

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Petroleum Club • 800 Bell (downtown)
Social 11:15 AM, Luncheon 11:30 AM

Cost: \$30 pre-registered members; \$35 for non-members & walk-ups;
Emeritus/Life/Honorary: \$15; Students: FREE

To guarantee a seat, you must pre-register on the HGS website (www.hgs.org)
and pre-pay with a credit card.

Pre-registration without payment will not be accepted.

You may still walk up and pay at the door, if extra seats are available.

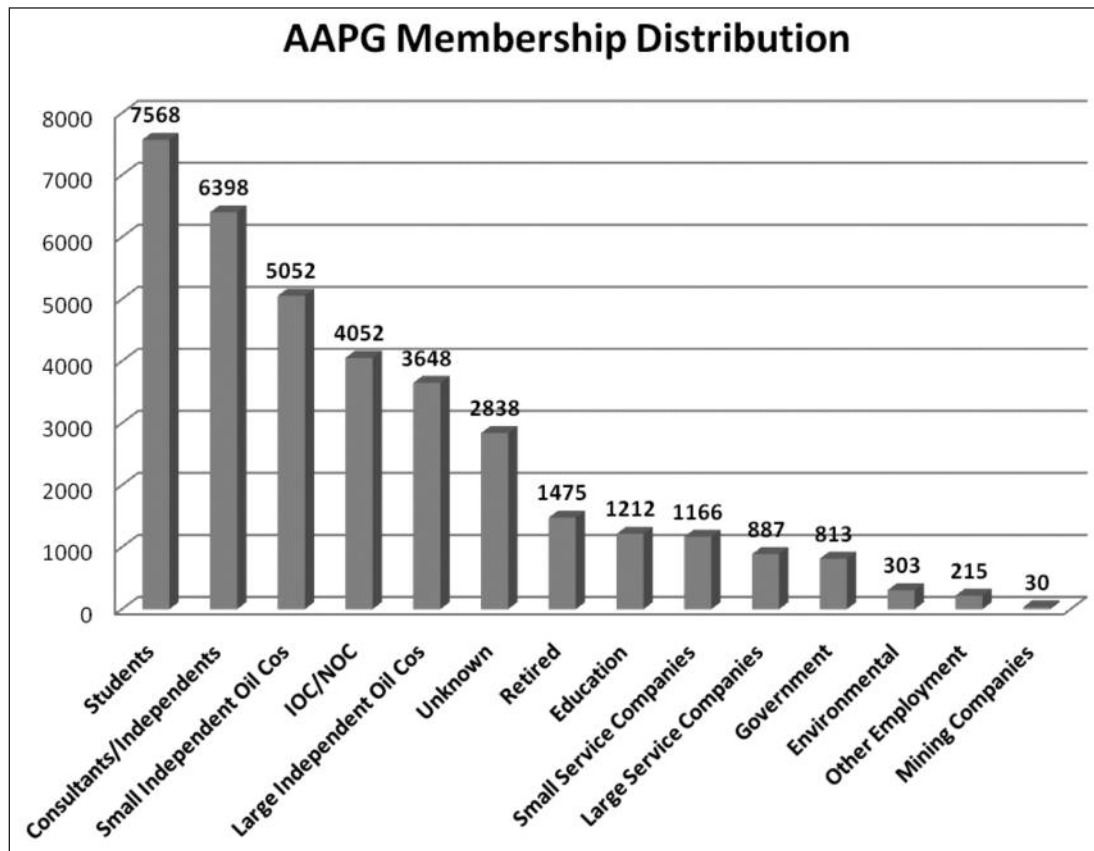
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AAPG's Relevance to Independent Geologists

If you have spent most of your career and plan to spend the rest of it working in Texas Railroad Commission District 3, you may know all you need to know about what you do on a daily basis, and it would be very reasonable to ask what AAPG can do for you. No matter how restricted your area of interest may be; no one works in a vacuum. If there is one certainty in this business, it is that data and information are paramount in the pursuit of hydrocarbons, and we never seem to know it all.



AAPG is first and foremost about the science of petroleum geology. For ninety three years, AAPG has provided what we hope is an unbiased forum for the dissemination of scientific information on the various facets of petroleum geology through the *Bulletin*, the *Explorer*, special publications, conferences, workshops, and short courses. AAPG does not have an exclusive on dissemination of the science. Certainly, HGS and SIPES have a long and admirable history of doing much the same thing, but if AAPG is not at the top of the list of data providers, I think we are very close to it.

We not only disseminate information, we also archive it in the form of Datapages, GIS-UDRIL, and Search and Discovery. All of AAPG's publications are available on Datapages. A lot of this

information is open to the membership and the amount of archived information open to the membership is increasing every year. The rest of it is available at a reasonable price as pay-per-view. At a minimum, all issues of the *Bulletin* and *Explorer* are available to AAPG members digitally at no additional cost beyond membership dues.

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The last AAPG member survey rated our publications as the most valuable service AAPG provides to its membership, and members rated networking as the second most valued benefit of membership. If you do not have all the information you need at your fingertips, it is nice to know the people who can fill the gaps.

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The competitive advantage enjoyed by an independent petroleum geologist does not lie solely in the data. It lies in an understanding of the regional geology and in the ability to combine all of the available data in such a way as to form a concise interpretation that mitigates as much risk as possible. AAPG can help with that through our publications, data archives, and our educational opportunities.

AAPG is also an advocate for the professional practice of petroleum geology. You do not need to belong to AAPG or AAPG's Division of Professional Affairs to be a professional, but membership in AAPG and adherence to the code of ethics shows we are concerned about the professional practice of petroleum geology. As professional practitioners, why would we not support an organization that supports our livelihood? ■

Biographical Sketch

DAVE RENSINK has nearly forty years of experience in the oil and gas business in technical, supervisory, and executive management positions with major oil companies and independents of various sizes. He started his career with Shell in New Orleans and subsequently worked for Odeco, C&K Petroleum, Fluor Oil &

Gas, Texas Gas Exploration/CSX Oil and Gas, Total Minetome, Pacific Enterprises, as a consultant, and for Apache. He retired from Apache in 2009 and is currently in private practice.

His work experience has been in the exploration for and the development of oil and gas, primarily on the continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Rensink is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists, the Houston Geological Society, and the Geophysical Society of Houston. He is a past president of HGS and of the Texas Section of AIPG and is currently president-elect of AAPG.

His education includes a BS in geology from the University of Minnesota (1968) and an MS in geology from the University of Oklahoma (1971).

