

**SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS (SPE), INC.
SECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

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Section Los Angeles Basin Section Year 10/1/99 to 6/30/00, inclusive
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1. Technical Dissemination

1.1 List all regular meetings of the section. (continued on next page)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Speaker (Note if Distinguished Lecturer)</u>	<u>Company/Affiliation of Speaker</u>	<u>Title/Topic of Speech</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
10/12/99	David G. Taylor	Southern California Gas Company	From the Wellhead to Consumer, How Gas Supply & Demand are handled	14
11/3/99	George J. Stosur Distinguished Lecturer	US DOE	Energy in the 21 st Century – Why Natural Gas and Heavy Oil	24

1.1 Section Meetings (continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Speaker (Note if Distinguished Lecturer)</u>	<u>Company Affiliation of Speaker</u>	<u>Title/Topic of Speech</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
12/7/99	SPE Membership Roundup Luncheon	Vivian Bust Moderator	Management Panel	90
--	Kenneth Henderson, Chief Deputy	California Dept. of Conservation/ DOGGR	Electronic Communication with The DOGGR	---
---	Phil Sorbet, California Asset Manager	Nuevo Energy Co.	Nuevo Energy Company Why we are committed to California	---
---	Jay Magness, Vice President	Magness Petrol. Co.	Magness' Acquisition of Exxon's FBI WTU in Wilimington Field	---
---	Randy Breitenbach, President	BreitBurn Energy Co.	BreitBurn Energy, An Investment Perspective – A Strategy for Growth	---
---	Timothy Marques, President	Venoco, Inc.	Overview of Year 2000 Capital Budget Plans	---
---	Jonette Newton, Principal	International Elementary School, LB	Government-Industry Partnerships Essay and Art Poster Outreach Prgm	---
1/11/00	Dan Kramer, Executive Director of CIPA	California Independent Petroleum Assoc.	The Changing Face of California Oil and Gas Industry	13
2/7/00	Bruce E. Bernard, 2001 SPE President-Elect	SPE	The Fourth Generation – What is the Way Forward from Here	20
3/22/00	Thomas C. Boberg, Ph.D, Distinguished Lecturer	SPE	Status of Thermal Methods	23
4/11/00	Barry L. Evans, President	B.L. Evans Cnslt	Future Oil and Gas Prices and Operating Costs: WSPA, CIPA	22
5/9/00	L. Brun Hilbert, Ph.D, Principal	Exponent Failure Analysis Associates	Failure Analysis in the Petroleum Industry	27

1.4 List all short courses, seminars, and workshops sponsored by the section.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title/Short Description of Activity</u>	<u>Funds Raised</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>
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	LA Basin Section is supporting the PTTC West Coast Resource Center technical workshops, seminars and field trips.		

1.5 List all technical conferences, exhibitions and symposia sponsored by the section.

2000 WRM on June 19-22, 2000, at Westin Hotel in Long Beach, California

This is the first-ever joint SPE/AAPG convention. We expect an attendance of 1000 people.

1.6 List ways your section shares technology with other sections.

Sponsoring Forums, SPE Distinguished lecturers, and advertising technical meetings in LASPE Newsletter and website.

2. Section Operations

2.1 Officers - List current officers.

<u>SPE Office Held</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beginning-Term (month/day/year)</u>	<u>End-Term (month/day/year)</u>
Section Chairperson	Vivian K. Bust	10/1/99	9/30/00
Past Section Chairperson	Ed Santiago	10/1/99	9/30/00
Program Chairperson	John Thompson	10/1/99	9/30/00
Membership Chairperson	Jeff Blesener	10/1/99	9/30/00
Secretary	Kevin O'Malley	10/1/99	9/30/00
Treasurer	Vivian K. Bust	10/1/99	9/30/00
Publications Mentor	Lyman Handy	10/1/99	9/30/00
Awards & Nominations	Sam Sarem	10/1/99	9/30/00
Continuing Education	Bruce W. Davis	10/1/99	9/30/00
Section/Student Chap. Liaison	Kevin O'Malley	10/1/99	9/30/00
Scholarship Chairperson	John Jepson	10/1/99	9/30/00
Microcomputer/ Internet- Web	Larry Gilpin	10/1/99	9/30/00

Attach list of incoming officers (Form can be found on Pages 170 and 171 of the Section Operations Officers Manual.)

2.2 List all board meetings of the section.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Board Members Present</u>	<u>Items Discussed</u>
10/6/99	10	Outline of goals for year 2000 and plans for expanding Outreach Program, Discuss Membership Roundup Luncheon (12/7) Action Items, and Review Annual Activity and Budget Plans
11/3/99	15	Elementary School Outreach Program Presentation by Ed Santiago to Board Members who played the role of students while we made a training video for the Outreach Program. USC reported on ATCE.
12/1/99	10	Discussion of Investment options and S&P 500 Index, Section Nominee for WRD is Sam Sarem. Report on highlights of ATCE by Sam Sarem. Update report on Section Email Address Project by John Thompson.
1/5/00	7	Discussion of Nominations for Regional Service Awards, IAE Fellow Nominees, Engineers Week Award Banquet for LACES and OCEC. Update on FESA. Update on 2000 WRM by Glenn Swanson.
2/7/00	16	Report on results of one-to-one meetings with Presidents of local operating companies by Vivian Bust and Glenn Swanson. SPECEC member Bruce Davis representing LASPE. LAUSD computer outreach prgm.
3/1/00	16	Director nominee speeches given by Scott Hara, John Thompson, Ed Mayer. Update by USC & CSULB. Update 2000 WRM – people are enthusiastic about convention, 65% Exhibit space filled, mini-oil museum
4/5/00	11	Sci Fairs – OC, LAC judging and award schedule. Sponsors and funding need for COMET summer internship program. J. Thompson reported on Mobil’s community relations strategy. Update 2000 WRM. L of H 5/9
5/3/00	11	2000 WRM Update – Need SPE Luncheon Speaker – Vivian will invite alumni colleague of hers the VP-Corp Development and CFO of Oxy. Hall of Fame Tech Achievement Award Cmte – Ed Mayer
6/7/00	11 est	Review status of section goals and budget, upcoming activity schedule and make recommendations for 2001. 2000 WRM Update – Identify final tasks and duties for convention (6/19 –6/22). Golf T Chair search.

3. Financial

3.1 Include copy of section financial statement at end of the section year.

3.2 List the section's sources of income.

SPE Membership Rebates and SPE Scholarship Rebates (matching)

Donations, Board Lunches, Ads in Newsletter or on Website, Interest on Checking and CD accounts

Investment Earnings (interest, cap gains and dividends) on Puritan Mutual Fund and Spartan Index Fund

Golf Tournament Profit

3.3 Does the section require payment at the time a reservation is made for section meeting?

No

3.4 Does the section bill persons who make reservations for a meeting but do not attend?

No

3.5 Does the section have section dues? (Do not include charges for section luncheon/dinner meetings.)

No

4. Communication Within the Section

4.1 Enclose a copy of one monthly section newsletter or meeting notice with an average preparation and distribution per unit cost and total cost.

Total cost of \$5,000 for nine (9) monthly newsletters for an average of 620 section members. Unit cost is \$0.90/newsletter. Note, a unit cost of \$0.90 was estimated in the budget (budget = actual).

4.2 List other methods your section uses to communicate with its membership (e.g. E-mail, the World Wide Web, broadcast faxing, etc.) and describe how they are used.

Email Forum meeting announcements to all members with known email addresses 1-week prior to meeting

Email Monthly Newsletter to all members with known email addresses at time of regular mailing

Fax Forum and Special Meeting announcements 2 days before meeting

Internet Website – post newsletters, announcements.

Telephone Board members for one-to-one discussion on various topics

Email Board Minutes to Board members. Conduct voting by email, phone and fax.

5. Communication and Participation Outside the Section

5.1 List activities that involve cooperation or sharing with other sections or industry technical societies.

Announcements for PTTC West Coast Resource Center workshops are placed in LASPE Newsletter and website.

Chairperson Vivian Bust wrote a letter stating the benefits of PTTC to the LA Basin Section members (attached).

We have section delegates who regularly attend monthly meetings of OCEC and LACES and report back to the board. Announcements for OCEC and LACES and IAE meetings are placed in LASPE Newsletter and website.

5.2 List ways the section encourages its members to participate in SPE committees and subcommittees at the Society level and the SPE activities such as the Membership Workshop and the Section Officers Workshop.

Members who are sponsored by their companies and retired members are encouraged by the Section Board members to attend Society level meetings (e.g., ATCE). Members who attend such meetings are requested to give an oral report to the Board and/or prepare a summary article for the LASPE Newsletter and website.

Members are encouraged to join SPE committees. This year Dr. Bruce Davis joined the SPECCEC committee.

The 2000 WRM will be held on June 19-22, 2000 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA. This is the first-ever joint SPE/AAPG convention. Section Board Members have been very involved in working jointly with the geoscientists in preparing for this meeting.

A Hall of Fame Award for Technical Achievement was proposed by Glenn Swanson. Ed Mayer will take the lead on working with the other WR sections and Society to prepare the criteria for this award. We plan to discuss this proposed award at the Section Officers meeting during the 2000 WRM.

6. Membership Development

6.1 Which, if any, major industry employers (include approximate number of SPE members if known) moved in or out of the section during each of last 3 years?

Chevron Petroleum Technology Company located in La Habra, CA was completely shutdown the fall of 1999.

BP Amoco ARCO sold THUMS Long Beach Company to Occidental Petroleum Corporation effective May 2000.

6.2 List activities related to recruitment, retainment, and/or reinstatement of members.

Chairperson Vivian Bust initiated discussions and one-to-one meetings with the Presidents of large and small operators in the LA Basin Section to solicit top-down support for company staff to participate in the Section and to obtain direct feedback on the value of Section activities from them, and, SPE-WRM General Chairman Glenn Swanson outlined the plans for the upcoming 2000 WRM. There have been only a few members showing interest in being more active on the board or attending luncheon meetings. It appears that many SPE members do not participate in local section activities because of their personal work constraints, family obligations and the knowledge that others are carrying the volunteer load and doing a good job.

Membership Roundup luncheon was held on Dec. 7, 1999 at the LBPC. This meeting was strongly promoted by board members with a resulting attendance of 90 people at the luncheon (see January LASPE Newsletter attached). The management panel consisted of the Presidents of stakeholder operating companies and Chief Deputy of Dept. of Conservation/DOGGR. We showcased the elementary school outreach programs. The 4th Grade students participated in a skit which illustrated the "Petroleum in Our Lives" outreach program to the SPE membership. Principal Jonette Newton of the International Elementary School spoke about the value of government-industry partnerships and that her school appreciated the SPE outreach program. We awarded 11 college scholarships at the luncheon. PTTC donated video equipment and staff for speaker presentations.

Membership BBQ was held at Weatherford warehouse on April 19, 2000. It was promoted earlier this year through the LASPE Newsletters, posted flyers at operating companies, and email and faxed announcements. Attendance was 100 people. The attendance at this BBQ has ranged between 70 and 150 people since its inception in 1995.

6.3 On average, how many members attend the section’s general meetings, and what percentage of the section’s total membership this?

The average attendance at general meetings (Petroleum Technology Forum) is 20 people. A representative number of members in the Section this year is 620. The percentage of membership attending meetings is 3%

7. Student Activities

7.1 List all activities sponsored by the section that were attended by members of a student chapter. Include section meetings, study-group meetings, field trips, regional meetings, short courses, SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, Offshore Technology Conference, etc.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Student Chapter</u>	<u>No. of SPE Student Members Attending</u>
10/6/99	Board Meeting – Breakfast	Marriott Hotel – Long Beach Airport	CSULB	1
10/3-6/99	ATCE	Houston, Texas	USC	USC (4)
11/3/99	Board Meeting – Breakfast	Marriott Hotel – Long Beach Airport	CSULB, USC	CSULB (2), USC (2)
12/1/99	Board Meeting – Breakfast	Marriott Hotel – Long Beach Airport	CSULB	1
12/7/99	Membership Roundup	LBPC – College Scholarships Awarded	CSULB, USC	CSULB (5), USC (6)
3/1/00	Board Meeting – Breakfast	Marriott Hotel – Long Beach Airport	CSULB, USC	CSULB (1), USC (1)

7.2 Discuss participation of the section in student paper contests and other student chapter activities.

2000 WRM convention student paper contest was organized by LASPE Board members and active section members.

LASPE has financially contributed to CSULB and USC student chapter meetings and field trips.

7.3 List all activities sponsored by the section to educate students/instructors/counselors on the profession/industry. (Indicate at what level activities are directed; i.e., elementary, secondary, or senior high school; teachers; or counselors.)

The 6th Annual Essay and Art Poster Contest was conducted at Elementary Schools which are located near oilfield operations. The theme of the contest is "Petroleum in Our Daily Lives." Educational presentations are made by SPE Board members to 4th Grade students, teachers and principals. As a team the class prepares one essay and poster. The poster typically depicts the positive aspects of the petroleum industry and the artwork shows oil products used in our daily lives. The posters are displayed at various community centers and libraries, in the lobby of an operating company and this year at the 2000 WRM convention. Also, starting this year photos of each poster will be displayed on the Elementary School Outreach Program webpage of our website, www.laspe.org.

Ed Santiago participated in the Junior Achievement (JA) program at the International Elementary School in Long Beach, CA. In the JA program, the volunteer becomes the teacher for -day. The program is federally funded by the Department of Education. The JA program provides prepared curriculum and allows the volunteer to input any professional knowledge into presenting the JA material. The JA material for 4th Grade covers the topics of capital and natural resources. The JA Long Beach Facilities Manager supported Ed Santiago's idea to combine the JA program with the Essay and Art Poster because they have similar themes. We plan to start this combining these efforts in 2001.

Dr. Sam Sarem was the lead mentor for the SPE-funded Future Scientists and Engineers of American (FSEA) national after-school program at the Mable Paine elementary school this year. FSEA's mission is to interest, motivate and educate young people in technology, science and engineering in elementary schools grades, 4 –12, junior high and high schools. Sam is heading a LASPE committee to develop a petroleum engineering project which can be added to the FSEA pool of 40 hands-on engineering and science projects. The Essay and Art Poster contest outreach program was also dove-tailed into the FSEA program.

In November , Chairperson Vivian Bust gave a short PR talk about the petroleum business and the SPE organization to over 4,000 middle school students, teachers, principals and parents. LASPE was a sponsor for the featured speaker, Apollo 17 Astronaut

Dr. Harrison Schmitt. This event was jointly organized by LA Basin Geological Society and LASPE.

Special Awards were given to Junior and Senior Division high school students competing at the 45th Annual Orange County Science and Engineering Fair (OCSEF) and at the 50th Annual Los Angeles County Science Fair (LACSF). Awards were given to student projects dealing with the discovery, recovery, production and usage of oil and natural gas. Thank you notes were received from the students.

The COMET summer internship program run by the West Coast PTTC is supported by LASPE. Shahed Meshkati and Scott Hara are organizing the sponsoring companies, funding and selecting program-qualified students.

All of the teachers and principals participating in our Outreach Program were invited as guests of the LASPE to The Earth Science Education for Teachers (grades 4-12) events at the 2000 WRM. The events include the “Rocks in Your Head” workshop and the Geology and Exploitation of Los Angeles Oil Fields Field Trip.

8. Scholarship

List all scholarship activities of the section.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Section Contribution</u>	<u>How Funded(e.g.,interest bearing acct.,technical mtg.,social activity, general fund)</u>
Montserrat Martin	CSULB	\$850	social activity and technical meeting
Jason McEntire	CSULB	\$850	“ “ “
Sean Bao Vuu	CSULB	\$850	social activity and technical meeting
Rebecca Williams	CSULB	\$850	“ “ “
Hoang P. Dinh	CSULB	\$850	social activity and technical meeting
Ali Fakhari	USC	\$1000	social activity and technical meeting

Sally Morton	USC	\$875	social activity and technical meeting
Frank Fernandez	USC	\$875	social activity and technical meeting
Mohammad Haroun	USC	\$500	social activity and technical meeting
Pouya Amili	USC	\$500	social activity and technical meeting
Jose Arias	USC	\$500	social activity and technical meeting
Mitzi Petagara	Mei Chang Memorial	\$500	social activity and technical meeting
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9. Awards

List any SPE national, regional, or section awards or nominations received by section members.

<u>Title of Award</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Recipient (yes or no)</u>
SPE Regional Service Award	Mr. Marty G. Mefferd	Yes: award to be presented at 2000WRM
John Franklin Carll Award	Mr. Ed Mayer (current 3-year eligibility is 2000–2002)	Pending
Distinguished Member Award	Dr. Chilingard (current 3-year eligibility is 1998-2000)	Pending
Distinguished Service Award	Ms. Marina Voskanian (current 3-year eligibility is 2000–2002)	Pending
Honorary Membership Award	Dr. Lyman Handy (current 3-year eligibility is 2000–2002)	Pending
Environmental, Health and Safety	Mr. Mark Shemaria (current 3-year eligibility is 1998-2000)	Pending

10. Community Outreach

- 10.1 List all activities sponsored by the section in which members participated that enhanced the image of the petroleum industry or the petroleum engineering profession. Include local community activities. Activities include, but are not limited to, presentations concerning the petroleum industry and community action projects.**

Elementary School Outreach Program: Essay and Art Poster Contest (described in 7.3) is also a way for local operators to interact with the community in a positive manner. This year, we passed the torch for funding this program to local stakeholders. In this way, we free-up seed monies earned through social activities and technical meetings to support new activities. The designated stakeholders supporting the program for year 2001 are: THUMS Long Beach Company, Tidelands Oil Production Company, Signal Hill Petroleum, The Termo Company, Stocker Resources, Aera Energy, Venoco and Brea Canon Oil Company. These newly gained commitments have enabled the program to be increased by 150% for year 2001.

The 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at Drake Park for 140 kindergartners attending International Elementary School in Long Beach. The on-site reporter from the Press-Telegram prepared the story about this SPE-organized event for the Friday April 21st edition (attached). The event was sponsored by proceeds from the 6th Annual BBQ hosted by Weatherford. Importantly, the kindergartens who previously participated in it are in the 4th Grade or older. This year, we asked the 4th Graders participating in the Essay and Art Poster contest, if they remember being in the Easter Egg Hunt. The answer was yes. Recognition of SPE sponsored programs by the students is being established.

SPE members participating in the Essay and Art Poster contest were invited to participate in the “3rd Annual Community Read-in” at International Elementary School in Long Beach. LASPE member interaction consisted of reading a book to the students and answering questions about our careers and why reading and math are important in our jobs.

SPE Board Members Shahed Meshkati and Jeff Blesener were installed as IAE Fellows at an award’s banquet held at the Queen Mary. The Institute for the Advancement of Engineering (IAE) is an umbrella organization for most all of the engineering disciplines in the LA Basin.

Chairperson Vivian Bust wrote an article about LASPE activities and the SPE organization for the May 2000 edition of the OCEC Newsletter (attached). The Orange County Engineering Council (OCEC) is an umbrella organization for many of the engineering organizations in Orange County.

12. Goals

Outline goals established at beginning of year and report progress in meeting both long- and short-term goals.

Long-Term Goals:

To serve section members by providing relevant technology information dissemination and to promote the advancement of technology for the purpose of developing our precious oil and gas natural resources for public benefit. Progress status: Goal was met through section Forums, continued section support of PTTC workshops for local operators (the quality of workshop and the subsidized low price are the reasons for maintaining high or breakeven attendance) and by hosting the first-ever joint SPE/AAPG convention..

To maintain the financial solvency of the section in order to allow funding of necessary section services, social activities and technical meetings. Progress status: Goal was met. Vivian prepared the annual budget plan and identified program goals and resource allocation for tasks, volunteers needs and funds. The budget line items were tracked to compare actual with budget plan and short-term forecast adjustments were made as the situation warranted.

To improve community outreach and industry awareness programs that educate the public about the petroleum industry and usage of petroleum in our daily lives. Progress status: Goal was surpassed through expansion of existing and adding new outreach programs. Chairperson Vivian Bust organized making a training video for the Essay and Art Poster Contest Outreach Program in order to train board members and to solicit sponsors for funding.

Short-Term Goals:

To meet one-to-one visits with the Presidents of LA Basin operating companies for the purpose of soliciting support and obtaining feedback about section activities and to present the road show outlining the 2000 WRM convention. The goal was to generate renewed commitment for supporting SPE and to gain top-down support for staff to participate in SPE activities. Progress status: One-to-one meetings were conducted (attached are follow-up letters).

To identify direct and indirect benefits to stakeholders of the community outreach programs and to pass on the financial torch for funding these programs to them in order to free-up seed monies earned through social activities and technical meetings for use in developing, testing and assessing benefits of new activities. Progress status: The goals was met and surpassed. Commitments to fund

the Essay and Art Poster Outreach Program for year 2001 enabled the program to be increased by 150%, expanding it to 10 elementary schools in 6 school districts with 8 designated operating companies sponsoring the 2001 program. Three new outreach programs were started this year: FSEA at Mabel Paine, JA at International Elementary School, and computer hardware/software purchase for a new school (TBD) in the LAUSD.

To increase students, teachers and principals participating in SPE activities. Progress status: At the December 1999 Membership Roundup Luncheon, the International Elementary School Principal and five 4th Grade students were our invited guests. The students performed a skit which gave a preview of the Essay and Art Poster contest outreach program to the SPE membership. The Principal spoke about the importance of government-industry partnership to the SPE membership. At the April BBQ, teachers and principals from Signal Hill, Burroughs and International elementary schools were our invited guests. Weatherford (host of BBQ) gave them a tour of wellhead and fishing equipment stored at the Weatherford facility. The teachers and principals appreciated getting a first-hand look at oilfield equipment. Weatherford offered to give future tours for 4th Grade students and their teachers and principals of the oilfield equipment stored at this facility.

To increase interaction of SPE members in community activities as a result of the outreach programs. Progress status: The Principal Jonette Newton of the International Elementary School in Long Beach invited SPE members to participate in their “3rd Annual Community Read-in.” The Past Principal of International School, Ruth Ashley was promoted to the Long Beach United School Board. Ruth Ashley participated in the SPE-sponsored programs for 5 years and she continues to speak highly of the SPE-sponsored outreach programs conducted at International and other elementary schools in the LBUSD.

To expand Internet communication about community outreach program. Progress status: An Elementary School Outreach Program webpage was created which display photos of the Essay and Art Poster contest and the Easter Egg Hunt programs.

To increase SPE involvement in Orange and LA county high schools. Progress status: Goals was met through participation in Science Fairs.

To increase SPE involvement in professional organizations of OCEC, LACES and IAE. Progress status: Goal was met through delegate participation in monthly meetings of these organizations.

To maintain a group of active SPE member volunteers to run in section activities. Progress status: The noon meeting schedule was changed to better accommodate member work hours (8-5). The October - March, board meetings were held at breakfast, 7:00 – 8:30am and the April- June meetings were held at 4:00pm. Results are 3 members may be more active & 1 will be a director in 2001.

13. Constraints

List unusual constraints of the section in (1) membership development, (2) technical/educational activities, (3) scholarship activities, and/or (4) financial activities.

Membership development continues to be a challenge and steps to increase active membership were described in the long-term and short-term goals section (section 12).

Continuing education courses have been superseded these last 3 years by the PTTC workshops. Section cannot compete financially with government-subsidized workshops nor can the section's active volunteers compete with the paid manpower required to put on these workshops. Positive feedback from section members on the quality, timeliness of information and cost of the workshops indicate that the section should support these PTTC workshops and that is what the Board has elected to do. PTTC workshop attendance appears to be sufficient to breakeven and continue the workshops. Note, in year 1999 an SPE 4-hour mini-short course was offered through PTTC as a workshop and it was well attended.

A business development approach was taken this year to expand the elementary school outreach program. A direct connection between the elementary school outreach program and local operators was established this year. A focused integration of programs was implemented this year.

14. The President's Award for Section Excellence is given to up to six outstanding sections each year based on the activities of the section as identified in the Annual Report. Why should your section be considered for the President's Award for Section Excellence? (If this question is answered, this annual report will serve as an application for the award.) See award rules attached. If a qualification category does not apply to your section, you may attach an additional page that provides details about why that category should not be used in considering your section for the award.

YES. The LA Basin Section wishes to be considered for the President's Award of Excellence. The section has created added value for its members and LA Basin stakeholders by: 1) establishing effective community outreach programs; and 2) developing new formats for information exchange and innovative approaches for technical meetings (1997 WRM and 2000 WRM). The 2000 WRM will be the first-ever joint meeting of SPE/AAPG convention.

The section's community outreach program have evolved into a multi-level partnership of stakeholders including the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, LA Basin Operators and Community Leaders and Educators. Why? Because operating in mature urban coastal environment requires placing a high priority on having effective community outreach and industry awareness programs. These programs have become as important as Environmental, Health and Safety.

Interest Section – The LA Basin Section may be an example of a Community Outreach Interest Section.

Date 5/31/00

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