIR ENGINEERS

Exciting and challenging opportunities currently exist at growth oriented Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP) in Bakersfield California for Reservoir Engineers. Degreed Petroleum Engineers with all levels of experience are needed. Candidates with significant experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

PXP's California assets include mature properties with long-lived reserves and significant development and exploitation opportunities. Year end 2004 reserves were 419 MMBOE of which approximately 90% are located in California with a 16 year R/P ratio. PXP averages 95% working interest in all asset areas and enjoys a very active drilling program with over 230 wells drilled during 2005.

As a Reservoir Engineer for PXP you will be involved in the evaluation of exploitation opportunities, estimating reserve potential and plan field development strategy. You will carry out field and reservoir studies, perform decline curve and other types of analyses and conduct steamflood and waterflood optimizations. You will be involved in evaluating exploitation opportunities, creating remedial opportunities and implementing secondary and tertiary recovery processes.

The successful candidate will enjoy a generous benefit package to include relocation for those who are eligible. To apply email your resume and cover letter to: bwalker@plainsxp.com.

EOE

PRODUCTION ENGINEER

We are currently seeking a Production Engineer at our **Inglewood, CA location**.

Must have a BS in Petroleum Engineering or related discipline with 2 to 7 years Production Engineering experience. Duties include: artificial lift optimization and monitoring (primarily sucker rod pumps); research, AFE and indirectly supervise artificial lift repair, workovers and well stimulations.

Candidate should be computer proficient with experience in Microsoft Office and Oilfield Manager. Waterflood experience preferred. Must function both as a team player and be able to work independently. Must be flexible and able to handle many projects simultaneously. Salary commensurate with experience. Competitive benefits package.

Submit a cover letter and resume. PXP, 1200 Discovery Drive, Suite 500, Bakersfield, CA 93309 Attn: HR Dept or FAX (661) 395-5283 or Email bwalker@plainsxp.com

Only qualified candidates should apply. EOE M/F/D/V

Help Wanted! Volunteers Needed!!

The 2006 SPE Charity Golf Tournament needs you! The date is set for a terrific 2006 tournament at Los Serranos CC on May 19, 2006. Tournament Chairman Mark Shemaria wants this year's event to be even better than last year's or the 2004 tournament. Volunteers are needed, golfer or not, to join the committee to help with logistics, arrangements and tournament play. Good times are guaranteed working with this enthusiastic group!

The Charity Golf Tournament is the major funding source for all LASPE activities, including a budgeted \$28,500 for scholarships, high school and university student support and local community outreach in 2006. Please help support your LA Basin SPE.



Call or email Mark at 562-495-9392, mark.shemaria@tidelandsoil.com and
***** Join the Team! *****

SPE Charity Golf Classic May 19th, 2006

Los Serranos Country Club
15656 Yorba Ave. Chino Hills, CA 91709
2 Courses - 288 Players – Scramble format
The Banquet, The Raffle & Silent Auction
SAVE THE DATE!

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www.laspe.org

LA SPE Scholarships Available!

*See Criteria and
Application details on
our website*

www.laspe.org/scholarship/scholarship.html

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