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Los Angeles Basin Section Newsletter

JOB POSTING: Union Bank of California has an opening for a Senior Petroleum Engineer which will be posted shortly on the LASPE website on the Job Board Page.

Message From Section Chairman

The day before each year's SPE Annual Technical Conference, there is a meeting of officers and representatives from SPE management and Section volunteers. They meet each other and discuss ways to improve local Section operations. At the October 2003 meeting in Denver, LASPE was well represented by Sam Sarem and Jalal Torabzadeh.

From LASPE's standpoint, I believe the most interesting part of the meeting was the discussion of Section Best Practices. There were many "Best Practices" from all over the world, but I think four of these are especially applicable to our operations:

- The Thailand Section collects business cards to make sure their data base is accurate and to send membership materials to non-SPE members.
- The Delta Section holds an annual management breakfast. To me, this is a good way to make sure the Section is in tune with local needs.
- In conjunction with other local industry groups, the San Joaquin Valley Section hosts an annual community energy night.
- SJV Section sends copies of their newsletter to local industry leaders.

LASPE's program year is moving forward with Community Outreach, the Monthly Technology Forum, scholarship awards and the Golf Tournament. I hope to incorporate the Best Practices above for an even more productive year.

If you have any ideas to increase member interest and participation in our activities or to improve LASPE's responsiveness to local industry needs, please let me know your thoughts.

Rick Finken, 2003 – 2004 Chairperson

November SPE Petroleum Forum

- DATE:** November 11, 2003
TIME: 11:30 am – Social
12:00 pm – Lunch
12:30 pm – Presentation
- PLACE:** Long Beach Petroleum Club
3636 Linden Avenue
Long Beach, CA
- COST:** \$15.00 General; \$5.00 Students
- SPEAKER:** **Kater Baker**
SPE President
- TOPIC:** **The Quadruple Bottom Line of
Petroleum Engineering**

Summary:

The Petroleum engineering today faces a quadruple bottom line: technological, financial, demographic and health, safety & environmental (HSE). The technological bottom line is being driven by discoveries in ever-deeper water, production from geographies remote from markets, and the arrival of e-field.

Successful technology application underpins outstanding financial and HSE performance. The business bottom line is about demonstrating how what we do daily contributes to ethically making a favorable return for the shareholders *and* supporting company brand values that make each of our enterprises uniquely valuable. The HSE bottom line begins with personal health and safety and extends to global social investment. Ours is an aging discipline; demographic action points include more effective recruiting in the worldwide talent pool, retaining women and minorities once hired, and encouraging experienced practitioners to defer final retirement..

Biography:

Kate Hadley Baker has nearly 30 years of experience in the upstream industry and is currently the Technology Unit Coordinator of Reservoir Performance for the BP Upstream Technology Group and the Senior Advisor of Subsurface for BP Group.

From 1998 to 2001, Baker served as the Director of Upstream Digital Business for BP Amoco, managing the consolidation of BP, Amoco and later, ARCO Upstream IT assets. In 1997, she served as Manager of the Technical Services Group at Amoco Worldwide Exploration. There she managed a group of 130-150 people providing hardcopy data to high performance computing services.

Other positions Baker held at Amoco include Exploration Manager of the Rockies Gas Business Unit, Amoco US Operations/Energy Group, North America, and Director of Geoscience Technology for Amoco Production Research. Baker joined Amoco to help form an upstream R&D organization that could do both research and technical services under one roof.

From 1975 to 1994, Baker held many positions for Exxon Production Research Company and Exxon Company, USA, including Research Geologist, Research Supervisor, Senior Supervisory Geologist, Project Leader, Planning Advisor, Division Operations Geologist, Well Evaluation Coordinator, and Senior Research Supervisor.

Baker has a BS degree in geology and a PhD in geophysics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has been a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) for 25 years and is a member of the Council on Earth Sciences of the DOE/Office of Basic Energy Sciences.

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Upcoming SPE Forum Meetings

December 9: Lynn Orr - an update of the Global Climate and Energy Project

January 13: Dalton Lockman - Inglewood field seismic program and results

February 10: Farouq Ali (Distinguished Lecturer) - The Unfulfilled Promise of EOR

March 9: David Norman (Distinguished Lecturer) - Frac Pack Completions

April 13: Hal Bopp, California Oil and Gas Supervisor

May 11: Membership roundup - program to be announced

June 8: Khalid Aziz - Reservoir Simulation.

Computer Tip from Fred Crosby

OUTLOOK: FLAGGING ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

In a recent tip I explained that you can flag contacts for follow-up, just as you can flag e-mail messages. In both cases you can include a reminder to help you remember that an action is required for the item.

To set the reminder, right-click the item and choose Follow Up, Add Reminder (or just click Follow Up for a contact). In the Flag for Follow Up dialog box, select a day from the Due By drop-down list, then choose a time from the combo box next to it (which reads None by default). You can also type a time in this field if the times listed don't meet your needs.

You can flag items for follow-up in other ways, as one Office Letter subscriber pointed out to me. For example, you can right-click a message, drag it to the Calendar folder, and choose Copy Here As Appointment With Text to create a new appointment with the message in the body of the appointment item.

You can do the same with a contact, which creates an appointment with the contact information in the body of the appointment. If you prefer, you can choose Copy Here As Appointment With Attachment if you want the contact or message attached to the appointment.

These two methods -- flagging for follow-up and creating an appointment -- are not the same, however. In both cases you can set a reminder, but when you flag an item for follow-up, you gain an additional means for organizing and viewing the items. The Contacts folder, for example, includes a By Follow-Up Flag view that you can use to view flagged contacts. You can also create custom views in other folders to sort those folders by follow-up flag.

Golf Tournament Update

The Golf Tournament is LA Basin SPE's largest fund raiser. I hope that each of you will be able to attend this years Tournament even if you are not an active golfer. Your attendance during the event will go a long way in showing the Chapter's support of those contributing to the Tournament. If you are unable to make events during the day, the Evening Banquet is also a wonderful event. So we hope you all will be able to join us next June 18th in Chino Hills.

Mark Shemaria, Golf Tournament Chairman