

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I want to thank you for electing me as the 58th President of SWPLA. The year ahead looks challenging and promising. As you know we have started rolling out the charter agreements that will make SPWLA a stronger and healthier society. This

unification under our brand name is the outcome of the efforts of all regional directors, our legal advisor, the headquarters' staff, and your previous board, headed by Thaimar Ramirez. I am happy to say that we have started the signing of the charter agreements, with the Oklahoma Chapter being the first to sign, followed by the San Joaquin Chapter, and all others to follow soon.

I am also pleased to announce that our recently inaugurated Frank S. Milliard Training Center will have its first course, on "Applied Geostatistics," in September of this year. The FSMTC will help fill the knowledge gap that exists in our industry in the key disciplines that pertain to formation evaluation. In the current low-price environment this training should be a benefit to our members. We will continue to pay special attention to our Young Professionals Group and support our increasing number of student chapters. These professionals represent the SPWLA of the future.

But the evolution of SPWLA will not stop here ...

Efforts are being made to have SPWLA recognized as the valid technical authority in matters related to the petrophysical inputs that are used in the determination of hydrocarbon reserves. In parallel, our continuing education activities, such as the Fall Topical Conference this year, will deal with the fundamental role that well-log analysts play in the increasing activity of plug-and-abandonment of oil and gas wells. Again, as in the case of reserves, we expect to be recognized as the overall authority worldwide in the areas of wellbore and reservoir surveillance. I plan to elaborate more on these official recognitions in my next column.

Our industry is in the midst of a fundamental transition period. Our society is taking the necessary steps to adapt to the new environment while keeping the fundamental mission of SPWLA of "continuing education of its members, and the industry in general, as to the basic tenets of, and new developments in, petrophysics, and in a broader context, all of formation evaluation" (D. Kennedy in his first *Petrophysics* column as SPWLA President, August 2014).

We plan to start rolling out the International charter agreements in early August. As your president and with the help of your regional directors, we will attempt to reach as many chapters as possible to achieve the complete unification

of SPWLA.

In closing, please remember to register for next year's symposium in Oklahoma City, OK. I encourage you to submit your abstracts and attend.

SPWLA is here to serve our members. I kindly ask you to send me suggestions on how we can increase the value of your membership, to my address: President@spwla.org