

From the President



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Dear SPWLA members and friends,

Hope you had a good start to 2019!!

First, I have a few pieces of good news to report. I've learned there have been great efforts in Tulsa and Colombia to revive their local chapters, which have been inactive during the downturn of our industry. Tulsa is where our society was inaugurated 60 years ago. Colombia is an influential oil-producing country in South America. I would like to thank those who initiated this endeavor and I call upon the rest of the membership to reach out to SPWLA members, coworkers and friends in those locations to join in the recruiting efforts to rebuild these two very important local chapters. Please contact Director-NA1@spwla.org regarding the Tulsa chapter; and Director-LA@spwla.org regarding the Colombia chapter.

The second piece of good news is that a new SPWLA SIG with respect to Education has been formed to enhance professional competence development—a vital component of our SPWLA mission. We never stop learning. Whether you are looking to broaden your expertise or to keep up with the latest practices, the Education SIG will facilitate many interactive, continuous learning programs. Also, with the bimodal age distribution within petrophysics discipline, this critical SIG will play a key role in passing the baton from the seasoned to the young professional. A smooth transition in crew change will shape the future of petrophysics discipline. For those individuals and companies interested in joining this noble undertaking, please contact VP-Education@spwla.org.

The annual election of the SPWLA Board of Directors will be held in March. Ballots should have been sent to current voting members via email. We have a slate of driven candidates this year. Some positions are highly competitive. Voting is a privilege for our members to choose the leaders of our society. I strongly encourage our members to exercise your privilege and cast your vote. **Your vote matters, and every vote counts!!** Need proof? Do you remember last year's election? The President-Elect position election was a tie. The board had to use a now-obsolete arcane rule to break that tie. **So, please vote.** On a related note, many local chapters and SIGs are holding elections in the first half of the year. If you have been contemplating running for an SPWLA local chapter office, or would like to be a SIG officer, I encourage you to take the plunge. This is your year to get involved, make an impact and advocate for our profession.

I want to remind you again that our 60th Annual Logging Symposium, which will be held in The Woodlands, Texas, conveniently located just north of Houston, is coming up soon, on June 15–19, 2019. This is really the big show you won't want to miss it. Registration should open soon. The latest information can be found on www.spwla2019.com.

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Best,
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