

The Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology ~ ES-SEPM ~ May 2005 Newsletter

Annual Business Meeting



National SEPM President Elect, William A. Morgan, Principal Stratigrapher for ConocoPhillips in Houston, speaks to an audience that filled the room at the ES-SEPM annual business meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York on March 14, 2005.

President's Column

Dear Colleagues –

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who organized and participated in various ES-SEPM sponsored events in the last year, including field trips at the New York State Geological Association (NYSGA) and the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference (NEIGC) gatherings last Fall, and especially the events at the NE GSA conference in Saratoga Springs this March. Despite several cancelled field trips due to deep snow, we sponsored many successful events at the NE GSA including one symposium and several theme sessions. Our annual business meeting in Saratoga Springs was a great success with many current and prospective ES-SEPM members in attendance. We were fortunate to have the National SEPM President Elect, William A. Morgan, join us at the meeting to speak about our parent society's future and to deliver a keynote address about the interesting work on

carbonate reservoir characterization that he has been doing. Thank you Dr. Morgan and thank all members who were there!

There is a lot on ES-SEPM's agenda for the upcoming year, and we need your assistance to help us realize our plans and ideas. Please remember, especially if you think that the section should be more active, that the officers can only provide the framework and the platform for various activities, but it is up to you – the ES-SEPM members and supporters – to propose and organize these events. With this in mind, please consider leading or participating in an ES-SEPM sponsored trip at this year's NEIGC or NYSGA field conferences. Also, we need you to propose symposia, theme sessions and field trips for the next year's NE and SE GSA meetings. For information about these events please see the **Announcements Section** of this Newsletter. Please contact the conference organizers directly and let us know about events that you would like the ES-SEPM to sponsor. Also please spread the word about this effort and ask your colleagues to participate as well. Let us know about any ideas that you may have about other things that the ES-SEPM could and should be doing. Thanks in advance!

At our business meeting in Saratoga Springs the members voted to reinstitute the ES-SEPM membership dues. For more information please see our secretary/treasurer's column in this newsletter. We realize that collecting dues only makes sense if we have an active section. Therefore, once again, we would like to invite you to become involved in the section's activities and to encourage others to join you. When I say "we" and "us," in addition to myself, I refer to the other section officers: Secretary/Treasurer Al Curran from Smith College (acurran@email.smith.edu) and Newsletter Editor Dan Belknap from the University of Maine in Orono (Belknap@maine.edu). Please note that we are still looking for a Vice President. Since all of the current officers are from New England it would be great to have our next Vice President from the former SE section. Please help us locate the right person for this job. Also, if the NE and SE GSA conferences are being organized by your institution or in your hometown, we hope that you will be interested and willing to serve as the ES-SEPM Councilor for these meetings.

As always, please consider sending us newsletter contributions and help disseminate this newsletter by sharing it with your colleagues and students. Once again, I wish to thank you in advance for all of your help, input and suggestions for how we might serve you better. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

It was good to see a strong turnout for our annual business meeting held in conjunction with the NE-GSA meeting in Saratoga Springs, and to have lively discussion about future ideas and initiatives for ES-SEPM! As Bosiljka Glumac reported above, after thorough discussion, the members attending the meeting voted to reinstitute membership dues for professional members. The motion passed by a large

majority. Professional member dues are \$8 per year. At least for the present, student members will not be required to pay dues.

For former Northeast Section members: Since membership dues have not been collected for the past three years, I advanced the paid-up status of each professional member by three years. To determine your paid-up membership status, please check the mailing label of this newsletter. Following your name you will see “Pro” and a year designation (for example, Pro 05 means paid up through 2005). For paid up members, dues received this year will be credited to 2006. If your paid up status is for a year earlier than 2005, you owe more \$\$\$, i.e. 2004 = \$16 and so on. That said, the real goal of the membership in reinstating dues payments is to foster an active and healthy ES Section in the future, not to discourage members over past dues. So, please pay your dues as requested by the vote of the membership and send in a check in the amount that your conscience dictates. All members who are in arrears on dues and send in a check will be credited as paid up through 2006. This policy is largely a unilateral decision on my part, having received no specific guidance from the membership at the annual meeting regarding payment of back dues. The matter will be subject to review at our 2006 annual business meeting.

For former Southeast Section members: No record of past dues payments to the SE Section of SEPM was transmitted at the time of the reuniting of the sections at the Tysons Corner NE-SE GSA meeting in March 2004. Your mail labels appear with your name and address only. Dues payments are currently due in the amount of \$8 and will be credited for 2006. With payment, your dues status will be reflected on your mailing label.

All dues checks should be made payable to ES-SEPM and sent to me at the address below.

At the present time, there are 171 members of ES-SEPM. Eight new members (2 professional and 6 students) were added to the roster at the Saratoga Springs meeting, and one new student member, Nathaniel Reid from North Carolina, joined recently by e-mail correspondence! We presently have just over \$5,600 in the section’s interest paying checking account. These are viable numbers! The challenge and the task ahead is to increase the level of activities of the section to meet the interests of the membership. Bosiljka Glumac, our section president, is doing an excellent job in this regard. We need the continued support of the ES-SEPM membership, as well as input from individual members with ideas and a willingness to plan and conduct future ES-sponsored activities.

Sincerely,

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Announcements

The 2005 NEFOP – the 68th Annual Reunion of the Northeastern Friends of the Pleistocene: “The Glacial and Hydrochemical Stratigraphy of the Onondaga Valley Aquifer of Central New York State: The Good, The Bad, and the Brine”

May 20-22, 2005, Syracuse, New York

Contact: Don Pair (University of Dayton), pair@notes.udayton.edu

2005 Friedman Geosciences Conference

September 11-14, 2005, Troy, New York

Contact: Northeastern Science Foundation, 518-273-3247, gmfriedman@juno.com

2005 AAPG Eastern Section Meeting

September 18-20, 2005, Morgantown, West Virginia

Contact: K. Lee Avary (West Virginia Geological Survey), 304-594-2331, avary@geosrv.wvnet.edu

The 2005 NEIGC - the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference

September 30 to October 2, 2005, southwestern Connecticut, hosted by Yale University

<http://neigc.org/NEIGC/>

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and Anthony Philpotts (University of Connecticut), <Anthony.Philpotts@uconn.edu>

The 2005 NYSGA Meeting - 77th Annual Meeting of the New York State Geological Association

September 23-25, 2005, hosted by SUNY Oswego

<http://www.oswego.edu/geol/nysga.htm>

Contact: David Valentino (SUNY Oswego), dvalenti@oswego.edu

2006 Northeastern GSA Conference

March 20-22, 2006, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/>

Contacts: Noel Potter (Dickinson College), pottern@dickinson.edu, 717-245-1340

and Jennifer M. Elick (Susquehanna University), elick@susqu.edu, 570-372-4214

(propose ES-SEPM sponsored events by mid June, 2005)

2006 Southeastern GSA Conference

March 23-24, 2006, Knoxville, Tennessee

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/>

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Please e-mail H. Allen Curran (acurran@email.smith.edu) if you have any questions. Contact any of the current officers if you have suggestions on how ES-SEPM can serve your needs better, or if you have news and/or announcements that should be posted on the ES-SEPM webpage or included in the Newsletter.

You can find a copy of this form and other pertinent information at:

www.science.smith.edu/departments/Geology/ESSEPM/

(can also be accessed from: www.sepm.org/sections/sectionshome.htm)

Thank you!

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