ANNUAL REPORT

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To: Mike Mlynek, Student Affairs Coordinator

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Presidential Statement

Since it’s founding in 1917, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists has been a leader in the world-wide scientific community, bounded by it’s original purpose to nuture scientific research by advancing the science of geology through the latest technological developments without losing sight of high professional conduct. AAPG provides publications, conferences and educational opportunities to eager geoscientists and the general public, making it the world’s largest professional geological society, exceeding 30,000 members and growing. The student chapter program, a key factor in the organization, is the world’s foremost co-educational programs within the geoscience sector with over 150 chapters worldwide. Student chapters such as SDSU, provide students the opportunity to develop and enhance leadership skills essential to a future as a geoscientist in our hastily developing world. Meetings and conferences held annually, serve as a conduit for students to interact and network with industry representatives with a professional manner.

Leadership, emphasized by my predecessor, is a virtue in the AAPG. Leading this year’s active chapter at San Diego State University (SDSU), is both an honor and a privilege for me. Since it’s inception in 2007, the chapter has grown, from 9 to 30 members (including alumni’s). Both continuing and posing new challenges to the chapter will not only promote new opportunities for it’s members, but also contribute to the overall goal of the organization; finding and upgrading new efficient ways to harness energy for our future. This challenge will not be overcome in the near future by my generation; our future lies in the hands of our younger generation. My predecessor, Bryant Fulk, initiated a movement in raising awareness in geology in nearby High Schools. I have received feedback on his efforts, and to my dismay, I learnt that K-12 education is lacking a solid grasp on geology. Therefore, in light of the recent oil spill incident (BP), as the new acting president, I with the support of my chapter members have decided to use our resources and knowledge to enlighten kids and teenagers of the opportunities and ways of geology under the AAPG emblem. In collaboration with Dr. Clive Dorman, an emeritus professor at SDSU, the student chapter has initiated and developed a program called “Rocks-R-Us”. We have created a geological set composed of various rocks and minerals associated with various settings to hand out and present it to
enlighten kids and teach them about geology. This program is set to launch early next year with one or two trials.

In addition to our latest challenge, the chapter has several traditional events that remain untarnished. The Alumni BBQ at Kip Hering’s Ranch, industrial field trips, guest speakers, football tailgates, community outreach and monthly meetings.

To help kick off the new semester, the chapter hosted the annual BBQ at Kip Hering’s Ranch. Eighteen members attended. Kip was gracious enough to serve us his infamous BBQ Tri-tips. Several topics were discussed, among them; the new IBA team members. The SDSU IBA team has reached the finals three years in a row, and we plan on improving every year. This year’s team, including me, won the pacific section and went on to New Orleans to compete in the finals.

The chapter invited Louis Klonsky, a geoscientist at Chevron, to discuss opportunities and gateways to a career in geosciences in the industry. A luncheon was arranged followed by a talk and a session of Q&A. The talk was very rewarding; it provided an insight of the informal duties and responsibilities of a geoscientist career, a “behind the scenes” view. The talk attracted several faculty members as well as all AAPG members.

As emphasized earlier, conferences and meeting are essential in preparing student members in pursuing a career in energy careers. Five chapter members attended the AAPG-SEG student expo in Northridge, including me. The experience was very rewarding and offered hands on interaction with industry recruiters, as well as student chapter networking. Chevron, Aera and Oxy recruiters dedicated a full day to interact with students and answer all questions. The chapter has an impressive success record in internships as well as job placement upon graduation. This is vital, since undergrads are witnessing the transformation; their interest is not diminished.

AAPG in collaboration with other student organizations here at SDSU and the department chair, Dr. David Kimbrough, hosted a department picnic the first week of classes due to funds provided by AAPG. The picnic served as both a mixer and a recruiting event for AAPG. As new students were enrolled, early participation and involvement in AAPG is key in maintaining an affiliation with energy companies for students interested in such careers.

Due to AAPG funds, the chapter is currently discussing 2 spring field trips: a) Oxy offshore drilling rig, THUMS, California; b) Grand Canyon national park, Arizona
AAPG sponsored two Exxon employees, Cameron and Afton Camble. Cameron is SDSU alumni as well as a former president and founder of the AAPG student chapter. Cameron discussed key factors and elements in an energy career. This is important coming from SDSU alumni that the students can relate to and anticipate their chance.

Being the president of AAPG student chapter at SDSU is an ongoing effort to keep up new and old traditions, maintain communication with industry people, hosting speakers, organizing field trips and continuing to be successful in flourishing industry employment. We need to expand the AAPG organization, perhaps start up a sister organization, or lend a hand to neighboring universities, as always, the chapter’s main focus is to prepare it’s members for a successful and exciting career in geosciences.

The SDSU chapter is grateful for another successful year and support of the AAPG. We at SDSU, are imminent on continuing the tradition of “Creating Bright minds for the Future”.

A special thanks to: Dr. Gary Girty (faculty advisor), Dr. Rob Mellors (former faculty advisor), Kip Hering, (IBA advisor), Bennett Spevack, Mike Mlyneck, Cameron Camble, Louis Klonsky and AAPG and it’s entire members.

Sincerely,

Marck Maroun,

President, 2010-2011 SDSU-AAPG Student Chapter
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RESUME OF ACTIVITIES

Fall 2010 Events:

11, September, 2010- **First AAPG student chapter picnic**

AAPG in collaboration with the department, held a picnic/mixer for the beginning of the semester. This was good time to meet new students and introduce them to various organizations and events.

29, September, 2010- **First AAPG formal student chapter meeting**

Chapter president discussed semester schedule and several topics including: AAPG funds, field trips, community outreach, IBA, Kip’s BBQ, guest speakers, and establishing a new connection for new company recruiters for campus interviews.

16, October, 2010- **Kip Hering’s Ranch BBQ**

This traditional BBQ has been held since the foundation of the SDSU AAPG student chapter. Friends and families attended. IBA was thoroughly discussed as well as a future field trip.

20, October, 2010- **Guest speaker**

Guest speaker Louis Klonsky gave a talk about petroleum careers and how to manage the new lifestyle. Louis was Krista Muela’s mentor, during a summer internship at Chevron in Bakersfield. This was a unique experience because it offered an inside look on what an internship entailed. Louis was kind enough to fill us in on all aspects of a geoscience career, nationally and globally.

27, October, 2010- **Guest speaker**

Cameron and Afton Campbell, SDSU alumni and former IBA team members currently work for Exxon Mobile as geoscientist. They discussed their prospects and experiences with the oil industry. This was a momentous occasion since former SDSU students who participated in the IBA had successfully graduated and both work for a prestigious oil company. The chapter was honored in having them.

11, November, 2010- **Final meeting of the semester**

Kip Hering was the guest speaker at this final meeting of the semester. IBA candidates were selected and an overview of next year’s competition. We concluded the meeting with a rigorous understanding of what to expect from the experience.
1st chapter meeting of the semester

Department picnic

Kip’s Annual BBQ at the Hering Ranch
## FINANCIAL REPORT

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CHAPTER VIII

LEGALITY SHEET

San Diego State University, 1, December, 2010

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