

# President's Corner

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*Dear Chapter Members,*

The Spring Topical Conference is almost here! Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> will find us at the Chevron Auditorium (downtown), with our conference topic of “Permeability and Producibility” (my spell checker is choking on that last word – I guess it’s not oilfield compatible). We’re trying to broaden our reach with this year’s agenda – starting with a Reservoir Engineering perspective, moving through time-honored tried and true methods, and finishing with a push toward the ultra-tight unconventional reservoir challenges, getting permeability from cutting-edge core analysis and out-of-the-box injection/fall-off testing. Be sure to check out the line-up of speakers on the Website. Advance registration and payment will again be available online via the Website.

It is also the time of year where we elect the Chapter Board of Directors for the coming year. By the time you read this, the ballot will already have been sent to you via e-mail, and the voting is again performed online via a “survey” type format. If you haven’t done so already, please take the time to vote. Your participation in the Chapter is crucial to its function. While not a requirement to participate in the Houston Chapter activities, we strongly encourage you to be a member of SPWLA. Voting will be open until the end of Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, and results of the election will be announced after lunch at the Spring Topical Conference. The newly elected Board takes office immediately following the Annual Symposium. Speaking of which, this year’s SPWLA Annual Symposium is coming up in June, and will be held in Cartagena, Colombia. I hope to see some of you there!

A word to our sponsors: Wbsite Ad Sales/Renewals will be coming up this summer. Our Treasurer coordinates this ([treasurer@spwla-houston.org](mailto:treasurer@spwla-houston.org)), and will be contacting you. New and renewed ads will run beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

In closing, it is with mixed feelings that I write this, my last “President’s Corner”. I am feeling the excitement of the upcoming Spring Topical Conference, the pride and honor of having had the opportunity to serve the Houston Chapter for these past 10 years, and the realization that I will be a little less involved with the annual functioning of the Chapter going forward. I take great comfort in knowing, however, that the Chapter is very healthy, with a candidate slate of excellent, qualified, and motivated people for next year’s Chapter Board of Directors. It has truly been my pleasure and honor to serve the Chapter. In particular, I want to thank each member of this past year’s Board: Jack Douglas, VP Northside, Thaimar Ramirez, VP Westside, TA Ma, VP Downtown, Simon Clinch, Editor, Tobi Odumosu, Secretary, Rob Hengel, Treasurer, and Zhipeng “Z” Liu, Webmaster. Each of these fine people has contributed to the growth of the Chapter, and to improvements in how the Chapter serves its members.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Topical Conference on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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