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Jean B. Kulla, President of Los Angeles Basin Geological Society, September 30, 2014

Dear Jean,

As, Pacific Section AAPG President, I would like to share with you exciting benefits Pacific Section (PS) offers your Society. Hopefully each Affiliated Society will fully utilize its Affiliation. Last year, Dan Schwartz, initiated a new tradition: "start an annual communication process". I am following Dan's lead by reaching out to you and your officers.

The Pacific Section of the AAPG is very interested in building and strengthening our relationships with our Affiliated Societies. Your Society builds the foundation upon which PS and National AAPG are built. For the past few years, PS Executive Committee has been focusing its attention on increasing our value to the Societies. PS wants to be your go-to place, to help build relevant and valuable connections with your Members and with the pool of young talent in the Universities within the Pacific Section. By increasing funding, recognition, communication, transfer of science, and exchange of information, we hope to contribute to the strengthening of the geosciences within our educational institutions and to build lasting and valuable ties to our community.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

*John T. Williams*

John T. Williams, President 2014- 2015

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## 2014-2015 Letter from the President, Brief Outline of Benefits:

**John T. Williams, President 2014- 2015**

## Pacific Section, American Association of Petroleum Geologists

### Major PSAAPG programs that benefit Societies and Membership:

- PS Executive Committee – Each Society has one vote at each EXCOMM meeting.
- Society Activities – PS Secretary, Malcolm Allan, records and announces Society activities at each PSAAPG Executive meeting, your voice is heard.
- Membership and Dues - The PS provides to local societies \$3 of our membership fee for each PSAAPG member, Membership Chair, Randy Stephenson, initiates payment.
- Distinguished Lecturer Support – The PS will underwrite \$500 per lecturer, up to \$1000 per year per Society; Treasure, Cameron Campbell reimburses your expense.
- PSAAPG Scholarship Program: Provides up to \$4000 per Society for University student scholarships; Scholarship Chair, Cynthia Huggins, coordinates funding.
- Teacher of the Year Awards: PS provides \$250 to each teacher-of-the-year. One Society winner is awarded the PS T-O-T-Y, receives \$500 and a plaque presented at our annual meeting or at a Society meeting. Teacher Award Chair, Bob Ballog.
- Imperial Barrel Award Competition: The IBA program is a global competition; University teams of Master's degree students compete to go to the National AAPG competition. Contact Cynthia Huggins or Cameron Campbell for more information.
- Student Chapters PSAAPG and National AAPG support Universities Chapters within the Section. This is a professional opportunity, Student Chapters Chair, Becca Lanners.
- Field Trip Expenses: PS reimburses Society expenses for activities (field trip, workshop, etc.), up to \$500. Society requests should be sent to Cameron Campbell, Treasurer.
- Receive ¼ page of Advertising in AAPG Explorer: Each Affiliated Societies receives ¼ page of advertising space in the AAPG Explorer, Publications Chair, Larry Knauer.
- Insurance, AAPG provides insurance for PS activities such as conventions and field trips.
- Honors and Awards: Members are recognized for their service and accomplishments at the Society, Section and/or the National AAPG levels. Awards Chair, Bob Lindblom.
- PS Publications: Our mandate is to publish peer reviewed technical contributions and specific topics written by the membership, Publication Chair, Larry Knauer.
- Newsletter Publication. Bi-monthly hard copy e-mailed and posted on the PS Webpage. Society contact notices included. The Newsletter Editor welcomes articles about your Society activities. Newsletter Editor, Vaughn Thompson.
- [WWW.PSAAPG.ORG](http://WWW.PSAAPG.ORG) is linked to local society websites. New material, comments, updates, etc. are welcome. Webmaster, Jason Minch.



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**John T. Williams, President 2014- 2015**

## Pacific Section, American Association of Petroleum Geologists

More Detailed Review of the Major PSAAPG programs that benefit Affiliated Societies and Membership of the Pacific Section AAPG.

- 1. PS Executive Committee:** The affiliated societies are a vital part of the PS. Under the PS constitution, each affiliated society has one voting member on our Executive Committee governing body. That member may be the society president, or someone that the society president selects as a representative. It is important that societies exercise this right and contribute toward the decisions made by the Executive Committee. I know that logistics may prevent sending a representative to our meetings, and we are improving our methods to hold teleconference-type meetings and expand representation to all societies in the PS.
- 2. PS Meeting Agendas and Minutes:** We will continue to solicit your input for all Executive Committee meetings. We would also like a summary of activities for your Society, to be included in our meeting minutes. Our Secretary, Malcolm Allan, will ask for summaries prior to each meeting.
- 3. Membership and Dues:** Members of the PS are assigned a local Society based on where they reside. The PS provides to local Societies \$3 of our membership fee for each PS member. This is a once a year distribution. We are reviewing the membership and dues, and I will have our Membership Chair, Randy Stephenson, contact your membership chair to discuss alternatives to make the whole membership process more streamlined and easier to complete.
- 4. Distinguished Lecturer Support:** The PS will underwrite the cost associated with bringing an AAPG Distinguished Lecturer to your Society meetings. The amount of support is \$500 per lecturer, up to \$1000 per year. Please apply for reimbursement through the PSAAPG's Treasurer, Cameron Campbell, within the calendar year of the expense.



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- PS-AAPG Scholarship Program:** In 2013 we established a Scholarship Program that provides up to \$4000 per Society for University student scholarships. The money is to be used to either enhance existing Society scholarship programs (increasing award amounts and/or the number of awards) or to contribute to new scholarships developed at the Societies' initiative. Funds are made available to your Society via a request sent to the President and Treasurer of the PS AAPG Foundation with a copy to our Scholarship Chair. The money is held by the PS Foundation and disbursed in line with their 501c (3) tax status. The Scholarship Committee will send a letter with more details closer to the end of the year, but basically, application for these funds is made by sending to the Foundation: 1) names and addresses of awardees; 2) purpose of award; 3) amount of each award by recipient; 4) how the awardees were selected (need and/or merit), and 5) the relationship, if any, to any member(s) of AAPG, PSAAPG, or Affiliated Societies. Funds should be requested prior to April 30th. Checks will be mailed before the end of May. If checks are needed prior to that date, please state that when requesting checks. The Societies are required to include a letter from PSAAPG with the scholarship check when it is presented to the student; the letters will be mailed with the checks. In addition, each student will be recognized in the PSAAPG Newsletter. Checks should be presented (or announced) at society meetings when possible. There are some conditions for the scholarships. Please contact Cynthia Huggins for more details.
- Teacher of the Year Awards:** On an annual basis, the PS provides \$250 to a teacher nominated by each Society. The PSAAPG teacher of the year receives \$500 and a plaque presented at the PS's annual meeting or at a Society meeting. The money comes from the PS AAPG Foundation, but is coordinated by PS through Bob Ballog, Chair.
- Imperial Barrel Award Competition:** PS AAPG supports the annual IBA program, which is a global competition between University teams comprised primarily of Master's degree students. Teams receive integrated subsurface data sets, and need to analyze and synthesize the information into recommendations that are presented to a panel of judges. For the past three years, Pacific Section teams came from the San Diego State University (2014 winner), University of Alaska, Fairbanks (2013 winner); University of California, Santa Barbara; California State University, Long Beach (2012 winner), SDSU (2011 winner), and CSU, Bakersfield. The winning team represented PS and their University at the AAPG Annual Conventions. We encourage Affiliated Societies to support their local teams, recommend to their local Universities that they consider participating in IBA, and to support via funding, the travel expenses for the teams to go to the Pacific Section competition (National AAPG funds the travel expenses for the winning teams to go to National). Please contact Cynthia Huggins or Cameron Campbell for more information.

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8. **AAPG Student Chapters:** PS-AAPG and National AAPG support the establishment of Student Chapters at Universities within the Section. Student chapters provide learning and networking opportunities for students and can provide valuable connections to students in other chapters globally. Currently there are fourteen Chapters in the PS. Please contact Student Chapter Chair, Becca Lanners, for more information on how Societies can get involved with these Student Chapters.
9. **Field Trips and Workshops:** Societies can request funds for expense reimbursement for Society activities (field trips, workshops, etc.), in the amount of up to \$500. Your Society requests should be sent to Cameron Campbell, Treasurer.
10. **Advertising:** Each year, the Pacific Section and Affiliated Societies each receive ¼ page of advertising space in the AAPG Explorer. You are welcome to utilize that space as you see fit. If you do not have plans to use the space, the PS would like to be able to utilize it to promote our annual convention. Please speak with Larry Knauer regarding this opportunity.
11. **Insurance:** AAPG provides insurance for PS activities such as conventions and field trips. However, **this coverage does not extend to the local societies-but you can create a partnership with PS to facilitate this coverage.** Contact John Williams, President.
12. **Honors and Awards:** On an annual basis, members of Societies are nominated for awards for their service and accomplishments at the Society, Pacific Section and the National AAPG levels. PS is very supportive of these recognitions. PS recently approved the Young Professional Distinguished Service Award. This is very exciting for all Members. Please contact H&A Chair, Bob Lindblom, regarding the descriptions of the available awards and what information is required.
13. **Publications:** PS is mandated to publish peer reviewed technical contributions written by the membership, in association with specific topics (e.g. maps and cross sections; field trip guides; compilations of topical reports, etc.). We are happy to work with the Societies to assist in the publication of such documents. Publications, Larry Knauer.





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- 14. Newsletter:** The PSAAPG Newsletter that goes out every other month. It is available as a hard copy or by email. It is also posted on the PS Webpage. Society contact information is included. Please check the information to make sure it is up-to-date. The Newsletter Editor welcomes articles about local society activities. Please contact the Newsletter Editor Vaughn Thompson for more information.
- 15. WWW.PSAAPG.ORG** is linked to local Society websites. New material, comments, updates, etc. are welcome. Please contact the PS Webmaster Jason Minch for more information.

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