

Hello Bay Area Geophysical Society members,

Before introducing myself as the next President of the Bay Area Geophysical Society (BAGS), I would like to thank Joe Stefani and Peeter Akerberg who have diligently served as President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, for the last ten or so years. They deserve acknowledgement and much appreciation for keeping BAGS going during this time.

And with that, I look forward to serving as the President of BAGS. I have a long history in Bay Area geophysics, which started in 1987 when I pursued Masters and PhD degrees in electromagnetic geophysical techniques in Engineering Geoscience within the now defunct Department of Mineral Engineering and Materials Sciences at Cal. I left the State for ten years to pursue positions at Sandia National Laboratories, NM, and the University of Wisconsin Madison, returning to the Bay Area in 2003. Since that time I have worked for Schlumberger EMI Technology Center in Richmond, Chevron in San Ramon, and now NEOS GeoSolutions in Pleasanton. I have made and continued to build connections with researchers at Cal, Stanford, Lawrence Berkeley and Lawrence Livermore National Labs, as well as with various private geophysical contractors, consultants, and companies in the area. I am excited about bringing these connections together to promote applied geophysics in the Bay Area, and to provide for a thriving SEG community.

I am happy to nominate my good friend and colleague Louise Pellerin, owner of Green Geophysics, Berkeley, for the position of secretary. Louise has a longer connection with the geophysical community in the Bay Area than I do. Although her Masters and PhD degrees are from the University of Utah, also in electromagnetic methods, her undergrad degree is from Cal and she has connections with the region's labs, universities and the USGS. In addition and maybe more importantly to BAGS, she is past SEG Vice President, outgoing Chair of the SEG Bylaws Committee, and incoming Chair of the Distinguish Lecturer Committee. Louise's experience with both SEG and applied geophysics will serve BAGS well. Unless there is another member that wants to serve as secretary, I will assume that the position is filled.

Two other positions need to be filled: vice president and treasurer. It would be great to have representatives from the Universities and Labs to help keep tabs on talks, visiting geophysicists and other local events. A webmaster is always a necessity to keep BAGS connected. If you would like to join Louise & I in steering the next phase of BAGS, please email me your interest.

Finally there is the important topic of future meetings and venues. I am currently working with other members of the Bay Area community to have a rotating venue meeting monthly or quarterly. Please send me your thoughts, comments and suggestions.

I look forward to serving as your president, and more importantly being a part of a vibrant and engaged geophysical community.

Best Regards

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