

AWG EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

President

Fiscal Year: 2007 – 2008 (Fall 2008 Meeting)

Officer: Jessica Moore Ali-Adeeb

Summary of Officer Responsibilities: The President has general supervision over the affairs of the Association. The president presides at meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. The president sets the agenda for the meetings and is an ex officio member of all committees. The president admits eligible applicants to membership in the Association; and prepares an annual report on achievements and developments in the Association for submission at the annual meeting. The only committee reporting to the President is the Executive Committee; the Board's Liaisons and Representatives report directly to the President.

OVERSIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Spring 2008: A President's meeting was held on February 16th, 2008 to discuss items for the Spring 2008 BOD meeting and was attended by Past-President Nadine Langley and President Elect Jean Hsieh, including a side teleconference with Secretary Sara Welna. President Jessica Ali-Adeeb was unable to attend due to complications with health issues.

The Spring 2008 BOD meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn downtown Pleasanton, CA, April 4-5th, 2008. The executive committee (Excom) will meet on April 3rd, 2008, just prior to the BOD meeting. The Spring AWGF meeting will also be held in Pleasanton, and the Foundation will make a presentation to the BOD. Reports of the BOD meeting will be posted on the "members only" page of the AWG website. Special thanks to President-elect Jean Hsieh for her organization of the meeting and logistics.

Fall 2008: A President's meeting was held on August 12th, 2008 via phone conference to discuss items for the Fall 2008 BOD meeting, as well as other pressing matters to do with AWGF funding, the office transition, and editorial changes. This meeting was attended by President-Elect Jean Hsieh and President Jessica Ali-Adeeb.

The Fall 2008 BOD meeting was largely planned and organized by the current President-Elect, Jean Hsieh. The meeting is set to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 3rd & 4th, 2008 at the Houston Downtown Convention Center Holiday Inn Express. The Executive Committee will meet the afternoon of Thursday, October 2nd.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Elections and Regional Delegates:

Thanks to the efforts of Jean Hsieh we had another successful election season. Our current list of representatives for FY 2008–2009 includes:

President – Jean Hsieh
President–Elect – Charlene Sundermann
Past–President – Jessica Moore Ali–Adeeb
Secretary – Sara Welna
Treasurer – Katie Matthews
North Central Regional Delegate – Shawn Blessing–Thompson
North Central Regional Alternate – Megan Jones
Northeast Regional Delegate 1 – Margaret Brewer–LaPorta
Northeast Regional Delegate 2 – Jean Crespi
Northeast Regional Alternate 1 – Leah Mehl
Northeast Regional Alternate 2 – Tracy Gregg
Rocky Mountain Regional Delegate 1 – Debra Hanneman
Rocky Mountain Regional Delegate 2 – Holly Brunkal
Rocky Mountain Regional Alternate 1 – Sally Potter
Rocky Mountain Regional Alternate 2 – Jacquelyn Holt
Pacific Regional Delegate 1 – Patricia Cooper
Pacific Regional Delegate 2 – Megan Murphy–Bishop
Pacific Regional Alternate 1 – Heidi Hoffower
Pacific Regional Alternate 2 – Daisy Pataki
South Central Regional Delegate 1 – Anna Cruse
South Central Regional Delegate 2 – Susan Nissan
South Central Regional Alternate 1 – Sarah Watson
South Central Regional Alternate 2 – Natalie Givens
Southeast Regional Delegate – Jennifer Selfridge
Southeast Regional Alternate – Kathleen Moran
Student delegate – Jessica Allen
Student alternate – Anna Henderson

Oversight of Liaisons & Representatives:

Our current list of Liaisons is as follows:

AAPG–PROWESS: Jessica Ali–Adeeb, Susan Nissen

AIPG: Laurie Scheuing

AGI: Laurie Scheuing, Jessica Ali–Adeeb

GSA/A&AS: Claire Marshall

AGU: Katie Matthews (although we are not affiliate...see “affiliates” section of this document)

AAAS: Sarah Noble (?)

AEG: Mary Gillam (?)

Jean Hsieh and Jessica Ali-Adeeb will attend the AGI Member Society Council Meeting and the GSA Associated Societies Meeting on Oct 6th and 7th 2008, respectively at annual AAPG conference.

Laurie Scheuing and Jessica Ali-Adeeb attended the AGI Leadership Forum on Sept 9, 2008. Laurie Scheuing coordinated AWG members to participate in the AGU/AGI sponsored Geo-Congressional Visits on Sept 10-11th, 2008. This was attended by AWG members: Laurie Scheuing, Jessica Ali-Adeeb, Holly Brunkal, Linda Davis and Christine Vilardi.

- Nadine Langley attended the GSA Leadership Meeting (May 2-3, Boulder, CO).

As President, I attended a number of leadership meetings by special invitation including:

- CSSP Council Meeting (May 3-6, Washington, D.C.)
- AAPG National Leadership Conference (Aug 22-24, Tulsa, OK)
- AGI Leadership Forum and Geo-CV Day (Sept. 8-10, Washington, D.C.)
- Global Women's Leadership Conference in Energy and Technology (Nov 13-14, Houston, TX).
- AAAS Leadership Seminar in Science and Technology Policy (Nov 17-21, Washington, D.C.).

Special thanks to Chevron who has agreed to foot the bill for all of my travel related expenses.

Council of Scientific Society of Presidents

Representatives from the Council of Scientific Society of Presidents (William Morgan and Howard Hapter) have expressed interest in having AWG as members on their council. This is composed of a number of scientific organizations from just about every discipline that consort together and visit D.C. together for various initiatives, influence of Senators, Congressional members, etc.

I have been in contact with the current President of the CSSP and have decided to hold on further negotiations to ally ourselves until other, more pressing AWG matters (such as the office transition) can be attended to.

Office Staff:

AWG's contract with AIPG has undergone its final review and revisions by AWG by an attorney who specializes in acquisitions and mergers in Washington, D.C., Dean Liekie. Dean has generously offered to donate his service without cost to AWG (he is a relation of Jessica Ali-Adeeb). The contract has been signed by both organizations and Janelle Gerry has

transferred our files and information to the new Colorado location. We are in the training period for the new office staff.

Affiliated Societies:

Our current list of affiliated societies is as follows:

AAPG, GSA, AIPG, AGI, AAAS, AEG

Through Louise Pellerin's hard work (V.P. for SEG and AWG member) AWG is also now affiliated with SEG.

External Conventions:

My three year renewal for Outside Conventions was approved last fall and will cover expenses associated with presenting our booth at various outside conventions as well as the purchase of 2 new booths to be distributed over the next two years to regions who would have the highest impact and presentation potential. I have ordered a new booth for the Houston area which I will house. Other areas of consideration for the second booth (next year) include Denver and the NE region.

Other Issues:

Student Issues:

I have completed a thorough list of scholarships, grants and fellowships for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students to be posted on our website. I will turn the document over to our student representative during one of our work sessions at the spring BOD meeting to update the links.

AAPG PROWESS (Professional Women in Earth Sciences) Committee:

AAPG has taken renewed interest in aggressively tackling some of the issues facing women working in the geosciences. The new President of AAPG, Scott Tinker, has made this one of his top issues to be addressed during his tenure. He began this endeavor as President-Elect by helping to establish an ad hoc committee, Professional Women in Earth Sciences (PROWESS). Since stepping into the shoes of President, he has now raised PROWESS from an ad hoc to a full AAPG Committee.

The mission of the AAPG PROWESS Committee is to increase participation and advancement of women in Earth Science and industry, with emphasis on retention, education, outreach, support, and leadership development. The committee will fulfill its mission through interaction with women in geoscience, their employers, educational institutions, and professional societies.

One of the committee's priority goals for 2008-09 is to gather data and identify issues impacting the retention of women geoscientists in the energy industry workforce. The desired outcome of this survey is to inform AAPG of what its role and future actions should

be towards improving the workplace climate for women geoscientists. The hope is to make this one of the most comprehensive data gathering initiatives on women in earth science, in order to obtain much needed and lacking statistics on defining where we are at across the field.

Survey results will be published in a future Explorer and on the AAPG website, and summarized for our own membership in a future Gaea article.