



## LOS ANGELES BASIN SPE SECTION NEWSLETTER October 2007

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### A Message from the Chair

Dear fellow SPE members,

I am honored to be the new chairperson of LASPE and look forward to communicating with you through this column regarding our section's activities. I would like to thank Scott McGurk, the 2006-2007 Chairperson, for all of his hard work over the last year. I would also like to thank Allan Spivak and Vivian Bust for their service and commitment to SPE for these past several years serving as Director and Treasurer, respectively.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the LASPE board: Vanessa Perez, Robert Visser, Sam Sarem and Candra Janova. Vanessa will fill a vacancy on the board serving as a Director through 2009 and Robert Visser will fill a vacancy on the board serving as a Director through 2008. Candra Janova, will serve as the new Young Member Liaison through 2008. Sam Sarem will serve as the new Treasurer. All of the new members bring knowledge and enthusiasm to the board that ensures the local chapter continued success.

This will be a busy year for LASPE starting with the **2007 Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition** to be held in Anaheim from the **11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> of November**. **LASPE must provide 170 volunteers** to help in the technical sessions, the registration area, and with student tours of the exhibit hall. **We are still in need of volunteers**. Please contact me if you can donate a half-day of your time.

LASPE will continue efforts towards education of its members through monthly forum meetings and continuing education. We will continue efforts in public out-reach granting scholarships to deserving high school seniors and college students as well as working with school-aged children to promote interest in engineering and sciences.

Our section's programs and activities must continue to be relevant to the needs of members. This month Arlie Skov, SPE Past President, will give a talk entitled "You, Your Career, and SPE". I invite you to send me your thoughts on what you value and expect from your local section. Please email me at the address given below.

Sincerely,

Brandy Fellers  
LASPE Chairperson 2007-2008  
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## LA SPE Petroleum Technology Forum - October 9, 2007

### You, Your Career and SPE

The next Monthly Petroleum Technology Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the Long Beach Petroleum Club. SPE Past President Arlie Skov will discuss the whys and hows of career planning and the role of the Society of Petroleum Engineers in that effort. An abstract and bio is provided below.

<b>Location:</b> Long Beach Petroleum Club 3636 Linden Avenue Long Beach, CA 90807	<b>Time:</b> Registration: 11:30 AM Buffet Lunch: 12:00 noon Presentation: 12:20-1:00 PM	<b>Cost:</b> \$20.00, students are our guests.
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#### **ABSTRACT:**

A successful and satisfying career is a cherished aspiration. But a successful career requires nurturing and planning. We must identify our own special interests, talents and skills, as well as our personal likes and dislikes. That's called "Benchmarking". We must also define what constitutes a successful and happy career for each of us, or our Goal. And we need a map to get to from where we are to where we want to be, including identifying and acquiring requisite skills and experiences. That's a Long Range Career Plan. And since the world around us is continually changing, and our own personal goals change, too, we must frequently reassess where we are, where we want to go, and how we get there. Everyone needs all the help they can get and active membership and participation in SPE can help immensely in assessing and enhancing both our technical and managerial competencies, and in preparing us for a long and satisfying career.



Arlie Skov, P.E.

#### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Arlie Skov's professional career began with Sohio in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma followed by a move to Oklahoma City 1958. Arlie was named Manager Special Projects there in 1966. He then moved to San Francisco in 1975 as Manager Production Planning for BP's Prudhoe Bay Field on Alaska's North Slope. After stints on the Alaska Gas Pipeline project, and as Manager Frontier Research, he moved to Dallas in 1983 as Director of Production Technology, and on to Houston in 1988, as a Senior Consultant with BP worldwide until retirement in 1992. He then formed a consulting company, Arlie M. Skov, Inc.

He has long been active in the SPE, serving as the Society's President in 1991 and as President of the SPE Foundation in 2004 & 2005. He is a Distinguished Member and an Honorary Member of SPE, and also a Legion of Honor member. He currently serves on the Boards of Trustees of the SPE Foundation and of AIME.

Arlie graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1956 with a BS in Petroleum Engineering (with Special Distinction), and attended the Management Program at the University of Virginia in 1966. He served on the National Petroleum Council for six years (1994 to 2000) at the invitation of three U. S. Secretaries of Energy, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma and Texas. He retired to Santa Barbara CA in 1995, and continues to write and speak on energy matters.

## LA SPE Petroleum Forum Future Calendar

The 2007 – 2008 Forum Technology Forum Program Year is underway and is shaping up nicely with the following dates firmed up:

- November 2007: No Meeting – See you at the ATCE in Anaheim!
- December 11, 2007: Innovation in the Oil Field -- YOU can do it! - Phiroze Patel, Aera Energy LLC
- January 8, 2008: "New Owner, New Focus, New Oil - Linn Energy Brea Olinda Update." – Glenn Swanson, Linn Energy
- February 12, 2008: Open
- March 11, 2008: Integrated Reservoir Modeling – Challenges and Solutions - Dr. Mohan Kelkar, University of Tulsa
- April 8, 2008: Maximizing Oil Recovery Efficiency and Sequestration of CO2 with “Next Generation” CO2-EOR - Vello A. Kuuskraa, Advanced Resources International
- May 13, 2008: Open
- June 10, 2008: Open

The Forum meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Long Beach Petroleum Club from September through June of the following year. Note the remaining open dates in February, May and June 2008. Before I start scheduling speakers, I am open to suggestions from the membership. I would very much like to bring in more local speakers discussing local issues and local solutions to problems we all encounter each day. There is a lot going on in the LA Basin right now and this is an opportunity for projects and investment programs of interest to be discussed. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions at:

[richard\\_finken@longbeach.gov](mailto:richard_finken@longbeach.gov).

## LA SPE Board Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2007

### Minutes of LASPE Board Meeting September 11, 2007 Long Beach Petroleum Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### 1. Attendees

Scott McGurk	Chairperson
Brandy Fellers	Vice Chairperson
Jack Smith	Director, 2009, Scholarships, Science Fairs
Mike Utt	Director, 2007
Raj Upadhyay	Senior Past Chairperson
Vivian Bust	Treasurer
Vanessa Perez	Candidate for Director
Sam Sarem	Candidate for Treasurer
Ed Mayer	Awards, Nominations

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## LA SPE Board Meeting Minutes, Sept 11, 2007 - continued

### 2. Funding Issues: Mabel Paine FSEA, Student Outreach at 2007 ATCE

There was considerable discussion of the issues related to funding \$3,750 for the FSEA program at Mabel Paine Elementary School in Yorba Linda. The board expressed the consensus view that we should ask the school to seek other funding for future years, but agreed that LASPE should fund the program for the 2007-08 school year based on the reasonable expectations of the school and FSEA. Also discussed was Scott Hara's request for \$3,000 to support high school student tours at the ATCE.

The board decided to:

- Fund both items for the requested amounts
- Write a letter to Mabel Paine and FSEA recommending that they seek other funding for future years. Action item: Scott McGurk.

### 3. Board Nominations and Vacant Positions

For the year starting October 1, 2007, the Section has multiple vacancies on the Board of Directors and other offices. After some discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

- Selected Vanessa Perez to fill a Board position through 2009
- Selected Candra Janova as Young Member Liaison Chairman
- Selected Dr. Sam Sarem as Section Treasurer
- Nominated Dr. Eric Withjack as a Board member for a term through 2010
- Nominated Mike Utt as a Board member for a term through 2010
- Decided to invite another candidate to fill a Board position through 2008; final decision to be made by an e-mail vote if the invitation is accepted. Action item: Sam Sarem.

The selections of Ms. Perez, Mr. Janova and Dr. Sarem are final, based on the Board's authority to fill its own vacancies. Based on her service as Vice Chairperson in 2007, Ms. Fellers is nominated as Chairperson for 2008. Dr. Withjack and Mr. Utt were nominated by the Board, but the membership of the section may have additional nominations, as provided by the Section's by-laws

### 4. SPE President 2008 Bill Cobb to visit, first week in October

Mr. Cobb will be visiting the area on other business during the first week of October and expressed an interest in meeting with the section leadership. Anyone interested in meeting with Mr. Cobb, probably for a weekday lunch in the Long Beach area, please contact Scott McGurk.

### 5. Young Professionals Social Report

A paintball event is in the planning stages. It is expected that the cost will be covered within the existing budget.

### 6. Continuing Education

No report

### 7. Scholarships

No report.

### 8. ATCE 2007

Progress continues on arranging for volunteers to assist during the ATCE in Anaheim. More volunteers are needed, especially for the Arrangements Committee (contact Scott McGurk), the Student Tours (contact Scott Hara) and the Registration Committee (contact Rick Finken.)

### 9. Other Business

None

### 10. Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m.

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