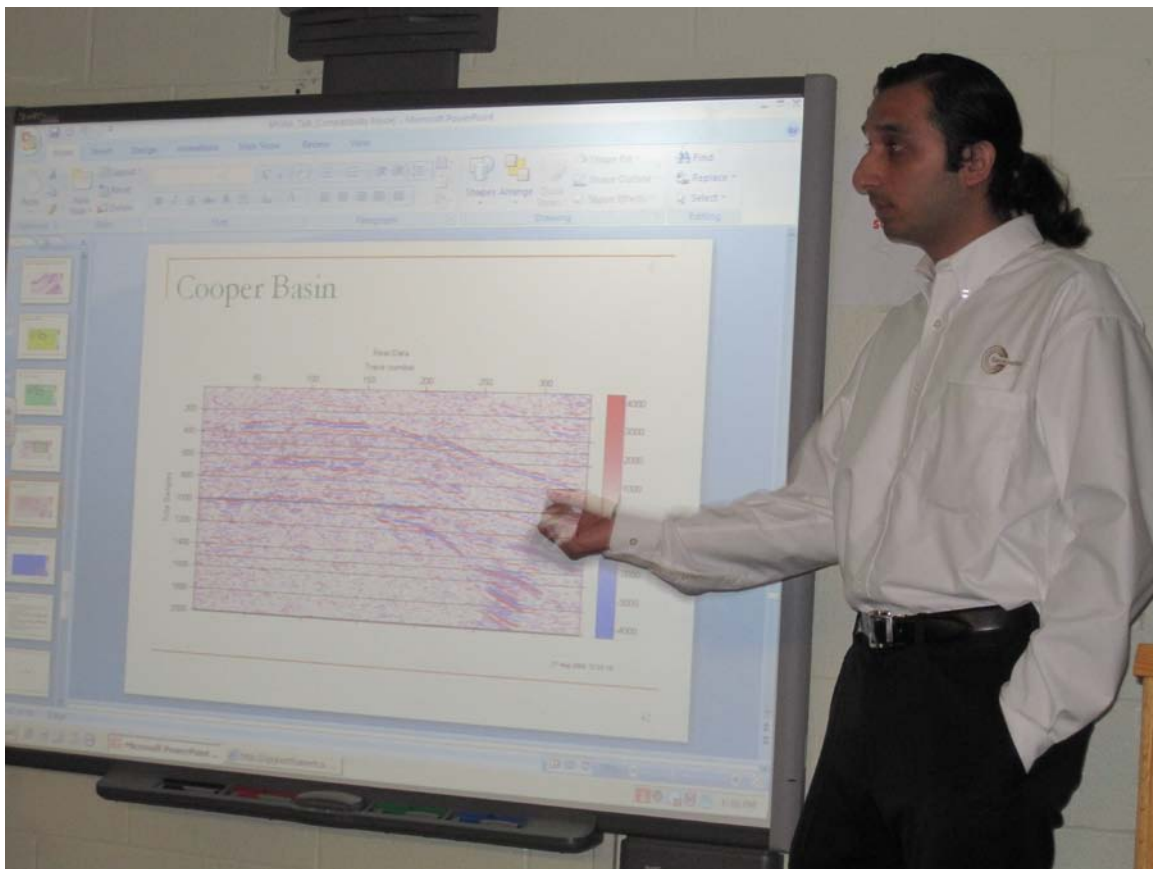


Minutes of SPG-NA Q1 2011 Meeting at University of Houston

The Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG) – North America chapter (SPGNA) held its first quarter meeting for 2011 on March 26th in the Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at University of Houston from 12-3 pm. The meeting was attended by about a dozen members of SPG-North America and some guests including the president of Geophysical Society of Houston (GSH) Bob Wegner. The meeting began with a round of brief introductions by each of the attendees. It was immediately followed by a technical presentation by **Dip Shankar Nanda** from Geokinetics on “**Spectral Decomposition of Seismic Data using Mu-wavelets and Mu-pseudo wavelets**”. It was a lively interactive session where members of audience brought up important issues related to the subject.



Picture 1: Dip Shankar Nanda presenting a technical talk.

The key highlight of this meeting was **signing of an MOU between GSH President Bob Wegner and SPGNA President Dhananjay Kumar that formalizes SPG North America Chapter's affiliation to GSH**. This has been an important achievement for our society as it allows SPGNA to work as a non-profit organization in USA. Some of the benefits include tax free donations in USA, matching donations by companies, and ability to have a bank account under GSH administration.



Picture 2: Dhananjay Kumar (SPGNA president) and Bob Wegner (GSH president) are signing an MOU during this meeting.

During this meeting Dhananjay requested members to submit nominations for the two SPGNA annual awards 2011 – one for distinguished contribution to geoscience and the other for the best contributor to the growth and well-being of SPG NA chapter.

The issue of publication of a special issue of Geohorizons (SPG-India publication) was also brought up, though there was no conclusive decision on this matter. The information will be send to all members.

During discussion, the importance of scholarship fund supported by donations from SPGNA members was emphasized. The individual contributions to the fund may be small, but these scholarships can change the whole life of a budding geoscientist in a positive way. In the long run, it contributes to growth and promotion of geoscience and related technology in India. There was great praise for the SPGNA website. The website is fully updated and looks in great health. Apart from serving as a great resource to SPG members and student community, it also is a great place to find contacts of geoscientists of Indian origin and networking with them. Several new ideas were brought up to continue the growth of the society. Pawan and Dip volunteered to work on wiki page, whereas Samarjit volunteered to create and look after a LinkedIn account.

Towards the end of the meeting, **GSH President expressed great joy at the youth and dynamic nature of this organization. He saw in us future office bearers of SEG and GSH and gave us best wishes.**



Picture 3: GSH president Bob Wegner (3rd from left) with SPGNA members.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by Chandan Kumar.