

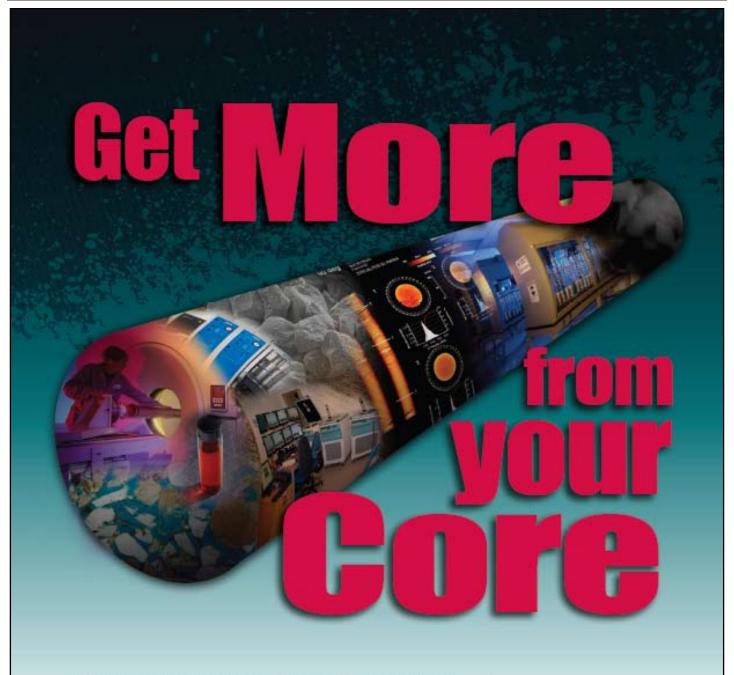


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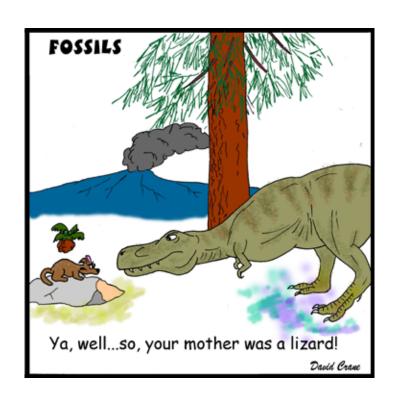
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Each July, the Pacific Section's new officers take their positions on the Executive Committee. I'm Tony Reid, your President for 2012-2013. Joining me on the leadership team are Dan Schwartz (President Elect), John Minch (Past President), Jana McIntyre (Vice President), Becca Lanners (Secretary), Jennifer Anderson (Treasurer), Jack Grippi (Treasurer Elect), Tim Elam (Editor-in-Chief), and Jon Schwalbach (Advisory Council).

I would like to acknowledge all those who ran for office – Cynthia Huggins and Larry Knauer put together a great slate of candidates. I would also like to recognize John Minch's 2011-2012 Executive Committee and their work in leaving the section financially strong and with numerous projects in the works that will benefit the membership.

The section has several challenges that the Executive Committee will tackle this year including; improving communications, increasing member participation in section activities, and reversing the decline in membership. Maintaining a healthy membership is vital for the Section. It is the foundation upon which our annual meetings are built, and section members populate the Executive Committee and other committees that keep us running smoothly. Maintaining section membership continues to be a battle, but by pursuing membership renewals and through new member initiatives, membership grew by 20 percent over the year. The Young Professional program continues to be at the forefront to recruit new members and officers for the section.

We continue to explore ways to introduce the section to students in west coast universities. At the forefront will be the Imperial Barrel Award competition, which grew to five universities in 2012. Cynthia Huggins will chair a committee charged with developing processes whereby the section can maintain our level of support for this growing program.

To improve communications with our members, the Executive Committee will implement upgrades to our web site over the coming year. Greg Hummel, our outgoing Vice President, conducted a review of options, and as a result we should see better functionality coming soon. We are also looking to enhance our Executive Committee meeting with improved communications with our affiliated society leaders.

Our main activity for the year is our annual convention in Monterey (April 19-25, 2013). Paul Henshaw is the General Chair, and the meeting theme is "Energy and the Environment: Working Together for the Future." The meeting will be in conjunction with the Pacific Sections SEPM and SEG, and once again we will partner with the Western Region SPE to make a more comprehensive meeting. The call for papers will arrive in your inbox/mailbox in the coming month.

I'll end this column by making a plea that I will probably repeat through the year: get involved with the section – get on a committee, run for office, submit an abstract for the convention. Declining AAPG technical contribution at our conventions is of particular concern. I hate to think of a time when we cancel a convention due to the lack of a technical program. All members should consider giving a paper or poster. In addition to promoting the science of petroleum geology, a technical contribution adds to your personal development.

Congratulations to our election winners and new Executive Committee members: Dan Schwartz (President-Elect), Jack Grippi (Treasurer-Elect), and Tim Elam (Editor-in-Chief). Some familiar faces remain on the committee. Jana McIntyre was elected Vice President (formerly Treasurer), and Becca Lanners was elected for a second term as Secretary. Tony Reid is our new President, John Minch moves to fill the Past President position, and Jennifer Anderson takes over as Treasurer.

Many thanks to Cynthia Huggins (President-Elect, President, Past President) and Greg Hummel (Vice President), who have completed their terms of office and are (at least temporarily) leaving the Executive Committee.

Meetings at the national convention in Long Beach confirmed that the Pacific Section is a strong organization relative to some other sections, and I hope the new Executive Committee will continue to help the section build on its strengths for the benefit of the west coast geologic community.



2012-2013 PSAAPG Executive Committee: Left to right- Jack Grippi, Jennifer Anderson, Becca Lanners, Jana McIntyre, Tony Reid, Dan Schwartz, and John Minch. Photo taken at the Oil Museum in Santa Paula, CA



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The AAPG-SEG West Coast Student Expo is an annual event hosted by the Department of Geological Sciences at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), and co-sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG, PS-AAPG) and Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG). It was initiated in 2008 and has generally been held in late September to early October each year. Participating companies have included: Aera Energy, BHP Billiton, Chevron, Conoco Phillips, Encana, Exxon-Mobil, Microseismic, Occidental, Schlumberger, Swift, and Venoco. These companies have interviewed and hired undergraduate and graduate (M.S. and Ph.D.) students from a diverse pool of participants hailing from 44 schools in 13 states and 4 countries:

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**New York:** University of Rochester

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**International:** National School of Geology, France; CICESE, Mexico; Univ. of Aberdeen

Attendance has been strong, ranging from 76 to 107 students per year, mainly M.S. candidates (50-60%+) with a number of undergraduates (30-40%) and Doctoral students (10%). The three-day program includes field trip(s), a short course, a student poster session, company booth expositions, and private interviews of students selected by companies based on submitted resumes.

#### 2012 AAPG-SEG West Coast Student Expo

The 2012 event is scheduled to take place at CSUN on 11 to 13 October. Please see our web site (www.csun.edu/geology/aapg-seg.htm) for additional information and a preliminary schedule of events. Or contact: Dr. Kathleen Marsaglia, Dept. of Geological Sciences, California State University Northridge, kathie.marsaglia@csun.edu, 1-818-677-6309.



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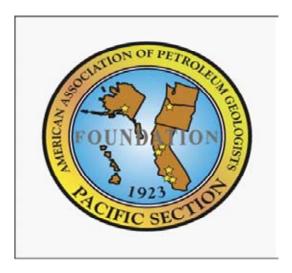
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Please contact Mark L. Wilson at mwilson@santamariaenergy.com and he will provide you location information and an agenda.



The Pacific Section AAPG Foundation is a 501 C(3) Corporation that conducts the educational and charitable business of the Pacific Section AAPG. Your participation at this meeting is welcomed and if you cannot attend, your suggestions and recommendations can be forwarded to the same address. Re-election of expiring Foundation Trustees and committee assignments will be made at this meeting.

The Pacific Section AAPG Foundation was founded in 1999. It has a seven member Board of Trustees. The current Trustees include Mark L. Wilson, Donna Thomspon, Robert Countryman, Robert G. Lindblom, and Larry Knauer, as well as ex-officio members, the President of the Pacific Section (Tony Reid) and the Treasurer of the Pacific Section (Jennifer Anderson). It's funding comes from checkoffs on the Pacific Section dues statement, sales of used books donated to the Foundation for that purpose at Pacific Section conventions, an annual appeal for donations conducted each December, and distributions from funds that the Pacific Section accumulates in excess of their requirement for operations.



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September 18 Meeting- JPL Project Scientist for Mars Science Laboratory "Curiosity"

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Fall Golf Tournament Scheduled for October in Ojai

#### L.A. Basin Geological Society

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#### Northern California Geological Society

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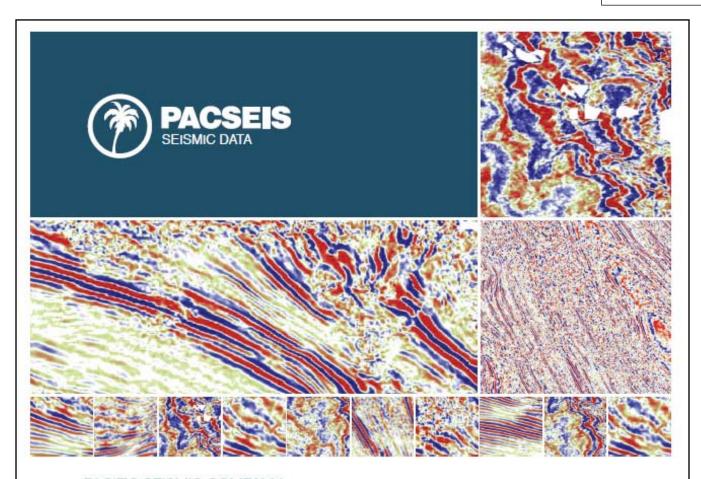
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