Greetings from Cowtown!

Another national convention has come and is now gone. We had a wonderful time of networking and getting smarter while in Santa Fe, June 12-15. The speakers and their presentations were outstanding! We send thanks and respects to those who labored. The weather was marvelous with the classic blue-sky colors found in northern New Mexico—days that Georgia O’Keefe would have loved. Sixty-three SIPES members registered; grand total was well over one hundred including spouses, friends, and other guests. If you were not there, you were missed. Perhaps you will join us, your SIPES family, at the next one. Know we have much appreciation and extend serial kudos to the OKC chapter and their hugely-capable convention committee led by Past-President Gregg Alle tag. Their team was supported by our talented staff within the SIPES national office; they worked throughout the past fiscal term to bring you the best of their organizational efforts. Thank you, friends.

What’s next? As my dad said: “It’s all good!”

The 2024 SIPES National Convention—Yes, we have to immediately start planning the next one—will be held June 10-13 in Corpus Christi. General Chair Dawn Bissell and her team have made considerable progress acting as co-host along with the Wichita and San Antonio chapters. This will be the Diamond Anniversary Annual Meeting—what better venue than “The Sparkling City by the Sea”. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

New officers of the SIPES Board were introduced and installed at the Santa Fe meeting. A listing announcement can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We are excited as these experienced volunteers will bring fresh ideas and their counsel to the fore. Congratulations to all and welcome aboard. In addition, several members rotated off the board and/or are taking a deserved break. To those retiring officers and board members: “Well done, good and faithful servants.” Thank you for your service. We are indeed a volunteer organization which could not function without such dedicated members.

Finally, news of SIPES growth and expansion. We are announcing the formation of the SIPES Pittsburgh Chapter. Co-founder and Chapter Chair Tom Donohoe tells us that they are organizing with 6-Full members. Their plans are to reach out to other professional groups both to joint-venture programs and to solicit future SIPES members within their Appalachian region.

Closing out what is my first President’s Letter, I send you thanks for the opportunity to serve as your President. I shall be a good steward of that trust.

Call me or any board member with your fresh ideas and counsel!

---Dan Earl, #3230, Fort Worth, TX
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The following report was prepared by David Cromwell, #3503., The views and opinions expressed are those of the authors. Some of the information is available in the public domain.

Natural Resources can mean different things to varied people. I would like to take this opportunity to discuss a resource that is generally overlooked, but could be commercial, as well as beneficial to our country: strategic elements and minerals in connate waters. There are many elements in produced ‘waste’ water that can be isolated and concentrated to be economic. Some of elements include lithium, iodine, bromine, strontium, barium, magnesium and sodium. These are elements that we also import from foreign countries. Why not investigate the potential to see rather than you as an operator or working interest investor paying someone to dispose of your produced brine water, they pay you! The process begins with the chemical analysis of the salt water to determine which elements are present and their concentrations. Water analyses are relatively inexpensive; plus such data can aid well bore efficiency to reduce ‘scale’ and other deleterious inorganics and organics.

An excellent talk on this subject was given to the Midland Chapter by Steve Robichaud ( # 1674 ). Steve would be willing to share the pdfs of his power point presentation entitled “Permian Basin Brine Mining”. Steve’s email: srrobichaud@alum.rpi.edu

Respectively submitted
Dave Cromwell
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For our March meeting, we asked our own member Stephen Hennigan to give us an update on his work in Alaska. Stephen is a drilling engineer who drilled a deep exploratory test for Armstrong Oil & Gas in Cameron Parish of Louisiana and through that relationship was asked to join Armstrong in their exploration efforts on the North Slope of Alaska. He helped Armstrong bring in the Nanushuk play with the drilling of the Pikka discovery. Since then, Armstrong has extended the play to the south with the successful drilling of the Horseshoe prospect. Stephen has also drilled some wells in the Cook Inlet area of Alaska and emphasized the enormous O&G potential of Alaska.

We continued our use of local members in sharing their knowledge and experience for our April Meeting. Local geophysicists Brian Brennan and Steve Anderson gave a talk titled “Towards a Better Understanding of Seismic Data” where they shared tips and insights for the independent that are affordable and helps reduce risk and enhance value to a prospect. May is our traditional Cajun version of a surf & turf meal. We gather at the Wilderness Gun Club to shoot skeet or sporting clays and then relax with cool refreshments, boiled crawfish donated and cooked by our member David Bieber and “grill your own rib eyes”. We present the winner of our annual “Jack Shirley Scholarship” at this event. This year LSU & ULL Alum and Tulane Doctoral Student Kevin Reece (True Louisiana Boy) was the winner. We hope to have Dr. Reece give a talk about his research at Tulane. He has focused on deepwater sedimentary deposits of turbidity current flows. Of course, old war stories from the “patch” were told and we “laissez les bon temp rouler”!

This finished out our spring schedule as we rest and try to keep cool in June, July & August. Sadly, we lost another Good Ole Louisiana Boy when Dudley Paul Montero III passed away after a brief illness on March 31, 2023. Born in New Orleans and a graduate of Jesuit High School and Tulane University, Dudley started his career with Texaco in New Orleans before moving to Lafayette Louisiana where he became an independent geologist/geophysicist. He also spent 35 years in the Army Reserves retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Dudley loved to joke around and loved his profession/hobby working till the end. He was 84.

Submitted by: King Munson
Lafayette Chapter Chair
The Dallas Chapter had a productive first half of 2023. January’s luncheon talk was given by Paul Lee, Operating Partner at Tailwater Capital here in Dallas. Paul has extensive oil and gas finance experience dating from his early days as an energy-focused investment banker, then with Pioneer Natural Resources, Venado Oil & Gas, and Chief Oil & Gas. Paul’s latest direction at Tailwater is heading a team that evaluates investments in the broad area of energy transition. The group is very focused on their own research and which new opportunities fit into their thesis.

In February, we hosted Dr. Robert Stern, Professor of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. Bob gave a unique and entertaining talk about his ongoing research into mapping the deep oceans and the Mariana Trench. Over many years, UTD has sent numerous students on research vessels to pursue pure research into a number of deep water features, including seamounts and vent communities.

Our March speaker was Bill Fairhurst, President and co-Founder of Riverford Exploration. Bill spoke on the topic of West Texas (Permian) unconventional resources: fifteen years of exploration, discovery, development, and production, what we have learned and where we are headed. This must-see talk featured the work of Bill’s own long-running intensive studies of the Permian. The maps he shows are unique in their fine detail, huge scale, and pertinence to producing trends. He breaks down active drilling targets into their formative tectonic and sedimentologic context, all with an eye to remaining prospectivity. Bill also has considerable experience as a consulting expert on the Permian.

The April talk for Dallas Chapter was Peter Lauden, reservoir engineer and VP at DeGolyer and MacNaughton, principally involved with Europe-Africa-Middle East region. Peter’s talk was titled Topics for Consideration Concerning Your Next Reserves and Resources Evaluation. In refreshing and entertaining fashion, he walked us through many details of reserves reports, highlighting the reasoning and occasional hidden traps that drive value and access to capital up or down. Peter has advanced degrees in both geology and engineering from Kansas and Missouri-Columbia/Rolla, so he brings unusually clear explanations of how value is manipulated and the many considerations in the hiring of an independent reserves consultant.

Our final talk for the spring session was in May and we were treated to an excellent talk by Timothy Snyder, Economist with Matador Economics. Tim’s topic touched on the many ways that fossil fuels affect the economy, within the context of politics and how facts get manipulated. His consulting work centers on macroeconomic trends for equities, oil and gas, agriculture, health care, manufacturing, and logistics. He has a daily newsletter and recently began a podcast called “Gasonomics”.

Finally, we had two nice social events this spring. In May we co-hosted a happy hour with the Dallas SPE. Then in late June we had our annual SIPES Independent’s Day Celebration dinner which was well attended and featured fajitas and margaritas as our guests of honor. Spirits were high and there was terrific camaraderie and merriment.

Michael Adams
Chair, Dallas Chapter
Members:

The SIPES 59th Annual Meeting and 2023 Convention recently concluded. On behalf of SIPES National and the Oklahoma City Host Chapter we wish to extend our thanks to all the Sponsors and Members that attended this year’s gathering. It was an excellent opportunity to participate in continuing education, networking and renew acquaintances with fellow members across the many SIPES Chapters. The weather was excellent, the speakers outstanding, activities were fun and attendance great. Hope to see you next year in Corpus Christi!

Oklahoma City Host Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM

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To be the preeminent organization for furthering the professional and business interests of independent practitioners of the earth sciences. In achieving this vision, emphasis will be placed on
(1) professional competence,
(2) professional business ethics, and
(3) presenting a favorable, credible and effective image of the Society.

Adopted by the SIPES Board of Directors
September 21, 1990
Greetings from the National office of SIPES!

My first official day as SIPES National Director of Operations was delayed due to an ice storm in Dallas, Texas; no you did not read that wrong, it happens! That forced a crash course in trying to learn how to fill Katie’s shoes; it was a big ask considering what her tenure had been with SIPES. She graciously and quickly guided the transition. While I still have a lot to learn getting to plan convention alongside the OKC chapter was an amazing opportunity to grow in my role and add to my SIPES experience. It has grown my list of ideas for the coming 2024 convention & 60th annual business meeting that I’ll be working on with the Corpus Christi chapter.

Santa Fe was a dream; between the beautiful town, hotel and getting to meet so many of our members and their families. It was excellent opportunity for our past presidents, chapter representatives as well as our outgoing and incoming board of directors and officers to discuss the goings on of SIPES. Everyone I encountered there is deeply passionate about SIPES and it’s causes.

Member recruitment and retention has been a topic at the forefront of many discussions in Santa Fe and at several chapter meetings I have attended. SIPES national membership is currently at 700 members; in my role as National Director of Operations I want any and all feedback and insight our individual members can provide to help grow and strengthen SIPES. My intention is to work closely with the Board of Directors as well as with our individual chapters to provide resources for our chapters and individual members. We are excited to announce that our numbers are growing by a whole new chapter, as SIPES Philadelphia chapter will be up and running this October. Make sure to reach out to Tom Donahue to congratulate and encourage him as he takes his spot as Chapter Chair.

Having come into this role in the midst of planning the 2023 Convention I have learned a lot very quickly! I can not thank our members enough for all their kindness and compassion as I learn and grow into this role. I am so excited for the future of SIPES and it’s membership. With that being said, the national office needs member involvement to make these newsletters a resource for all; if you have any ideas or articles to contribute please feel free to reach to me. I am accesible via email at all times, victoria@sipes.org.

Exiting President Chris Reed, #2935 presented incoming President, Dan Earl Duggan, #3230 and incoming Foundation President, Tom Pronold, #2429 with their gavels at the 2023 SIPES convention & annual meeting all convention luncheon in Santa Fe, New Mexico.