

Minutes of SPG-NA Q3 2010 @ SEG, Denver

About 27 members of the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists North American Chapter (SPGNA) and few delegates of SPG India met over dinner at India House Restaurant in Denver, Colorado on October 20, 2010 between 7 – 10 p.m. The meeting was very upbeat. The attendees applauded the activities of SPGNA particularly during the past one year and specially recognized the efforts of the members. The election for new committee members was also held on the same time. The initiatives of SPGNA were very much appreciated and the attendees agreed to support continued work by SPGNA.



Picture 1: Dr Mrinal Sen is giving SPG-NA scholarship to Vishal das from India.

Highlights of the meeting:

- (1) The election for new committee member was held on where Dhannajay Kumar and Abhijit Gangopadhyay was chosen anonymously as the President and Vice President of SPGNA and Samik Sil and Tania Mukherjee were elected to be the new secretary and assistant Secretary for 2010-12. Dip Nanada and Pavan was elected to be the new web manager. Considering the increasing activity in North

America three regional leaders were chosen and they are Paritosh Singh (Colorado), Nishank Saxena (California) and Tanima Dutta (Houston).

- (2) Vishal Das, student from Indian School of Mines was partially funded by SPG-NA to attend the SEG 2010 annual convention and he was given a SPG-NA scholarship certificate by Dr. Mrinal Sen.
- (3) Mr. Apurba Saha, Asset Manager (Mumbai High), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), India, and President, Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG), India also attended the meeting. He spoke about various opportunities in geosciences in India, the improving job market, and greatly appreciated the work that SPGNA has done during the past year. He also announced the increasing interest in unconventional oil/gas plays and talked about the next NELP for gas shales. He briefed about SPG India to make geosciences popular among students. This year SPG India sponsored one student to come to SEG meeting. He promised to support more students from India to attend SEG/AAPG/AGU if SPG-NA members can look after SPG-India booth at SEG meeting. He showed his concern to make better relationship between educational institutes and SPG for betterment of students and faculties in future. He also mentioned about SPG India move to make geosciences popular among school kids and this year SPG is sponsoring two 9th grade kids to visit NASA and Schlumberger.



Picture 2: Light moments during the Dinner

- (4) SPG NA congratulated the winner of SEG Challenge bowl Mr. Amit Padhi and Ms. Jorden Hayes from University of Wyoming and wished them good luck for their future. Mr. Saha was delighted with the success of these two students and promised a memento from SPG India will be given to them as a token of Honor.

SPGNA meeting was held by President, Dhananjay Kumar, though Vice-President, Abhijit Gangopadhyay was not able to be in Denver. Dhananjay discussed the agenda with the attendees and declared more interaction within the committee members, as an initiative of that SPG NA will have a family picnic on 29th Nov 2010 at Houston.

Highlights of the discussion topics during the meeting are outlined below:

Inclusion of multidisciplinary members

Mr. Apurba Saha reiterated that SPGNA welcomes members from any discipline within the Earth Sciences to join the organization and contribute to it. Members were therefore encouraged to seek out other potential members and motivate them to join the society.

Family Picnic in November 2010 in Houston

SPG-NA planned for a family picnic in Houston (Bear Creek Park, 27th November 2010) for all SPGNA members and their family to increase the interaction and look beyond geophysics. Email has been sent to all SPGNA members for active participation.

Geohorizons

SPG-NA proposed to publish another special issue of Geohorizons in 2011 focused on “Unconventional resources and methods”. As India is launching its first non conventional plays in NELP this year, it will be a great opportunity to submit some articles on unconventional plays.

Minutes were recorded and prepared by Tania Mukherjee.