

ASSOCIATED SOCIETY SEES CHANGES

The Bay Area Geophysical Society (BAGS) is both old and new. It has a new set of officers, an updated logo, a new Web site, and new events and ideas to serve the local San Francisco community. Chevron — and particularly Joe Stefani and Peeter Akerberg, who diligently served as president and secretary/treasurer, respectively, for the last 10 or so years — deserve acknowledgment and much appreciation for keeping BAGS going during these years.

The new BAGS officers are: President David Alumbaugh, Vice President Marie Clapp, Secretary Louise Pellerin, and Treasurer Jeff Johnston. Alumbaugh has a long history in Bay Area geophysics, which started in 1987 when he pursued his MS and PhD degrees in electromagnetic geophysical techniques in engineering geoscience at University of California-Berkeley. He left the state for 10 years to pursue positions at Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, returning to the Bay Area in 2003. Since that time, Alumbaugh has worked for Schlumberger EMI Technology Center in Richmond, Chevron in San Ramon, and now NEOS GeoSolutions in Pleasanton.

Clapp came to the Bay Area in 1997 from CSM to obtain her MS and PhD degrees at Stanford University. Since then, she has been at Chevron.

Pellerin, owner of Green Geophysics, Berkeley, has the longest connection with the geophysical community in the Bay Area. Although her MS and PhD degrees are from the University of Utah, also in electromagnetic methods, her undergraduate degree is from UC-Berkeley, and she has connections with the region's labs, universities, and the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS). In addition, she is past SEG vice president and chair of the Distinguish Lecture Committee.

Johnston received his BS from Humboldt State University and then worked in the Bay Area for Woodward-Clyde Consultants and Z-Axis until returning to school at the University of Utah to earn his MS degree. After working on large domestic and overseas survey projects for several years, he returned to the Bay Area and has been with Geometrics since 1997.

The BAGS officers continue to build connections with universities, national laboratories, the USGS, and various

private geophysical contractors, consultants, and companies in the Bay Area. They are excited about building a community of geoscientists, providing a forum where local geophysicists can meet, present, and/or listen to presentations and share experiences, promoting geophysics and a thriving community in the Bay Area.

An updated logo for the associated society adorns the new BAGS Web site where you can become a member or renew your BAGS membership, check activities on the calendar of upcoming BAGS-sponsored talks and events, review the archive of minutes of the Executive Committee and newsletters, donate, post ideas or questions, and start discussions. If you have ideas that you think should be included on the Web site, please send a note describing your idea, and we will see if we can work it in. The new Web site is partially funded by CGG, Geometrics, Green Geophysics, and NEOS GeoSolutions.

Inaugurating the new BAGS, the SEG 2014 Spring Distinguished Lecturer, Peter Pecholcs, CCG, presented "A journey through time in search of Arabian giants — Oil/gas fields, recording channels, and petabyte" at NEOS GeoSolutions' Pleasanton offices in March. BAGS looks forward to hosting the SEG 2014 North American Honorary Lecturer Aria Abubaker, Schlumberger, and the Near-surface Honorary Lecturer Koichi Hayashi, Geometrics.

Some nontechnical presentations have been proposed: Eve Sprunt, consultant — discussing life-work integration, a topic not just for women but for all of us who want a life fulfilled by work, family, and other activities and commitments;



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David Alumbaugh



Marie Clapp



Louise Pellerin



Jeff Johnston

and Bill Owen, California Department of Transportation — bringing us up to date on issues related to state registration of professional geophysicists. BAGS would like to hold after-hours social events, including family-inclusive outings at the Bay Area's many scientific venues and after-work cocktail hours. If you have thoughts about 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 plan to visit the Bay Area and would like to give a talk, if you have a particular inclination toward the type of social event you would like to attend, or any other idea for an upcoming event, please contact BAGS officers. Given the broad geographic extent of the Bay Area, events will rotate among various venues so everyone will have an opportunity to attend.

Students are always an important part of our community and the future of our profession. BAGS is looking to engage and support students in the many Bay Area universities,

embracing not only those focused on applied geophysics but also encompassing the larger implication of geophysics. Possible events to support students could be BAGS providing a forum to practice presentations for upcoming SEG, AGU, GSA, or AAPG meetings. BAGS envisions the creation of a student scholarship fund. BAGS is now a 501(c)(3) public-benefit corporation to support BAGS education, outreach, and professional development programs. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you or your company is interested in supporting a scholarship, please let BAGS officers know by e-mailing the officers at officers@bayareageophysicalsociety.org.

We are excited about leading the society into a future that encompasses the great variety of geophysics in the Bay Area. **TLE**

— LOUISE PELLERIN
Bay Area Geophysical Society Executive Committee