



Society of Petroleum Engineers

SPE WA Board Minutes of Meeting

Monthly Meeting

18th November 2015, 4PM

Total E&P, Perth

Members in Attendance:

- Abbas Khaksar
- Andrew Buffin
- Arvind Chetty
- Brodie Wilkes
- Dan O'Reilly
- Dan Pickering
- Matthew Flett
- Rodney Silberstein
- Sameh Macary
- Stephanie Lim
- Jamsheed Bhanja
- Corey Baker
- Michael Song

Apologies:

- Abbey Roberts
- Angelina Gaede
- Chris Merrick
- Danielle Poskus
- Gelber Taco
- Jack Harfoushian
- Jane Chua
- Liam Le
- Lina Velosa
- Ludovic Ricard
- Luke Vlasich
- Lynn Bird
- Michael Cullingford
- Mitchell Sherston
- Michelle Lim
- Miles Ponsonby
- Robyn Tamke
- Sarah Loh
- Steven Smart
- Tom Swarbrick
- Yash Tyagi
- Ochuko Ofoyela
- Dean Manifis

1. Chairperson

Stephanie Lim

General Minutes

- Email communication has now been handed over to Sarah Loh to manage
- APOGCE conference venue was visited by Conduct committee two weeks ago – the Crown venue is looking splendid
 - Renovations underway
 - Still need to work on Principal Sponsor – Chevron?
 - SPE Staff continue to work on sponsors

- Tech Committee would like more papers from local companies
- Next committee mtg will be early next year

Actions

- Sameh/Andrew to provide dates of 2016 lunches to Jess to avoid Subsea event conflicts

2. Treasurer

Dean Manifis

General Minutes

- Improvements needed to meet 2015 budget
- Attendance has been down for luncheons
- Hoping YP events to go well for rest of year

Actions

- Sarah Loh please promote new, lower prices in 2016 with emails for events

3. Programme

Sameh Macary

General Minutes

- Last luncheon was difficult with numbers, but Baker presentation was excellent
- December session will be from PetroTrain regarding improving personal/team improvements on efficiencies in this new challenging oil price environment. This is a soft-skills style presentation.
- Sameh and programme group will meet with Petrotrain next week to discuss content of presentation more
- Presentation will be on 9th or 10th of December 2015
- Programme committee will be working towards making future titles of presentations more attractive
- Sameh reminded board members that luncheon attendance is appreciated

Actions

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4. Continuing Education

Abbas Khaksar

General Minutes

- Last month topic was from Curtin U , attended by 23 people
- This month, Matt Flett will be talking on his Doctoral Thesis on CO2 Sequestration/Heterogeneity
- Abbas has mentioned to board that their attendance would be appreciated since the even is free and a good opportunity to meet new people
- Possibility of having a one day seminar on geomechanics in 2016? 10-12 talks during the day event? Board commented that it would be best for early 2016 if possible since may conflict with APOGCE in October otherwise.

Actions

- Abbas to organise a proposal for the one day seminar – Check with SPE Naming Policy to ensure we can use the “seminar” name. Board will voted next meeting.

5. Australia Council

Miles Ponsonby

General Minutes

- No update

Actions

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6. Communications

Jack Harfoushian

General Minutes

- No update

Actions

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7. Website

Steven Smart

General Minutes

- No update

Actions

- Abbas has mentioned that when members sign up for an event, they receive 3x emails which seems excessive. Is it possible to reduce to one email?

8. Young Professionals

Brodie Wilkes

General Minutes

- Gala dinner was on Saturday – well attended, 87 tickets sold (roughly break even)
- Guest speaker and raffle - \$1,100 raised for Engineers without borders
- Two ambassador lecture programmes
 - One at TAFE – 12 attendees
 - One at Willetton Senior HS – 30 attendees
- This Friday, Technical 101 with Drilling Analytics (31 signed up so far)
- On Thursday 26th Nov – Personal Branding & Successful Team Workshop – still need to drum up numbers (only 10 so far)

Actions

- Please provide accounts from Gala dinner

9. Social

Liam Le & Dan Pickering

General Minutes

- Considering Golf Day on a Friday in May – First week or two of May seems good to avoid other conferences in May
- Still researching Mt Lawley for prices on Golf Day

Actions

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10. Student

Nitya Talluri & Jordan Oakley

General Minutes

- UWA
 - Events – Collaborated with “Girls in Engineering” – aimed at High School Students to teach about O&G
 - Promoting Shell’s upcoming workshop
 - Handover ongoing with last year’s Executive Committee

- Curtin
 - Currently exams ongoing
 - SPE Curtin Video Series – Interviewed Nicole Cooper from SLB about experience in industry. This series will be posted on the Curtin SPE Facebook site.
 - Planning for site visits in 2016

Actions

- Arvind to find out about AWE drilling campaigns in 2016 and possible site visits. UWA to pass over contacts from AWE as well.

11. Student Liaison

Yash Tyagi & Ochuko Ofoyela

General Minutes

- Ochuko met with UWA Nov 11th to discuss future events and involvement in AOG

Actions

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12. Sponsorship

Dean Manifis

General Minutes

- No update

Actions

- Need to send out new brochure?

13. Scholarships

Michelle Lim

General Minutes

- No update

Actions

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14. Mentoring

Arvind Chetty

General Minutes

- Had handover with Lina
- Will be closing out 2015 mentoring programme soon
- No plans to spend further money in 2015
- When Lina returns from interstate will be planning for 2016 programme – aim is to be cost neutral
- Jordan has done a survey for popular topics for Soft Skills presentations for next year
- Attended workshop with PhD mentoring body (IMNES) to discuss future sponsorship for their activities

Actions

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15. Inter-Society

Matt Flett

General Minutes

- Wrapping up unconventional seminar accounts still (IAH) – currently with auditor

- Expecting money from this event within next month
- Sundowner with EA will be going ahead – Thursday 3rd December

Actions

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16. SPE Facilities Group

Lina Velosa

General Minutes

- Breakfast w/ Julie, Lina, Chris Merrick and Rodney to discuss EA
- ARB will be sponsoring 10-12 SPE luncheons next year

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17. AOB

All

General Minutes

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Actions

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Next meeting: **Wednesday 9th December 2015**

Minutes prepared by: Dan O'Reilly (Chevron Australia)

Approved: