TO THE SPWLA VOTING MEMBERSHIP

March 31, 2015

Part of your membership benefits is to elect officers for the 2015-2016/17 Board of Directors that you feel strongly will oversee the Societies best interest.

You will receive our election material in both printed form (this package) and by electronic notification.

You have choices when casting your vote, however, **DO NOT VOTE MORE THAN ONE TIME.**

**Voting by mail:**
The VOTING INSTRUCTIONS are: 1) Vote for one candidate in each of the listed positions. 2) Mark your ballots. Do not sign your ballots. Insert both in the "BALLOT ENCLOSED" envelope and seal. On the back of the self-addressed envelope sign your name, and print your name and membership number (if you do not know, or are unsure of your number, your name must be printed clearly).

**Voting by electronic cast:**
A link will be sent to your email on or before March 31st. If you do not receive an email concerning the election, please confirm your email on file with our membership coordinator, bonnie@spwla.org

The terms of office shall be as follows:
- President, President-Elect, Vice-President Technology, and Vice-President Publications: from one Annual Meeting to the next Annual Meeting.
- Vice-President Information Technology, Vice-President Finance, Secretary and Administration, and three (3) regional directors: from one Annual Meeting in an odd-numbered year to the next Annual Meeting in an odd-numbered year.
- Vice-President Education and three (3) regional directors: from one Annual Meeting in an even-numbered year to the next Annual Meeting in an even-numbered year

**POSITION CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY A 2 YEAR TERM**

**VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION**
SHUJIE LIU, BP, Houston, TX

**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

*North America, Position 1 (2014-2016)*
KATERINA YARED, APACHE CORP, Tulsa, OK

*Latin America (2014-2016)*
EMMANUEL BIZE, SCHLUMBERGER, Brazil

*Middle East/ Africa/ India (2014-2016)*
SALEM AL-SABEA, KUWAIT OIL CO, Kuwait

For your votes to count, your ballot must be in the SPWLA business office no later than **8:00 AM, April 30, 2015.**

Regards,

Sharon Johnson

Executive Director
**POSITION STATEMENT**

As an active and supportive member of SPWLA, I am proud to have served as the 2009-2011 and 2013-2015 VP for Information Technology as well as on various committees over the years. It is an honor to be nominated for this opportunity to lead the society.

We must continue to educate our membership and advance the science on all aspects of petrophysics and formation evaluation. The ability to develop - and deliver - knowledge through digital media formats as well the more traditional approaches is paramount to the success of the organization.

Currently, the international board has the goal to more effectively engage the chapter leadership teams but without affecting their own local identity. I fully support this initiative and plan to pursue it further. This would include the following proposals:

- Encourage membership of both the chapter and international organizations
- Facilitate communication between chapters especially with regard to the availability of Distinguished Speakers and other potential speakers traveling in their region
- Continue to develop a leadership pipeline from the local chapters to the international body
- Provide scalable, centralized website resources for chapters ranging from a single page managed by the chapter but located on the SPWLA.org server all the way to a chapter sub-domain collocated w/ the international website and including its own membership system at no extra cost to the chapter.

The success of the SPWLA chapters is even more important in the current economic climate. We have to adapt and be able to deliver quality education programs at a grass roots level.

If my candidacy is successful I will make it my purpose to deliver on these important goals.

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**POSITION/PERSOANL STATEMENT**

In these times of economic turmoil in the industry, we need to keep focused on our core society values. The SPWLA is the industry reference for the advancement of petrophysics and formation evaluation expertise. Now more than ever we can and should continue to make significant impacts and developments in our discipline to keep the industry profitable even in a downturn. Becoming stronger during the downswing will have us better positioned for the upswing, which will come. Having held several positions in the society, and currently as VP Technology, I believe that I have the experience to guide SPWLA through these uncertain times and prepare the way to maximize our impact on the future of cost effective oil and gas production. I believe that we should continue our efforts to increase the number and relevance of chapters worldwide. The recently implemented SPWLA Ambassadorship is a great initiative and will serve to enhance the quality of our members. As an ambassador I have helped in the establishment of the Bangkok chapter and the student chapter in Cauca, Colombia. The inclusion and mentoring of younger generations is achieved not only through the creation of student chapters, but also with the involvement of students in our annual symposium. Organizing and promoting the society’s first annual student paper contest in Long Beach exemplifies my commitment to this goal. I am humbled to have been nominated as President-Elect for the SPWLA and will be honored to have your vote.
Jennifer Market is currently the Global Acoustics Advisor for Weatherford. In this role, she is responsible for acoustics sensor and application development, training, and business development. She has global experience working in many of the world’s oil fields, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Northwest Shelf of Australia and almost everything in between. She started her career in the oil patch as an intern at Sperry-Sun Drilling Services in 1995 while studying at Edinburgh and Texas A&M Universities. By 1999, she was deeply involved in the BAT acoustic service (working at both SensorWise and Sperry-Sun). She started as a lowly modeller and data analyst, working up to becoming the “BAT Lady” with involvement in tool design, modelling, application development, training, and operations. She then broadened her experience by doing acoustics and petrophysics consulting with Senergy for a spell, finally joining Weatherford in 2014. Along the way, she has migrated from being a “consumer” of SPWLA (greedily devouring papers and publications, listening raptly at topical conferences) to contributing to papers and journal articles, serving on the SPWLA educational committee and chairing topical conferences. Her publications and short courses focus on acoustic applications and on trying to make acoustics comprehensible to broader geoscientists who need to understand enough of what goes on in the magical “black box” that turns wiggles into logs to be able to QC their velocities to decide if the data are usable.

She is currently serving her 7th year on the SPWLA technical committee, something she is pleased to participate in, as she feels strongly about improving the quality of the SPWLA publications and conferences. In 2013, she led the launch of the SPWLA Acoustics Special Interest Group (as chairman) and hopes to expand that considerably in 2015. She was an SPWLA distinguished lecturer in 2008-2009 and 2011-2012 and is an SPE distinguished lecturer (in Acoustics) for the 2014-2015 season. She is also a frequent speaker at local chapter “lunch and learn” SPWLA sessions around the world and co-taught an SPWLA Acoustics short course in Cartagena in 2012.

Position Statement

The SPWLA is ideally suited to support and advance petrophysics and well log analysis through education, training, and exchange of best practices. Its conferences, forums, special interest groups and workshops provide opportunities for operators, consultants, universities and service providers to interact on a technical basis to discuss problems and solutions as well as to set standards for log interpretation practices.

While the society’s origins were largely Western Hemisphere based, the last decade has seen a growth in global membership. We need to continue that expansion by hosting regional conferences, workshops, SIG meetings, and online webinars to encourage the exchange of information and best practices across geographical boundaries.

In the current economic climate, many oil companies are using the slowdown in drilling to take a second look at the data acquired during the recent boom cycle in order to optimise production and plan future wells on slimmer margins. Petrophysics interpretation is essential to these studies and thus innovative techniques, standardised practices and streamlined workflows should be forefront in our minds. The SPWLA can act as a focal point for sharing best practices and instigating time-saving standardisation of deliverables. Many practitioners will be limited in their ability to travel due to the current economics, so we need to focus on organising local, regional, and online events to include as many members as possible.

Since one of the key duties of the vice-president of technology (and technology committee) is the selection of abstracts and workshops for the annual conference, I will strive to make the process transparent to members and ensure high quality content for the conference. There will be clear guidelines published in the call for abstracts detailing the elements of a good abstract and how the committee will grade them for selection as oral and poster presentations. Submissions will be actively solicited from industry experts and educational type papers will be encouraged.

Brett Wendt is a Staff Petrophysicist working in the Delaware Basin for ConocoPhillips. In this role he is responsible for the development of integrated petrophysical workflows with a focus on appraising existing leases for development of both conventional and unconventional reservoirs. Prior to this assignment he served as lead petrophysicist in ConocoPhillips Norway supporting chalk field development in the Greater Ekofisk Area.

Previous roles include working ConocoPhillips Global Exploration group in Houston, GOM exploration and development organizations, and rotational assignments in Cameroon and Venezuela. He began his career in ConocoPhillips Lafayette Division where he worked as a Production Engineer, Production Operator, and Reservoir Engineer before specializing in Petrophysics and Pore Pressure Prediction. Brett received a BS degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1992 from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Brett has been active in SPWLA having served as President of the Lafayette chapter and SPWLA Board positions of Regional Director North America I and VP of Education. During his time as a SPWLA Board Director he served as the Committee Chair for the Young Professionals and Membership Committee and as a member of the Technology Committee. He currently serves as a member of the Education Committee.

Position Statement

In the four years I have served on the SPWLA Board of Directors I have found no shortage of work required to achieve the goals our society requires in positioning itself for the future. The society has benefitted from many years of good times and is financially strong at the outset of this most recent downturn in our industry. With the Annual SPWLA Symposium being both the major responsibility of the VP of Technology and the major source of funding for the society I understand how great the trust given to the VP of Technology is in these challenging times. It is more important than ever that the SPWLA Annual Symposium be relevant, technically superior to other venues, and important to petrophysicists globally so that their attendance is justifiable when travel budgets are tight. I remain committed to seeing SPWLA succeed and grow.

I appreciate the honor of being offered the opportunity to continue to work for the society in the role of Vice President-Technology for the 2015-2016 year. I also appreciate the efforts of Elton Frost to build a strong slate of candidates this year. Jennifer is a worthy and capable opponent who will do an excellent job should she win the position. Thank you for your consideration.
TIM DUGGAN, is a Senior Petrophysicist for Petroleum Development Oman (PDO). In this role he is working within the Well and Reservoir Surveillance team on a Thermal Development, which includes two steam developments (steamflood and CSS) along with appraisal of nearby heavy oil fields. Before joining PDO he worked for 4 years in the United Arab Emirates, first as a Senior Petrophysicist and then Regional Head of Petrophysics for a consulting company based across Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Prior to moving to the Gulf Region, he worked for Woodside Petroleum and Santos back in Australia for a total of 8 years. Tim has a Bachelor of Science with separate Honours Degree in Physics and Geophysics from Adelaide University (which included the National Centre for Petroleum Geology and Geophysics, and later became Australian School of Petroleum). Through his career he has worked on fields across a broad swath of the planet including: Cooper-Eromanga (Central Australia), Otway & Gippsland (South-east Australia), North-West Shelf (Australia), and numerous fields across Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Dubai, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman and Russia. He has served as a Board Member of the Abu Dhabi SPWLA Chapter from 2010 to 2012 (IT Coordinator), as Regional Director for the International SPWLA from 2012-2014, has served on the Technical Committee for SPE Petrophysics conference, and is a Technical Editor for SPE Reservoir Evaluation & Engineering-Formation Evaluation journal. Tim has been a member of the SPE and SPWLA since 2001. Tim is passionate about Petrophysics and the role SPWLA has to educate and support our members through their careers.

POSITION STATEMENT

If elected to the role of VP Finance, Secretary and Administration I would do everything within my control to continue the strong administration and continue the strong financial position of the Society. I will also work hard to continue to steadily grow the Society across all regions. I believe firmly in listening to the membership and will examine previous surveys to provide what will help our members, within the financial constraints of the Society. I think the international Chapters would benefit from more support with Distinguished Speaker visits, and I’d like to observe how the recent support for Distinguished Speakers works and look to enhance this to ensure global benefit from these industry experts is achieved. I feel that having the opportunity to see enthusiastic Industry Experts visit the international Chapters will help inspire and develop the next generation of Petrophysicists. The discipline of Petrophysics is very broad, and is broadening further with new technologies (think DTS, etc) where integration with other disciplines is crucial. It is this requirement to integrate across disciplines which makes me want to grow our membership with more representation from other disciplines to ensure cross-fertilization within our membership.

I am honoured to be considered to serve on the SPWLA Board for 2015-2017 in the role of VP Finance, Secretary and Administration.

JOSE SILVA is a Supervisor for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in The Woodlands, Texas. In this role he works for the Unconventional Resources Best Practices group providing support to the organization and sharing best practices amongst the business units. Before that he worked as a Staff Petrophysicist for the technology team, performing petrophysical analyses to those company assets that are focused in unconventional reservoirs, both in development and exploration. Prior to joining Anadarko in 2011, he worked 7 years for Schlumberger in various operational and office-based roles. His last position was Business Manager for Latin America, where his main objective was to understand the petrophysical needs of different companies and then create and promote workflows that would address those needs and add value to the work the petrophysicists in the companies were performing. Jose received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geophysical Engineering from the Simon Bolivar University in Caracas, Venezuela (2004), and a Master in Business and Administration from Rice University in Houston, Texas (2011). He is a member of SPWLA and SEG. Jose has previously held several SPWLA positions: The past two years serving as Director for the North America II region and before that serving two years as Vice President West and then one year as President of the Houston chapter.

POSITION STATEMENT

The role of the society is to serve the membership, this statement although simple has never been more important than it is today, given the economic climate our industry is facing. We interpret these set of events as a cycle, mainly from past data, but we are uncertain on how long it will last. I believe the SPWLA can help our membership through the “slowdown”; when I ran for the Director NA II position two years ago the main imperative was the “crew change” and what could we do to transfer knowledge, and although we have made some progress and it still remains as an important goal, it is crucial that our society steps up to the current challenge. We can help our membership through this environment by creating opportunities for our members to stay technically current and to network; as for the events that already exist, we have to make them more accessible to overcome travel limitations, and at the same time maintaining the appeal and interest of our discipline for the next generations, by continue to support student chapters that focus on the topics of petrophysics and formation evaluation. If I were to be elected, I would work to ensure these objectives were supported with a sound budget so that we can remain a healthy society while supporting our membership in any way we can.

SUZANNE G. CLUFF, candidate for VP Finance, Secretary, and Administration, is the Vice President and co-founder of the Discovery Group, a consulting group located in Denver. She is a petrophysicist working primarily with tight gas sands and mudrocks in the Rocky Mountains and around the United States, including formation evaluation, reservoir characterization, and field studies. Sue graduated with a BS in Mathematics from the University of Illinois and received a MS in Geology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked for Chevron Oil Field Research, Chevron USA, and Buckhorn Petroleum prior to co-founding the Discovery Group in 1987. She has been active in the Denver Well Logging Society, serving as president twice, Vice President of Technology, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor of the DWLS newsletter. She served SPWLA as the VP Finance, Secretary and Administration 2011-2015, one of the North American directors 2009-2012 and served as Co-chairman of the 2011 SPWLA Symposium, held in Colorado.

POSITION STATEMENT

As the VP of Finance, Secretary, and Administration I would like to continue the smooth running of the organization, improving coordination between the board and the office. SPWLA has grown from a small group of professionals to an international resource for Petrophysicists all over the world. I would like to finish implementing strategies that treat our organization as the international powerhouse it has become, standardizing our business decisions and making sure that we support the efforts of our many volunteers.
DR. OLIVER C. MULLINS is a Science Advisor to executive management in Schlumberger. He is currently leading the development of a new technical discipline, “Reservoir Fluid Geodynamics” that is meant to resolve a major industry deficiency in modeling and understanding reservoirs and contained fluids. In addition, he is the primary originator of Downhole Fluid Analysis (DFA) for formation evaluation. He has won several awards including the SPE Distinguished Membership Award and the SPWLA Distinguished Technical Achievement Award. He authored the book The Physics of Reservoir Fluids; Discovery through Downhole Fluid Analysis, which won two Awards of Excellence. He has been Distinguished Lecturer 4 times for SPWLA and SPE. Dr. Mullins also leads an active research group in petroleum science and has co-edited 3 books and coauthored 13 chapters on asphaltenes and related topics which helped lead to the Yen-Mullins model of asphaltenes. This model enabled Mullins and coworkers to develop the industry’s first equation of state for asphaltene gradients in reservoirs. He has coauthored ~225 publications, ~½ on petroleum science, ~½ on applications and has coinvented 95 allowed US patents. There are 8900 citations to his work on Google Scholar. He is Editor of Petrophysics, Fellow of two professional societies and is Adjunct Professor of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University. His hobbies include skiing and biking.

POSITION STATEMENT

The Journal Petrophysics provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and for the announcement of important new directions for the petrophysical community served by the SPWLA. Indeed, the SPWLA in general and Petrophysics in particular have been very important for me personally as my colleagues and I grew Downhole Fluid Analysis from a method to support sample acquisition into of method of reservoir evaluation. As the vision continues to expand into a new discipline “Reservoir Fluid Geodynamics”, there is no doubt that the SPWLA and Petrophysics will continue to play a crucial role to define, test and validate new directions. The encouragement and support of the SPWLA community to exploring new ideas has been an inspiration to me. It has been my pleasure to serve with Steve Prensky to guide the journal, Petrophysics. I would be honored to serve for another two years in this position.

CARLOS TORRES-VERDÍN received a B.Sc. degree in Engineering Geophysics from the National Polytechnic Institute of Mexico, a M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. degree in Engineering Geoscience from the University of California at Berkeley in 1991. During 1991-1997, he held the position of Research Scientist with Schlumberger-Doll Research. From 1997-1999, he was Reservoir Specialist and Technology Champion with YPF (Buenos Aires, Argentina). Since 1999, he has been affiliated with the Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering of the University of Texas at Austin, where he is currently Full Professor, holds the Brian James Jennings Memorial Endowed Chair in Petroleum Engineering, and conducts research on borehole geophysics, formation evaluation, well logging, and integrated reservoir description. Dr. Torres-Verdín is the founder and director of the Research Consortium on Formation Evaluation at the University of Texas at Austin, which is currently sponsored by 32 companies. He has published over 140 refereed journal papers and 180 conference papers, and is author of 2 patents, has served as Guest Editor for Radio Science, invited Associate Editor for Interpretation (SEG), Associate Editor for the Journal of Electromagnetic Waves and Applications, SPE Journal, and Petrophysics (SPWLA), and is currently Assistant Editor for Geophysics and chair of the editorial board of The Leading Edge (SEG). Dr. Torres-Verdin is recipient of the 2014 Gold Medal for Technical Achievement from the SPWLA, of the 2006 Distinguished Technical Achievement Award from the SPWLA, of the 2008 Formation Evaluation Award from the SPE, of the 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007 Best Paper Awards in Petrophysics by the SPWLA, of the 2006 and 2014 Best Presentation Awards and the 2007 Best Poster Award by the SPWLA, and was designated Distinguished Technical Speaker during 2006-2007 and 2013-2014 by the SPWLA. He has supervised 23 Ph.D. and 35 Master’s students, conducted numerous industry training courses, and co-chaired several technical workshops and conference sessions. Dr. Torres-Verdín has served as member of multiple SPE, SPWLA, and SEG committees in the past.

POSITION STATEMENT

SPWLA publications are the technical “thermometer and pulse” of our society and discipline. They constitute the undisputable record of developments for future practitioners of the formation evaluation discipline. The society’s journal, Petrophysics, and the record of extended conference abstracts remain the central source of technical consultation and reference for the SPWLA. They are the presentation card of our society to the rest of the technical world. My plan is to improve the quality, diversity, impact, and prestige of technical papers included in Petrophysics. SPWLA needs a Petrophysics journal which is in pace with modern technical developments and practices in measurement acquisition, interpretation methods, and core-log analysis. I am and have been involved in several editorial committees of our sister professional organizations and plan to use this experience to improve the SPWLA publication record.

My specific proposal of work for the next two years is as follows:

(a) Improve the quality, diversity, and number of Petrophysics papers.
(b) Increase the readership, citation, scientific impact, and prestige of Petrophysics.
(c) Shorten the review cycle for publication of papers in Petrophysics by establishing a more effective and expedient review system.
(d) Increase the academic prestige of Petrophysics and promote the journal among academic authors.
(e) Promote the publication of technical tutorials in Petrophysics and special bound volumes centered about specific themes of contemporary interest.
(f) Promote special sections and columns with important contemporary themes.
(g) Promote the Petrophysics table of contents via mass e-mails to SPWLA members.
(h) Establish a more efficient web-based depository system for SPWLA publications.
PETER BARRETT is currently Vice President – Americas for Task Fronterra Geoscience, prior to this, Peter assumed the presidency at Fronterra Geosciences following the passing of the founder, Hermann Homann. Peter initially joined Fronterra Geosciences in 2006 as a Geoscience Advisor and quickly assumed the position of Chief Operating Officer. Before this, Peter had held various positions internationally with Baker Hughes, his last position was to advise on a new software solution with overview of the image processing and analysis software. Before working in roles associated with software Peter established a Geoscience Centre in Oman after helping to launch a new imaging service in the Middle East. Peter started his career in 1991 and helped Hermann Homann prove Geoscience to be a profitable business in the Eastern Hemisphere through providing innovative software solutions and improving the way in which the data was processed. Peter has a BSc in Mathematics, Modelling and Computing from Kingston University in London and is a member of the SPWLA.

POSITION STATEMENT

If I had the opportunity to be VP of Information technology I would look at building on the good work which has already been performed to help promote the society and use technology to help streamline the society’s operations. I will listen to what the society’s members have to say on where they would like to see improvements and work with the board and appropriate members to implement them where possible and deemed to be in the interest of the society. I would relish the opportunity to reach more members and extend the usefulness of the web site by supplementing it with pertinent information, for example to help stay abreast of changes in tool technologies. I would also look at ways in which mobile devices could be better leveraged by the society and its members in both real time and as an information mining source.

ZHIPENG “Z” LIU is a Sr. Petrophysicist in Kinder Morgan, with specialty in CO2 gas fields and CO2 flood EOR fields. He is an active member of SPWLA Houston chapter, where he currently serves as the treasurer. This is his 14th year in the well logging business. He is a licensed Professional Petroleum Engineer in Texas. He has worked in the past for PathFinder Energy Services, BP, and Schlumberger. He has published more than 10 technical papers and has been granted 3 US patents on petrophysics and well logging. He earned his first M.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, a second M.S. degree in Petroleum Geology from the University of Houston, and a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He has also been a member of SPWLA, SPE, WTGS, and AAPG. He plays golf and soccer during his spare time.

POSITION STATEMENT

The year 2015 is going to be a challenging one for oil and gas businesses, and I want to help you in making this a productive year. Most members in the Houston area know me. I started as the Webmaster for the Houston chapter in 2011. I cleaned up the website from its previous version and meticulously kept it updated for various meetings, events, and payment processing. When I was elected as Treasurer in 2013, I immediately discovered a critical tax exemption issue that was previously overlooked. I, then, spent 18 months of marathon battle with IRS to eventually re-instate the chapter’s tax exemption status. This alone saved the chapter more than $14,000 in back tax, penalty, and future tax troubles. During my 2 years as treasurer, I have increased the chapter advertising revenue (sponsorship companies from only about 5 to more than 10), controlled event expenses, and started prudently investing the chapter fund. As a result, the chapter has been financially healthy enough to keep the event price low for our members and to financially support nearby student chapters. Finally, we were also able to pledge a donation of $50,000 to the SPWLA Foundation to support scholarship programs in 2014.

The year 2015 is going to be a tough one for many of our members. Your company may cut your travel and training budget, but that does not mean you have to stop your professional development. If elected, I will work to organize online training courses and seminars to bring world-class experts to your home or office. No matter where you are, through a new technology, SPWLA will provide you affordable or even free world-class training opportunities. SPE and AAPG have successful online training programs for their members; I believe it is time for SPWLA to catch up.

SPWLA is a big family, with chapters all around the world. If elected, I pledge to improve our ability to share knowledge among chapters by improving the website and making it the information hub for all of our members. I will also use social media to better engage our members. Through SPWLA Linkedin and Facebook pages, our members can learn from each other, show their work, and establish career-boosting connections.

I have already shown my dedication by serving the SPWLA members in the Houston area. If elected, through online training classes and seminars, an enhanced SPWLA website, and an improved social media presence, I want to help our global members to make 2015 a productive year. Please join me in making SPWLA better for all our members.
REGIONAL DIRECTORS


DANIEL A. KRYGOWSKI is a Senior Petrophysical Advisor at The Discovery Group, in Denver, Colorado, USA. In this role, he has worked petrophysical interpretation projects in a variety of international and US domestic locations. Currently he is spending the majority of his time providing and developing courses in basic and intermediate openhole petrophysics. The courses include the common instructor-led formats, as well as longer-term, lower intensity formats that allow participants to spend more time with the course material while delving deeper into areas of personal interest.

Since the late Cretaceous, Dan has taught the AAPG Basic Well Log Analysis course with Dr. George Asquith. In 2004, the AAPG published Basic Well Log Analysis, co-authored by Dan and George, with Steve Henderson and Neil Hurley, the second edition of George’s similarly-named book which was one of AAPG’s all-time best sellers.

Dan earned a BA in Physics from the State University of New York at Geneseo. He then earned MS and Ph.D. degrees in Geophysics from the Colorado School of Mines, where he focused on petrophysics under George R. (Dick) Pickett.

After completing his formal education, Dan worked for Cities Service Company (now part of Occidental Petroleum), Atlantic Richfield (now part of bp), Petrophysical Solutions, Landmark Graphics (a Halliburton company), and Chevron. At several of those companies, he held positions in petrophysics and petrophysical software development, with both technical and management responsibilities. He joined The Discovery Group in late 2006.

In the latter part of the last century, Dan was Vice-President Public Relations for SPWLA and also served on the Technical Committee. More recently, he has been active in the Denver Well Logging Society, serving two terms as Director, and terms as Vice-President Technology, and Vice-President Membership. Dan is a member of SPWLA, AAPG, SPE, SEG, DWLS, and RMAG.

POSITION STATEMENT

As the industry has moved into unconventional reservoirs and more difficult conventional reservoirs, the need for increased petrophysical information and interpretation has increased, even in the minds of non-petrophysicists. Given that the vast majority of universities have minimal courses in petrophysics, much less any petrophysical degree programs, it is incumbent on other organizations to provide the basic and continuing training in petrophysical topics.

I believe that SPWLA should, and can, be a leading organization in supporting, publicizing, and perhaps in some way, providing that training.

Changing communications technology is changing the way that training, and petrophysical material in general, can be formally presented and informally made available, so that people who do not have easy physical access to a recognized expert can still access that expertise. Additionally, younger members of our industry who have grown up with the technology are more comfortable with, and more willing to try, new technologies to access the information that they need. This need for expanded access to petrophysical technology goes beyond petrophysicists to other technical specialties which use petrophysical data. Any information and support to those other technologies will only increase the awareness for the need for petrophysical expertise, which will benefit us both personally and professionally.

I would like to explore, with the SPWLA international organization, with the various chapters and associated societies, and with interested individuals, how the SPWLA could support and help increase the breadth and depth of petrophysical expertise in the industry.

MATTHEW BLYTH is currently the Geophysics, Acoustics & Geomechanics Domain Head for Schlumberger Drilling & Measurements. He works supporting LWD operations along with the development and testing of new LWD acoustic and seismic tools, technology and answer products for operators all over the world. His primary interests are in LWD acoustics acquisition, interpretation and application. Matt has been with Schlumberger for 17 years, starting as an LWD field engineer in Louisiana and including sales and operations roles in both the USA and Canada. For four years Matt was an instructor at the Schlumberger global training center in Houston, teaching LWD operations and log interpretation to field personnel. He graduated in 1996 with a Bachelors and a Masters in Engineering from Cambridge University in the UK. He has been an SPWLA member for a total of 10 years and is also a member of the SPE, SEG, GSH and ASA. During 2012 and 2013 he was the Westside VP of the Houston SPWLA chapter and has been the Houston Chapter President since 2013. He was an instructor at the Completion’s Petrophysics workshop at the 2013 SPWLA Annual Convention and both an instructor and lead organizer of the Sonic Petrophysics workshop at the 2014 convention. He has coauthored several papers on acoustic logging technology and applications at the SPWLA, JFES and SPE.

POSITION STATEMENT

My 3 years with the Houston Chapter I have had the honor of working with great group of fellow board members and the willingness of people to volunteer their time and energy to their local chapter which is the backbone of this organization. If I am elected to the Regional Director 2 position I will continue to promote the chapter organizations and to provide all the support I can to help them thrive and grow. In addition I would foster collaboration between the different chapters and the umbrella organization and also reach out across the lines to strengthen ties with the other professional societies as working with other specialties can show that Petrophysics provides a link between many different oilfield disciplines. In addition, to help our organization grow I would help the chapters seek new members, both those already in the petrophysics community and those still completing their education. In fact I think it is vital for the SPWLA to continue to maintain close ties with universities, to develop new ties and to continue to encourage student participation at all our events. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to stand and thank you for your consideration.

My name is MICHEL CLAVERIE and I am a Petrophysics Advisor for Schlumberger Wireline, based in London, UK. I provide support to operators and field operations on the applications of logging technology and formation evaluation methods. I hold a MEng in Petroleum Engineering from Herriot-Watt university, Edinburgh, Scotland (1986).

My career started in 1982 as a Wireline Field Engineer in the South Australian desert (Moomba), moving to offshore Jakarta, Dululajan (India’s Assam province) and Mumbai. I first tested my skills as a Reservoir Engineer and Petrophysics in Kuwait (1989-1990), and further plied my trade in Damascus, Stavanger, Buenos-Aires, Perth (WA), and Kuala-Lumpur. I then moved on to Paris in 2007 where I was the Petrophysics Advisor at Schlumberger Wireline headquarters, and since 2011, I enjoy the weather of the UK capital, from where I support log acquisition and interpretation in Europe and Africa.

In the French tradition of love for glorious causes, I have helped restart the activities of FESM, the Malaysia chapter of SPWLA, these efforts culminating in a successful 2006 SPWLA Regional 3-day conference. In 2008, I also attempted to restart SAID, the French chapter, with the ever-energetic Philippe Theys (feared but fair log data quality consultant), but was less successful. SAID has however been given a new life thanks to its current board and the support from TOTAL, and I will lend it my full support, regardless of the results of this election.

I had the honour to serve as the Editor of SPWLA Petrophysics from August 2011 to August 2013 and as VP Publication over 2012-2013, where I experienced first-hand the dedication, skill and energy of the members, authors, board members and staff of our Society. Having now caught my breath after my 24 months of Editor duties, I am ready to take on the challenge of Europe Regional Director.

POSITION STATEMENT
I have 3 objectives for this 2-year assignment
- Support and expand the activities of the Europe chapters
- Support petrophysical education and training to the European universities
- Encourage candidates from Europe to the SPWLA board

In continuation of the work of Ben Lowden, current Europe Regional Director, I wish to help the Europe chapters find and share speakers for their events, and organize repeats of their successful seminars and workshops. Some of the chapters are highly active and may only need occasional support, and others may need more sustained help to increase their activity. A major goal will be the success of the 2016 Annual Conference in Reykjavik (Iceland) organized by the Norway Formation Evaluation Society.

In coordination with the SPWLA Ambassador initiative started by President David Kennedy, we can enhance the student education provided at universities with training by experienced staff from operators and service companies. For the past 2 years, I have provided 1-day lectures on advanced logging technology (dielectric dispersion, magnetic resonance, resistivity anisotropy) to MEng students at London universities, and their positive reception encourages me to increase their coverage. University professors are also asking for more and better opportunities to share their students work with other universities and the industry. Those are certainly worthwhile objectives, which I hope I can help implement.

My third objective is to convince a few bright and energetic members from Europe to be candidates to the SPWLA Board elections. The list of the Board of Directors for 2013-14 tells us that all 7 Officers are based in Houston (6) or Denver (1). The situation is unlikely to change with the 2015-2016/17 board, as only 1 candidate out of 11 works outside the US. This is a situation that neither the SPWLA Board nor yourselves desires, and David Kennedy has wisely appealed to the Chapter Presidents to help change that. This is also my pledge, so that the SPWLA can truly develop as the international Society it needs to be.

CLIVE SIRJU is currently a Consultant Petrophysicist (staff position) at BG Group, Reading, UK. He is responsible for the management of the petrophysics function for the East Africa region. This includes accountability for data acquisition planning, formation evaluation, petrophysical studies and contractor management. Clive has a degree in Petroleum Geology from the University of the West Indies and is pursuing part time studies towards a DPhil in petrophysics at the University of Leicester.

Clive started in the industry in 1990 at Tucker Energy Services in Trinidad and Tobago where he provided technical support for various wireline services. He moved to Western Venezuela in 1993 and spent six years on various projects specialising in formation testing services and providing technical support for the business. His service industry career took him to other countries such as Colombia, Brazil, Canada and Azerbaijan where he consistently promoted the introduction of new services. Clive moved to bp Trinidad and Tobago in 2004 and was the Lead Petrophysicist on the projects team for exploration and developments. In 2006 he was awarded the bp prize for the best contribution in operational petrophysics for the first successful application of the Baker Hughes TesTrak LWD formation testing tool. During his time in Trinidad Clive was one of the founding members of the Formation Evaluation Society of Trinidad and Tobago and served as VP Technology 2006-2007. Clive moved to the BG Group in 2006 and has worked on projects in several areas including Trinidad, Egypt, Boliva, Thailand, Tanzania, Kenya, China, Norway and the North Sea. During this time Clive pioneered a novel approach towards data acquisition planning within BG. Clive is an avid supporter of new technology and its practical applications. In 2013 he received a BG innovation award on the use of downhole H2S sensing technology, in collaboration with Schlumberger. He manages BG’s interaction with various joint industry projects and collaborates with academia as well as service providers to maximise the use of technology to reduce subsurface uncertainty. Clive has been a member of the technical committee of the SPWLA for the past two years. He is the author and co-author of several publications. One of his keen interests is permeability upsampling using near wellbore modelling and investigating ways to reconcile the differences between various scales of permeability estimates.

POSITION STATEMENT
I aspire to promote the values and principles of the SPWLA within the global petrophysics community with a focus on the European chapters. The petrophysics community is an illustrious group whose collective responsibility is on delivering innovative formation evaluation solutions to the industry. This should be recognized and acknowledged through participation in the SPWLA local chapters, topical and annual conferences. Sharing technical solutions in this global forum enriches the benefits we bring to our individual responsibilities. Nurturing the younger minds with the fundamentals of formation evaluation practices provides a platform for the next generation of petrophysicists. The SPWLA is the most practical mechanism to materialise these benefits and I will actively engage and participate with the community in the region to maximise the opportunity that the membership brings to us.
ADRIAN MANESCU is an active committee member of SPWLA Australian local chapter FESAus. He is currently Staff Petrophysicist with Baker Hughes in Perth, Australia. Adrian Manescu received his M.Sc. degree from the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geology and Geophysics, in 1991, graduating with a diploma in Petrophysics. From 1991 to 1997 Adrian worked for the Romanian oil company Petrom as a petrophysicist. In 1997 he joined Western Atlas. During his career, Adrian has been working on assets covering Asia-Pacific region in countries like Australia, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, India, and Vietnam. He is a member of the SPWLA, SEG, and EAGE. His areas of interest are nuclear magnetic resonance, borehole acoustics, and resistivity anisotropy. He published numerous papers in these areas at local and regional conferences and for various societies like SPWLA, SEG, SPE and IPA.

POSITION STATEMENT

SPWLA is a great platform for sharing technical information among professionals in the Oil and Gas Industry. Being one of the few petrophysicists who graduated with a degree in Petrophysics and practiced in this field for more than 20 years, it is an honor for me to run as a candidate for the position of Regional Director, Asia, Australia in 2015-2017 SPWLA Board of Directors. If elected, I will make use of my FESAus (SPWLA local chapter) committee work experience to contribute to SPWLA activities. One of my first tasks in FESAus was to keep SPWLA and Petrophysics Journal informed about our local events. If elected, my job will be to inform and involve Asia local chapters into SPWLA events. In my present FESAus position I organize monthly technical meetings; one of the key events that I have helped organize was ‘Ton Loermans’ 2013 SPWLA Distinguished Lecture tour of Perth, Brisbane and Kuala Lumpur. I am committed to continue supporting organization of future SPWLA Distinguished Lecture presentations and other technical events, as in my opinion participation in professional society events contribute to improvement of professional education of our members. Organizing successful events with distinguished lecturers’ participation will increase our profile and as a result will lead to an increased number in memberships. I wish all my fellow practitioners of the Science and Art of Petrophysics to keep in good spirit during the current low-oil-price environment. More than ever, now it’s the time for us to sharpen our knowledge and demonstrate the value of petrophysical information for economical oil and gas developments.

WANIDA SRITONGTHAE is a petrophysicist at PTTEP currently based in Bangkok, Thailand. During her 9 years in the oil and gas industry, she has worked on assignment in Malaysia, Australia, and Canada. She has been involved in a variety of operating assets, new ventures, joint ventures, and research and development study projects in Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Australia, Oman, Algeria, Brazil, and Canada.

In the past few years, her work has focused on formation evaluation and reservoir characterization of thin-beded, low-resistivity-low contrast pay, unconventional shale plays, tight gas, and heavy oil-sand reservoirs.

She received a BSc. (Hons) in Geotechnology from Khon Kaen University in Thailand (2006), and holds a MSc (Hons) in Petroleum Geology and Geophysics, with a 2-year extended program in Petrophysics from University of Leeds, England (2013). Her master’s thesis dealt with core measurement and simulation studies of trapped gas remobilization.

She is a member of SPE, AAPG, and SPWLA. Wanida is on the SPWLA global technical committee and was a founder member and currently Vice President of the new SPWLA Bangkok Chapter.

POSITION STATEMENT

Through the opportunities that I have had to work and study abroad, I have come to realize the vital importance of connecting with fellow reservoir professionals in other countries to share ideas and facilitate “thinking outside of the box” to move our profession forward.

Most of the “easy oil” has already been found, so increasingly the industry has to look to unconventional resource plays to replace a steadily declining resource base. Petrophysics has a key role to play in unlocking the secrets of unconventional reservoirs. As well as enabling us to look at conventional resources and find new ways to extend their production life. With the current focus on cost-cutting, petrophysics can also be used as an innovation tool to find new ways to achieve the best result at lower price.

Our petrophysical society presents an opportunity to look at the reservoir from different perspectives and encourage collaboration with fellow geoscientists and engineering professionals. I feel that the SPWLA is an excellent forum to facilitate this collaboration by reaching out to speakers from other disciplines to share ideas and update the membership on cutting-edge developments in the field.

With the skewed age demographic profile in the petroleum industry, it is also important to bring together petrophysicists of all ages to exchange experience and wisdom, and to question the old approaches to doing things in the light of new and challenging reservoirs. I am committed to finding innovative ways to reach out to both students and faculty in academia, and undertake the search for new members to facilitate growth and to sustain our excellent society. I would look forward to further pursuing these goals in the position of Asia & Australia Regional Director.