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Date: Thursday 23rd September 2010
Time: 4.30pm – 6:30pm
Location: Douglas Hotel, Aberdeen

Attendees:

Chris Nussbaum	SeaWell	Chair
Diane Wood	SPE	Board Secretary
Judy Mackie	M&M Media	SPE Review
Allan Montgomery	M&M Media	SPE Review
Cees Vollaard	Shell	New Board Member
Michael Heaney	Benchwhistler Associates	CE Chair
Sankesh Sundareshwar	Maxoil	YP Co Chair
Atul Bhadauria	Schlumberger	YP Co Chair
Jane Roger	Hulse Roger	Events
Nick Wibbleman	Schlumberger	YP
Ashley Harrison	Delmar	AP
Paul Adair	BP (retired)	DEVEX Chair
Lola Ajagbonna	Rushmore Reviews	
Denis Pinto	Energy Institute	
Nigel Bradburn	Nigel Bradburn Consultants	CE
Gbenga Oluoyemi	RGU	Communications Chair
Tunde Lashore	Weatherford?	YP
Ugo Ekpemu	SLD Limited	
Rotimi Adebayo		
	VP of EI Student Chapter Aberdeen University	
Happiness Okafor		

Apologies:

Masud Javaid	Total	Treasurer
Ian Phillips	Deepstore CO2	Comms Committee
Peter Fowler	Chevron	CE
Abhijeet Kulkarni	Shell	YP Past Chair
Anderson Foster	Total	CE
Colin Black	OptimaUK	CG Chair
David Liddle	ITF	Programme Chair
Daniel Diaz	Conoco	SD Chair
Maria Trujillo	Senergy	AP Co Chair
Stephanie Nwoko	BlueBack Reservoir	AP Co Chair
Andrew Jaffrey	TechDev Engineering	Programme
Athol Campbell	Baker RDS	
Jeb Tyrie	Focus Energy	Past Chair
Julie Roberts	ThinkPR	PR Consultant
Annabel Sall	ThinkPR	PR Consultant
Azuka Akeze	Centrica Energy	YP

Actions Summary

Diane Wood	To contact Daniel Diaz and set up University links on Website
Diane Wood	To contact Denis Pinto to obtain a copy of the presentation to the board.
Chris Nussbaum	Meet with Dennis Pinto to review SPE/EI MOU

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Chairman's Overview

Chris welcomed and thanked all board members for attending. He also welcomed some new faces to the board, Denis Pinto from the Energy Institute and Paul Adair the DEVEX 2011 chair.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Contacting SPE HQ re: the complaints on how complicated it was to join SPE and how difficult it is to do this online:

Chris reported that the matter had been discussed at Officers Meeting at ATCE, and that there had been a few concerns from other sections too and he commented that SPE was open to anyone to join from lawyers to engineers, and that the simple criteria included a degree, and/or work experience directly related to the petroleum industry (upstream or downstream) for a number of years. It was pointed out that there was also associate membership of SPE available.

Membership Questionnaire:

ThinkPR are going to report back on their survey and will present the results at next month's meeting (October).

Student Chapter Links on the website:

Chris reported that as Jairo Ching has now relocated, Daniel Diaz had kindly agreed to step in as Chair for SD; he would contact the universities and obtain the links for Diane to put on the website.

Action: Diane to contact Daniel to obtain website links.

Committee Communications

Communications Committee

Gbenga presented to the board the proposal for the SPE Directory, *this was included in the Pre Read Material* He asked the board to approve this proposal, the cost for the recommended option (3) would be £5200 (this would be split between the Aberdeen and London Sections) the JCC are recommending that the Aberdeen Section go ahead with the directory. Chris commented that the Directory was aimed at businesses and that the value of advertising with the web link to a dot org website was highly thought of. It is proposed that the Directory be developed by Sitekit and that is managed by M & M Media on behalf of the Aberdeen and London Sections.

It was discussed that SPE Review had not yet met its financial target but is focused on encouraging companies to advertise within SPE Review, all board members were asked to talk to their HR departments and to point them in the direction of the media pack available online to advertise within the Review. It was highlighted that the agreed plan had been for SPE Review to return to break-even after six months operating under the M&M contract.

Chris reported that in discussions with SPE International at ATCE, the view was expressed that the management of the SPE Review was doing the right things, and was moving in the right direction. There was scope to extend the SPE Review to some degree to work with other European Sections.

The board approved this proposal.

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AP Committee

Ashley Harrison presented the board with a proposal from AP that the committee would like to send memory sticks, as a Christmas Gift to companies that have sponsored SPE Aberdeen, to show appreciation for their sponsorship.

These memory sticks would have the SPE Aberdeen logo with Another Perspective written on them. AP intended to get 1000 sticks and post them to 50 companies. This was given a great deal of discussion, as the budget for this would be around £6K. Many of the board members did not think this was a good idea, as many companies do not allow gifts now and that the cost of purchasing these “gifts” would outweigh any income from sponsorship at events. Michael commented that he liked the idea of thanking sponsors but maybe via a letter or event report would be more appropriate.

The AP One day Seminar “How to unleash the potential in our careers” was discussed. The seminar programme is almost ready and 90% of potential speakers for the event have been found. The seminar has been planned for the 2nd March 2011 but a venue still needs to be confirmed. The committee had met with H&R and Michael Heaney to discuss the objectives, audience and costs. Jane commented that two budgets had been prepared and a cost of £10K was being sought in sponsorship. As this is a new event it was commented that this was a substantial amount of money. It was discussed that the AP had to charge a professional price of around £250 per delegate. This was seen as a fair cost as Chris commented that this was representing the Section and had to be of a professional standard. It was suggested that bringing some new people to the committee with expertise and another prospective would be of use. Denis Pinto and Nigel Bradburn were asked to help with their EI and CPD contacts. Chris also commented that SPE International also had a global section and Maria and Stephanie had met the representative of that committee in Florence. Could they sponsor the event? It was suggested that the topic was very timely and of the “now”.

Continuing Education

Michael Heaney introduced Paul Adair as the new DEVEX chair, and commented that he would be chair for the coming year. Paul stated that he had already had a steering committee meeting and another meeting was to be held at Apache in Dyce on Monday evening (27 Sept). He commented that he could be contacted by email on adairp@hotmail.co.uk for anyone interested in joining the committee and it was suggested that AP and YP encourage someone from each of their own committee's to join the DEVEX 2011 committee.

Michael discussed the HSE CSR event that had been cancelled. It was disappointing that the event had been put together to be shorter and “snappier” they had 6 speakers and a keynote speaker but only 5 delegates had registered to attend, it was decided to cancel the event. There were doubts both about the timing of publicity (detailed event info was late going out) and the targets to whom information had been sent. The cost was around a £4K loss to the Section. It was discussed that SPE International intended running a conference in Europe next year on the same subject.

YP Committee

Sankesh and Atul discussed the report that is included within the pre read material. The events they are organising have been divided into themes. It was discussed that some of the technical events could be organised with the programme committee. It is stated that some dates had been fixed and others were to be confirmed before they could be publicised. One of the proposed events in the Excel series was about management and Anthony was keen to chair this event.

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HOT TOPICS

SPE/EI Thesis Factory Event

Denis Pinto and Happiness Okafor from the Energy Institute presented a proposal to the board for this Student Chapter event. The event is scheduled for November (no date as yet) and is intended to be a bridge between the Universities and Industry, and is an opportunity for the energy industry to see the quality of students on their doorstep.

The budget for the event is £2500 and EI is seeking £625 from SPE Aberdeen Section. It is proposed that Jeremy Creswell is to be the moderator and that the event would last around 3 hours. It is hoped that as it is being held during graduation time in November that most of the students would be keen to go. EI is involve the student chapters and hoping that the SPE can help with the marketing through the SPE contacts, the benefit to SPE would be the logo on all merchandising.

It was suggested that SPE could help in identifying speakers and that SPE Aberdeen Section could carry some of the cost in addition to being a sponsor.

The organisers requested support from SPE with organising the event, and it as agreed that Hulse-Rodger would estimate the cost of some minimum support for the event in addition to their usual work.

It was suggested that Chris approach a suitable keynote speaker (*name withheld*).

The board agreed to this request for funding.

Action: Diane to ask Denis for presentation for the files.

Chair Report

The new section brochure was handed round and Chris reported that SPE Europe has agreed to fund the distribution and printing of 5000 copies (a funding contribution of over £5,000. These are going to be distributed to our members within SPE Review and the remainder were to be given to new members, and hopefully displayed in reception areas within companies around Aberdeen. SPE International had thought the brochure was great and Judy was thanked for producing it.

Chris also reported that John Donachie (outgoing Regional Director) is returning to the Board, and is to be joining Anthony on the Membership Committee.

It was reported that Chevron Europe has asked to sponsor SPE Europe events at corporate level but that should not make any difference to Chevron in Aberdeen being asked to sponsor local events along with other companies. London has made this proposal in principal to Chevron but there is no specific feedback from Chevron to report to the board yet, only that these discussions were happening.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 27th October** and there is the SPE Distinguished Lecturer Meeting following the board meeting

Near Surface External Casing Corrosion: Cause, Remediation and Mitigation. By Jerry Dethlefs ConocoPhillips