

**2015 OFFICERS**Barney Paternostro  
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Loretta Arceneaux  
Doug Tymkiw  
Rick Fowler**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**Annie Whetsell  
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Carlos Guzman  
Steve Freeman  
Sonny Clary  
Richard Rusch  
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Education  
Golf Tournament  
Sporting Clays  
Newsletter  
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John Dribus  
Bob Vaughn  
Ben Waring  
Steve Freeman  
Rick Fowler

## Minutes API Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2015

**Call to order – Barney Paternostro:**

In Attendance:	Barney Paternostro	Loretta Arceneaux	Sonny Clary
	Tessa Wiggins	Rick Fowler	Karen Ohlsson
	Meagan Kohls	Carlos Guzman	

**Minutes – Barney Paternostro**

- July Minutes were approved.

**Officers/Board for 2015 – Barney Paternostro**

- Meagan Kohls as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairman and Loretta Arceneaux as Secretary was approved.

**Advisory Board – Barney Paternostro**

- Mike Johnson Jr. with Cetco to serve on Advisory Board was approved.

**Calendar 2015 – Barney Paternostro**

- Made some minor corrections, but dates are still the same.

**Technical Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**

- Barney relayed that everyone appreciated Rick's presentation which exceeded all expectations. Paul Wieg will put together summary and recap for newsletter.

**Joint Society Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**

- Roosevelt confirmed as place and Eric Smith as speaker. Some may recognize Eric's name as the Tulane Professor who provides opinions dealing with the energy industry to the TV stations.
- Steve Walsh is in touch with Sen. Cassidy and Rick is in touch with Sen. Vitter as potential keynote speakers, but both say they will let us know at a later date if they are able to accept.
- Barney to make flyer.
- In an attempt to keep the cost of the luncheon down (especially since traditionally it's held at the Roosevelt), Barney brought up protocol regarding all, or at least some, of the Joint Societies sharing in the overage cost of the luncheon (such as NOGS, PLANO, SPE, NACE, etc) so that one society is not absorbing it all. This overage is the taxes, gratuities, service charges, etc. that can add up to more than the registration fee which has been minimal in the past and absorbed by API, but with cost increases may be higher and should be shared by all societies.

## Newsletter

- Richard Rusch retired from Chevron and is stepping down from API. Barney thanked him for all he has done and contributed to API. Rick Fowler suggested we get Richard an Award of Appreciation to be presented to him at the Year End Party.
- Richard mentioned that Kristee Brown of Creative Graphics ( [kpbrown@bellsouth.net](mailto:kpbrown@bellsouth.net) ) “publishes the Newsletter and is fully capable of picking up where he left off”. Barney will contact Kristee to make sure she is willing.
- Continue to send in articles, posters, flyers, pictures for the newsletter for upcoming events or events that were already held.
  - Golf Tournament
  - Technical Luncheon write up
  - Party with a Purpose
  - Joint Society Luncheon flyer

## Website

- Barney will continue to work with Charlie to get the website updated.
- Seeking feedback on putting the link for MastersInDataScience.org on API website <http://www.mastersindatascience.org/about/> - a new resource for people interested in pursuing education & careers in the data science field

## Membership

- Meagan working on updating. Will get live update after Golf tournament.

## Sponsors

- Ben Gary was not present to provide an update.

## Budget

- Barney to get with Doug to insure we are in line with budget and will get confirmation for next meeting.

## Year End Social Event

- Sonny is not sure if Baker can host, but will keep Barney posted.

## Upcoming Events

- **September 17, 2015** - Barney reminded everyone of the Women’s Energy Network Happy Hour at Café NOMA.
- **October 2, 2015** - Golf Tournament to be held at Covington Country Club. Sonny said participation is low, but hoping it will pick up as a lot of participants at Clay Shoot said they were doing Golf Tournament. Sending out 2<sup>nd</sup> mass email as reminder.
- **October 20, 2015** - LCM “Party with a Purpose.” Rick Fowler stated there will be a Band, Food and Raffle and that all donations go to La. Children’s Museum. Loretta Arceneaux said donations are needed for the Raffle and that we need at least 200 attendees to break even, but only 30 have registered thus far.
- **November 9-11, 2015** - Barney reminded everyone of the Joint Math and Science Conference to be in held in Baton Rouge. Volunteers will be needed.
- **May 15, 2016** - PIPE Family Fun Eat & Run event to be held in City Park. Rick Fowler said it’s a family event with a 5K Run, 100 Yard Dash for kids, prizes and lots of food to sample.

## Quorum

- A quorum is one-third of members of the Executive Board.
- The Executive board consists of 7 officers and the advisory committee which is 11 members (listed above); therefore, seven of these individuals must be present to constitute a quorum.

