

Monday, February 12, 2018

HGS Scholarship Night Dinner Meeting

New Location

Live Oak Room • Norris Conference Center • 816 Town and Country Blvd #210
Social Hour 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40 Preregistered members; \$45 non-members/walk-ups

To guarantee a seat, pre-register on the HGS website & pre-pay by credit card.

Pre-registration without payment will not be accepted.

Walk-ups may pay at the door if extra seats are available.

If you are an Active or Associate Member who is unemployed and would like to attend this meeting, please call the HGS office for a discounted registration cost. We are also seeking members to volunteer at the registration desk for this and other events.

Charles A. Sternbach
AAPG President

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Scholarship Night

Please join us on this evening to recognize HGS Scholarship Winners over the current fiscal year.

Lessons in Exploration Creativity from a Decade of Discovery Thinking Forums and AAPG's Global Super Basin Leadership Initiatives

AAPG/DPA Discovery Thinking Forums began in 2007. This was an initiative of the 100th Anniversary committee featuring discoverers telling stories about new field or new play discoveries at invited Forums at AAPG Annual Meetings. These immediately became a popular and integral part of the AAPG Technical Programs. These were started at the ACE Meetings, but global interest led to these forums becoming part of the ICE Technical program in 2012.

Since inception there have been 19 Discovery Thinking Forums at both ACE and ICE events. More than 100 speakers and their co-authors have presented discoveries they know well, commonly to standing room only audiences. We owe these "100 who made a difference" heartfelt gratitude as we celebrate the AAPG Centenary. They have generously gifted us with hard won and costly insights leading to significant discoveries. They offer analogs for technical and business success. What is the greatest lesson to us? Michel T. Halbouty said of pioneering wildcatters: "If they could do it, why can't we?" We pay tribute to the 115 men and women who have participated in these forums. We will feature several brief representative vignettes of previous presentations spotlighting valuable exploration lessons.

Resources hosted on the AAPG Search and Discovery website (Special Collections, Discovery Thinking) form an enduring heritage to modern and future explorers. Multimedia

presentations of previous Discovery Thinking talks have been viewed tens of thousands of times. In addition, AAPG/DPA has launched Playmaker Forums, 1 day stand-alone events on Discoveries. Playmakers also offer a collection of multimedia presentations. Thanks to all the presenters. We celebrate their success and thank them for leaving their heritage better than they found it. May they inspire us to new make new discoveries!

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<http://www.searchanddiscovery.com/specialcollections/discoverythinking.html> HGS Scholarship Night Dinner continued on pag 17

Biographical Sketch

CHARLES A. STERNBACH has explored for and discovered Energy in the US and around the globe for 35 years. He was Staff Geologist for Shell Oil Company, Exploration Manager for Tom Jordan (Jordan Oil and Gas), President of First Place Energy (International frontier exploration) and is currently President of Star Creek Energy. Charles has a PhD (and MS) in Geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BA in geology from Columbia University.



Recently Charles has focused his efforts on Exploration Creativity, studying how explorers and their teams have found giant fields. He created and leads the popular AAPG Discovery Thinking Forums which have been standing room only events at annual AAPG conventions in North America (ACE) and around the world (ICE). These impactful programs integrate geology, geophysics, and engineering into case studies of business success.

Charles is a proud member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and he currently serves as President of this 30,000 member organization. He is a co-editor with Dr. Robert Merrill on the fifth installment of the AAPG memoir series Giant Fields of the Decade 2000-2010 Memoir 113). In April 2017 he served as lead editor of the AAPG/DPA Book: Heritage of the Petroleum Geologist. This book celebrated 101 great men and women geoscientists for AAPG's 100th Anniversary. In his 35 years of service to AAPG Charles has also served as past president Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies, past president Houston Geological Society, and past president of AAPG's Division of Professional Affairs. He has been recognized with Honorary Membership by each of these organizations.

Charles currently resides in Houston, Texas with his wife Linda who is a distinguished geophysical advisor (and past president of HGS).