

Hello,

I am contacting you, a San Francisco Bay Area member of the SEG or a previous member of the Bay Area Geophysical Society (BAGS), to let you know what is new and upcoming with BAGS. As you may or may not know, I (David Alumbaugh, NeosGeosolutions) have recently taken over as BAGS President from Joe Stephani (Chevron). I would like to thank Joe, and his Treasurer/Secretary, Peter Akerberg (Chevron), for their many years of service. The second order of business is to introduce the new BAGS executive committee: Vice President Marie Clapp (Chevron), Secretary Louise Pellerin (Green Geophysics), and Treasurer Jeff Johnston (Geometrics). We are excited about building a community of Bay Area geoscientists and providing a forum where local geophysicists can get together, present and/or listen to presentations, and share experiences. Thus I ask you to become an official member of BAGS as the greater number of members we have, the more vibrant the community will be.

So how does one become a member of BAGS and/or renew their membership? Currently this is a somewhat dated process that involves logging into the old BAGS website, printing out a membership registration form, and sending it in along with a check for \$10. What we would like you to consider is rather than rushing out to join BAGS immediately, please hold off for a while as we are redesigning the web site to include an online member registration/renewal page. This new web site, partially funded by CGG, Geometrics, Green Geophysics, and NEOS GeoSolutions, will also contain a calendar of upcoming BAGS sponsored talks and events, an archive of meeting notes of the Executive Committee and newsletters, a place to donate money, and an online bulletin/discussion board where members can post ideas/questions and start discussions. If you have ideas for the website and web pages that you think should be included, please send me a note describing your idea and we will see if we can work it in. And please keep an eye out for a message announcing the launch of the new web site which will be located at [www.bayareageophysicalsociety.org](http://www.bayareageophysicalsociety.org).

In terms of upcoming events, BAGS is happy to host the SEG 2014 Spring Distinguished Lecturer, Peter Pecholcs, (CGG) who will be presenting 'A journey through time in search of Arabian giants - Oil/gas fields, recording channels, and petabytes' at NEOS GeoSolutions, Pleasanton offices (6210 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Suite 450, Pleasanton, CA 94588) at 11am on March 26th. If you would like to attend the Spring Distinguished Lecture, please RSVP to me ASAP we can ensure a large enough venue to host attendees. We would like to investigate the possibility of presenting

the talk online as a live webinar. If you are interested in this possibility, please let me know.

The executive committee is reaching out to BAGS members on how often and where to hold gatherings. We have received interest from two Bay Area geophysicists (Eve Sprunt and Bill Owens) on presenting talks in the near future. And we would like to hold an out-of-hours social event, either as a family inclusive outing or an after work cocktail hour. If you have thoughts as to the frequency of BAGS events or a particular venue to hold a gathering, if you have a particular talk or topic that you would like to present at a BAGS meeting, if you have a particular bias towards the type of social event you would like to attend, or any other idea for an upcoming event, please drop me an email. Given the geographic size of the Bay Area we would like to move meetings around to give everyone a chance to attend.

The last topic that I would like to address is finances and fundraising. As mentioned above, four companies have donated money to BAGS to help in the development of a new website. The Executive Committee also envision the creation of a student scholarship fund. If you or your company are interested in donating money, please let us know. Or you can wait until the website is up and running to donate directly on line.

In conclusion, I am very excited about being President of BAGS and look forward to leading the society into the future that encompasses the great variety of geophysics in the Bay Area. I hope that you join us in reinvigorating BAGS, and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming BAGS event.

Sincerely,

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