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Recognition and Awards Ceremony and Banquet

Our SPE-Delta Section Annual Awards Banquet was held on May 12, 2015, at the Sheraton Metairie. Recognized at the banquet were SPE Eastern Regional and Delta Section award recipients along with Delta Section academic scholarship recipients, our YP award recipients, Legion of Honor members, and other PIPE Chairs/Presidents. Additional award recipients recognized on page 5 of this issue.

2015 SPE Gold Standard Award

was awarded to SPE Delta Section by SPE International

The Regional Service Award

The SPE Regional Service Award acknowledges exceptional contributions to the Society of Petroleum Engineers at the section or regional level and recognizes singular devotion of time and effort to programs and development of the member's section and region that set it apart from the services rendered each year by many members of the Society.



**Regional Service Award Recipient
Matt Wandstrat**



**Regional Service Award Recipient
Rick Fowler**



**Regional Service Award Recipient
Jan Catalano**

The Regional Distinguished Corporate Support Award

This award recognizes outstanding support by an organization and distinguished service to SPE members in the region through excellence in leadership and through the commitment of time, energy and professional resources. The award recognizes companies that make contributions to the support of SPE membership, programs, and events and are not based solely on financial assistance.

Regional Distinguished Corporate Support Award Recipient



The Jim Rike Award, Section Distinguished Service Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty and Mentorship

The Jim Rike Award, a Section Service Award is similar to the SPE Regional Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty, but includes an additional aspect of mentoring and can be an individual who contributes guidance to and mentors those in the petroleum engineering profession and those pursuing a career in the petroleum industry profession through a wide variety of venues, such as seminars, forums, general meetings, newsletter articles, and classroom instruction.

**The Jim Rike Award, Section Distinguished Service Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty and Mentorship Award
★ First Award Recipient ★**

Phil Moses



The Regional Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Social Responsibility Award

A Regional Technical Award which acknowledges exceptional contributions to the Society of Petroleum Engineers at the section or regional level and recognizes singular devotion of time and effort to the programs and development of technical expertise in one of 8 disciplines, one being Health, Safety, Social Responsibility and Environment.

Regional Health Safety, Security, Environmental and Social Responsibility Award Recipient

Michael Waguespack



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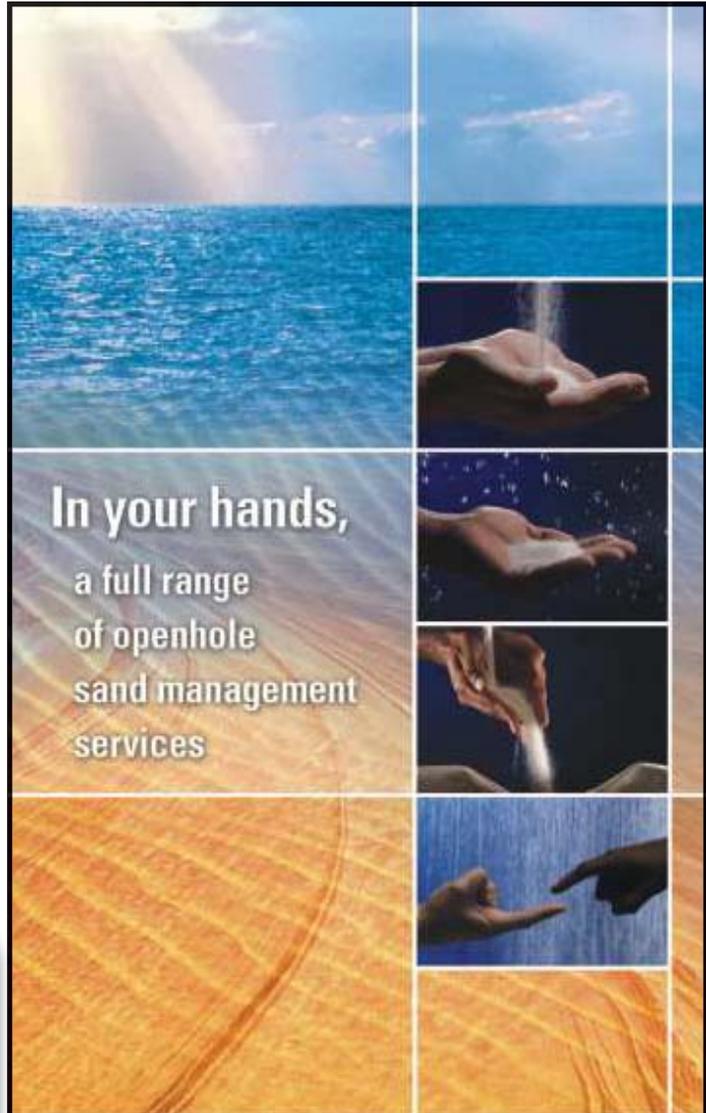
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SPE-Delta Membership Report

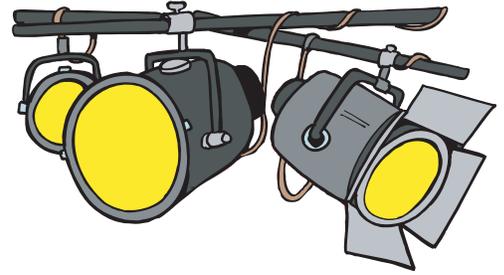
Submitted by: Daniel Durey (Membership Chairperson)

As of September 2015

Total Full Members	918
New Members	55
Unpaid Members	177
Total Student Members	587



From the Chair...



Ciao and Cheers Fellow Members!

We are at the start of our 2015-2016 SPE Delta year! And, guess who's back in the Chair, I am.... Angie D. Gobert. Due to our fellow trusty Board member Carlos Torres's upcoming transfer from our area, he can no longer serve as Delta Section's Chair for our upcoming year. Please be advised that we do have several new officers and board members which you will have the opportunity to meet at various meetings, events and functions and also within our newsletters. We are also fortunate to have returning active past SPE Delta Section chairs serving as chairs of various committees and several returning Board members and officers. This should prove to be a good mix of talent and experience that will help enable our Section to have an even better year than the last. Thanks to all who have joined our ranks, to those who have taken on new positions, to those who have stepped up, and to those who have returned to continue serving in their positions.

We are starting our year slightly delayed but nevertheless, we will have many opportunities to engage, explore, expand and experience throughout the year.

In fact, here is an opportunity for a fellow member to engage and explore - we have a vacancy on our Board that needs to be filled, that vacancy is the internet chair person. If you have internet skills, and have an opportunity to serve in a valued area that doesn't take too much time or presence to fulfill the duties of that role, please contact me or the previous Internet Chair, Alvis Wilson. Our contact information is located in the newsletter within the roster listing.

Also, I would like to remind you all that our general meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month and our technical focus meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. The technical presentations will be relevant, given by SPE distinguished lecturers and other subject matter experts. Your attendance at these meetings will be opportunities to gain additional knowledge in areas of interest and concern and engage with others experiencing similar concerns and sharing similar interests.

Additionally, we will have various networking and mentoring opportunities throughout the year that will be hosted by the young professionals and can be attended by both our SPE Delta experienced members and the SPE Delta young professional members.

Another means to expand, engage, experience, and explore: PIPE, Petroleum Industry Promoting Education, which SPE Delta Section is a part of, is in the planning stages of the running event [scheduled for May, 2016] that will help raise funds for the area children museums referred to as "The Children's Museums Initiative of PIPE". If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Ms. Jan Catalano, our PIPE liaison /One Voice chair. Her contact information is also located in the newsletter within the roster listing. Also, check out the LA Children Museum's fund raising event at the website: <http://www.sgs-neworleans.org/>. Some of you may be interested in attending this upcoming October 20, 2015 event!

As you have read here, I have shared several ways to engage and experience the benefits of being an SPE Delta Section member in the area of receiving as well as the area of giving. And, as always, many hands make light work as a wise SPE Delta Section active past chair shared with me many years ago!

Of course, there's a lot more to come in our future, however, in regards to our very recent past, for the SPE Delta Section's 2014-2015 session, I would like to inform all of you and express my gratitude in a very honorable achievement of the SPE Delta Section. Our section was awarded by SPE International – The Gold Standard award. This award was in recognition of the exceptional programs in industry engagement, operations and planning, community involvement, professional development and innovation. I thank all of you, especially the 2014-2015 SPE Delta Section Board members, for your participation in our programs and your contributions to the achievement of this award.

Also, in our recent past, we have realized another success story despite the current industry times, the 19th Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium and the Gala event held in August, 2015. Thank you Matt Wandstrat for your direction and support as the SPE Delta's Deepwater Technical Symposium liaison.

As always, we are looking for your input so that we can better serve you and we look forward to providing opportunities for your participation and benefit. Never hesitate to contact any of us about any of your interests or concern.

In closing, it was my pleasure serving you alongside a supportive and engaged Board last year and it will be my pleasure to serve you again this year! I believe that we will have another very productive year, and we will continue to look for opportunities to improve, opportunities to serve our members better, to reach the community more so, to engage with SPEI and take advantage of the many resources they have available to us, and to develop the young professionals in our Section. And, finally, I look forward to seeing, meeting, and engaging with more of you in the coming year as your Chair!

I sincerely wish a very happy and safe fall to all of you and yours!

Cheers and Ciao!

Angie D. Gobert

Your 2015-2016 SPE Delta Section Chair

The Regional Young Member Outstanding Service Award

The Regional Young Member Outstanding Service Award recognizes contributions and leadership to the public, the community, the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and the petroleum engineering profession within the region.



Regional Young Member
Outstanding Service Award Recipient
Victor Vaca

The Past Chair Section Service Award

The Past Chair Award is given to past section chairperson in appreciation for dedication and service to the section.



Past Chair
Section Service Award Recipient
Charlie Mayne

The Section Service Award

The Section Service Award recognizes a member's outstanding contributions to the section and recognizes the devotion of time and effort to programs and development of the section.



Section Service Award
Recipient
Tony Richards



Section Service Award
Recipient
Pat Ketcham

The Young Member Section Service Award

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Young Member Section
Service Award
Recipient
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6th Annual 2015 SPE YPP Gala

On Wednesday, August 19th, 220 guests gathered at The Chicory in downtown New Orleans in support of Core Element: The Greater New Orleans STEM Initiative. This is the sixth year for the gala event, organized by the SPE Delta Young Professionals and sponsored by **Baker Hughes**. Attendees danced to music, enjoyed food and drink, tried their hand at casino games, and bid on the fantastic items at the silent auction. Fifty donated prizes - including a Blue Dog print, Saints tickets, a GoPro camera, and FitBit Charge - were up for grabs, and all went home with a lucky winner! Through ticket sales, raffle tickets, and the silent

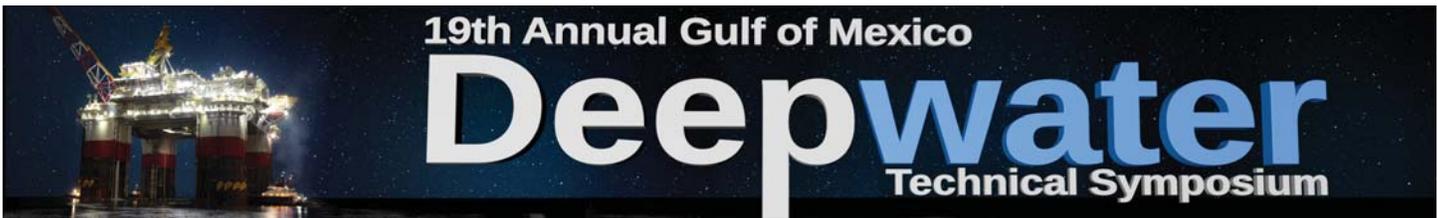


auction purchases, the event raised \$19,350 for donation to Core Element!

This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the YPP Board and the gala team, including our fantastic volunteers from Nicholls State University and the LSU SPE. The gala committee was chaired by **Oscar Pasache** and included **Victor Vaca** (past SPE YPP Delta Chair), **Colin Hosli** and **Lauren Woitha** (current SPE YPP Delta Co-chairs), and **Jan Brenan** (Core Element Executive Director), along with the assistance of many other SPE Delta members who secured donations. The SPE Delta YPP would like to extend special recognition to **Maria Woods**, Baker

Hughes Marketing Manager, for her coordination and support of such a fabulous event.





19th Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium

On August 18, 19, and 20th, the **SPE Delta Section**, along with the **New Orleans Geological Society (NOGS)** and the **New Orleans Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE)** hosted the 19th Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Technical Symposium and Exhibition.

As with the 2014 event, we opened with a one day Geoscience Seminar on Tuesday, August 5th. The event was hosted by **NOGS** and the **Southeastern Geophysical Society (SGS)** and sponsored by **Schlumberger**. **Dr. Paul Weimer** presented the seminar "*Evolution of Reservoirs and Traps, Northern Deep Waters Gulf of Mexico.*" Dr. Weimer's course was well done with positive feedback from the attendees.



The symposium was concluded with its traditional plenary session, this year a Management Panel looking at **Creating and Delivering Value in a Low Price Environment.**"

Over 540 people attended this year's symposium which while down from the 700 attendees who participated in the symposium last year, is a good outcome given the current state of the industry. As in prior years, we had good student representation, their registration fees are covered by the organizing societies. Students are always welcomed as our guests to network and engage in the discussion of these technical topics.



After the seminar, **AADE** held the 20th Annual Fin Feather Fur Food Festival at Generations Hall. This was the third year that the F5 Event was held in conjunction with the symposium. Over 1000 people attended the sold-out festival where 25 teams cooked a wide range of dishes, with not a bad bite in the bunch. Special thanks to **Sub Surface Tools** for again covering the beverages for the night. Once again **Christine Chatelain** and her committee did an incredible job running a first class event.

The next day the symposium was in full force with five concurrent sessions where over the two days, 74 presentations were given on all aspects of Deepwater exploration and production. On the first day, **Michael Hecht**, President and CEO of **Greater New Orleans Inc.**, gave an excellent talk on the overall Gulf Coast energy economy and the important role the Deepwater Oil and Gas development plays in the regional economy. On Thursday **Kristen Ray**, General Manager for the GOM for **BHP Billiton**, provided a very informative presentation on *Creating and Delivering Value* in the current economic environment.



Special thanks to **Bob Meltz** from Chevron for chairing the event this year. Last but not least, on Wednesday night the **Young Professionals of the SPE Delta Section** hosted the 6th Annual Casino Games and Silent Auction Gala. As in the past, all proceeds of the event benefit **Core Element: The Greater New Orleans STEM Initiative**. Special thanks to **Baker Hughes** for sponsoring the event.

This year's symposium was once again a success, especially given the current challenging industry environment. Thanks to **SPE** and **NOGS** for their support! Contact **Bob Meltz**, RMeltz@chevron.com, or **Matt Wandstrat**, mattw@llog.com, if you would like to get involved with any of these great events next year.



Training of Engineers

In my 62 years in the industry I have always been interested in teaching and training. Much of that schooling was with CE Natco in the boom years of the 60's and 70's when we were so short of engineers in that healthy growth period of the industry. It was a very successful effort, and many of those young people turned out as leaders in many phases of the petroleum industry.

I now find myself doing the same type teaching to an impressively bright and well educated group of young engineers. However, there is a difference, which will eventually have some bearing in the technical side of our industry. Today our young people in the operating companies and most particularly in the enlarged staffs of consulting firms lack almost all "hands on" exposure. This lack of experience is very evident at times in reviewing their work. Certainly It is not necessary to go back to the 1950's and spend nearly a year rough necking to gain knowledge as we did in those days. (It is still fun to tell people I rough necked on a steam powered drilling-barge.) The offshore industry needs to look at this problem.

When we did the training in the 60's and 70's the management of the operating companies was always willing to accept an extra young person on a project to give them experience. That does not appear to be the case today because of the increased cost of transportation and housing to reach operating platforms or floating facilities. To go along with those things the liability exposure is greatly increased. The industry is much larger and personal contact and friendship with the decision makers is also more difficult

The offshore industry should address this problem. Even just a week's training on a facility might upgrade future installations. An experienced field superintendent with a desire to upgrade the technical support, and with the patience and aptitude to teach, might generate an excellent payout for the industry on its investment in young people.

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41 Campers Visited!
(2nd Graders)



58 Campers Visited!
(3rd-4th Graders)

Thank you, SPE-YP, for providing this exciting opportunity for our students to learn about STEM!



API and SPE Joint Technical Luncheon

On August, 11, 2015, API Delta Chapter and SPE Delta Section hosted their 2015 Joint Technical Luncheon and Meeting featuring **Mr. Rick Fowler**, a member of both API and SPE, as the keynote speaker. Rick presented on LLOG's Delta House - an implementation of a fast track FPS project. This meeting was well attended.

Angie D. Gobert, Chair of SPE Delta Section, was given the opportunity to provide pertinent SPE Delta Section information and encourage attendance at the Deepwater Technical Symposium and other SPE Delta Section upcoming meetings and SPEI events, such as SPE International ATCE to be held the week of September 28, 2015, in Houston.

Left: Angie Gobert (SPE Delta Section Chair), Rick Fowler (Keynote Speaker), and Tessa Wiggins (API Delta Chapter 1st Vice Chair)

Below: API and SPE Joint Technical Luncheon attendees.



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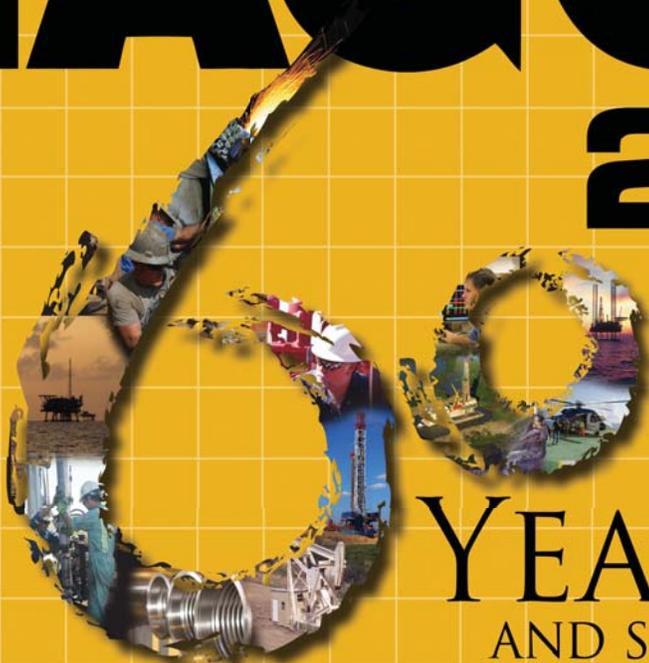
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