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### 2005 API MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

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#### Ronald Dean McPhearson

Dean McPhearson is currently the leader of the Baker Hughes Incorporated business development team in New Orleans. He began his career in 1989 when he joined Baker Hughes as a formation evaluation engineer. He performed field service assignments in the United States and West Africa and was responsible for technical training before taking a lead role in business development for re-entry and deepwater applications. A Louisiana native, Mr. McPhearson studied at Louisiana Tech University and earned an M.S. degree in geology from Northeast Louisiana University.



Mr. McPhearson has been active in a number of industry associations, including the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Association of Drilling Engineers, the Southeastern Geophysical Society and the New Orleans Geological Society. He has served on numerous SPE committees and has been President of its Delta section. He also chaired the Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Symposium. As

Delta section president, he helped develop the One Voice petroleum industry public awareness program and helped initiate the merging Leaders Program to develop the career skills of young engineers.

Mr. McPhearson has received several industry awards, including the 2005 SPE President Award for Section Excellence, the New Orleans Geological Society Outstanding Member Award, and the Outstanding Support and Achievement Award from the Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Symposium. Recently he was named a member of the International Society of Petroleum Engineers Board of Directors.

#### Richard A. Bachmann

Richard A. Bachmann earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wisconsin State University



(Magna Cum Laude) and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin (1st in Class). He began his career with

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### **2005 API Meritorious Service Awards**

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Join the board in thanking Leo Kerner for serving as Chairman of the API Delta Chapter during 2005. Leo and I thank the active API Delta board, and past Chairmen who volunteered their time and talent to make a difference on behalf of the membership.



Under Leo, our first, very successful, Clay Sporting event was held. The stage is set for the April 28 tournament which is already booked up. We recognize Don Miller and his organizing group for their time and talent devoted to these events.

In March, 2005 we put in place our first Science and Engineering Fair Award program, in collaboration with UNO, as part of our education and community outreach. We feel very good about this program and know that it will grow under Jan Catalano's care. Our first place student winner went on to win awards at the International Science Fair competition.

The hurricanes presented us with challenges, including the cancellation of our golf tournament. Holly Fonseca and the golf committee are working to re-schedule and we will soon post progress in our [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org). Doug Timkyw's Treasurer Report shows the gap left by the cancellation of our golf tournament, and puts in perspective the importance of our new Clay Sporting event in funding our 2006 programs.

Despite the obstacles, we were able to organize the Joint Society meeting in early December. The meeting was very well attended and we had a surprise visit by Mayor Ray Nagin, who welcomed the societies back, and discussed his plans to reconstruct and repopulate New Orleans. We recognize our past Chairman Ben Waring, and the speakers Poe Leggette and Chris Oynes, who made this very exciting event possible. We plan to build on the momentum of this end of year gathering in 2006.

We are very fortunate that the majority of the board has agreed to reenlist this year. I look forward to a very successful 2006 thanks to a very energetic board, and many active past chairmen. Throughout the year, I plan to tell

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Standard Oil of New Jersey (now Exxon/Mobil) in 1968 where he held numerous domestic and international treasury and financial responsibilities. In 1971 Mr. Bachmann was promoted to Treasurer of Esso Central America's headquarters in San Salvador, El Salvador. In 1974 he was promoted to manager of the Foreign Finance Division of Exxon International, based in New York.

In 1978, Mr. Bachmann left Exxon to join Iteq Corporation. He served as Vice President and Treasurer of this leveraged leasing company from 1978 to 1981. In 1981, Mr. Bachmann joined The Louisiana Land and Exploration Company (LL&E), an independent exploration and production company, as Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. His accomplishments at LL&E included the strategic repositioning of the company, divestiture of non-core assets and the acquisition of new assets. He was elected

to LL&E's Board of Directors and promoted to Executive Vice President in 1989. Bachmann was later named President and Chief Operating Officer in 1995. He left LL&E in late 1997 and established Energy Partners, Ltd. (EPL) shortly thereafter. He has over 30 years of financial and operating experience in the energy industry.

Mr. Bachmann is the founder of EPL and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. He established EPL's headquarters in New Orleans when other companies were leaving the area and consolidating in Houston. He brought EPL public in 2000 on the NYSE and this past year celebrated five years of phenomenal growth and success as a public company. In 2005, Fortune magazine recognized EPL as one of "The 100 Fastest Growing Companies".

Mr. Bachmann currently holds the position of Vice Chairman for the Business Council of Greater New Orleans

and the River Region. In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Mr. Bachmann and the Business Council have relentlessly challenged state and local elected officials to fix long standing problems of the region; levees, education, business tax incentives, etc. Through the Council's efforts and leadership, Louisianians won a great victory in February 2006 when "The Boasso Bill" was approved in the Louisiana Legislature providing for consolidation, expertise, and unified standards of excellence for levee construction, maintenance and flood control.

Mr. Bachmann has served on or is involved in a number of charitable/civic organizations. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Trico Marine Services, Inc., Xavier University of Louisiana and Tulane University Hospital and Clinic.



**Carlos Guzman, Program Chair, makes opening remarks and introduces speakers**



**Mr. Chris Oynes, MMS Regional Director**



**Mayor Ray Nagin welcomes meeting attendees**

## **6th Annual Greater New Orleans Joint Industry Association Luncheon Tuesday, December 13, 2005**

Thanks to our guest speakers Mr. Poe Legette, Fulbright and Jawarski, Mr. Chris Oynes, MMS, and Mayor Ray Nagin.

**CHAIRMAN**  
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you more about these volunteer men and women, and their work with the Chapter.

Bernadette Alaniz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, organizes our general meetings. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize two outstanding members of our industry by conferring on them the API Meritorious Service Award. Join us to celebrate Rick Bachman's and Dean McPhearson's accomplishments.

Our 2006 commitment to education continues with energy education project grants, explained by Cathy Vaughn, the Education Committee Chair, on page 6 of APInion.. The energy education project will serve to catalyze our Science Fair awards program.

The Chapter needs your special support and active participation in 2006. We need two board positions filled this year and appreciate your help.

I look forward to seeing you at our Meritorious Award event at Le Pavillon Hotel on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM and at the Father-Son Sporting Clays Tournament that will be held on April 29th.

Wishing you the best

*Carlos Guzman*  
 Chairman - API Delta Chapter

American Petroleum Institute - Delta Chapter  
 Income Statement

January 1 to  
 December 31, 2005

REVENUES

Membership	\$	450.00
Golf Tournament Fees & Mulligans		1,760.00
Golf Tournament Sponsors		-
Luncheon Meetings		4,470.00
Newsletter		3,035.00
Fall 2004 Industry Luncheon		2,275.00
Website		3,175.00
Clay Shoot		20,742.95
	\$	<u>35,907.95</u>

EXPENSES

Board Meetings	\$	1,622.07
Clay Shoot		16,596.76
Luncheon Meetings		3,615.60
Website		3,600.00
Printing & Mailing		3,354.61
Teacher Awards		8,008.04
Membership		-
Science Fair		1,451.58
LA Children Museum		3,000.00
Fall 2004 Industry Luncheon		5,743.02
Rent, Licenses & Other		27.50
	\$	<u>47,019.18</u>

Annual Net Income (Loss) \$ (11,111.23)

Checking Account, 12/31/05	\$	23,960.90
Money Market Account, 12/31/05	\$	525.81
Vanguard 12/31/05	\$	30,648.72
2005 Cash Balance		<u>55,135.43</u>



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# **API-Delta Presents Sporting Clays Father-Son & Family Tournament April 28 -29, 2006**

On behalf of the officers of American Petroleum Institute Delta Chapter -- New Orleans and members of the Second Annual 2006 Sporting Clays Father-Son & Family Tournament, it is our pleasure to again announce this year's event. The API Sponsored Tournament is a "one" day event, aimed at delivering good sporting clays skills, friendly competition and fellowship for new and experienced participants.

The API Delta Chapter believes this tournament is unique for our area. This event offers a wide range of competition for both the family and individual enthusiast. The tournament takes place on Saturday April 29, 2006 at Covey Rise Lodge located in Husser, LA. Main events begin at 8: 30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. and 5 stand events are scheduled opposite to the main event for all teams.

Shotgun skilled and safety minded shooters must be 15 years or older in all events. The main event will present (a multi- stand 100 clays course).

Awards will go to individual and team winners in 3 classes based on Lewis Class Scoring. Additionally, 5-Stand top scores for both individual and teams and Two-Person Flurry and Long Bird winners will also receive awards.

Please complete the entry form and send the information soon. When paying by check attached it and mail with the entry form. If you elect to pay by credit card, send in your entry info and an authorized API Delta Chapter representative will call you for payment instructions. Do not put your credit card info on the entry form. Teams paying by credit card can email completed forms directly to Desaree Haber via: [oilssportingclays@aol.com](mailto:oilssportingclays@aol.com). Entry deadline is February 28th 2006 and is limited to the first 160 shooters (4/shooters/team).

The Tournament and Covey Rise Lodge will conduct a practice clays tournament on Friday April 28th, 2006 from noon to 6:30 p.m. Saturday check in begins at 7:00 a.m. Refreshments snacks and lunch will be on hand for the event participants.

Door prizes and other tournament hand-outs will also be distributed at registration. Click on [www.api-delta.org](http://www.api-delta.org) for pre event info about the tournament.

We invite you to join us for a fun filled day where families can participate plus build memorable traditions. API-Delta Chapter is dedicated to informing everyone on the importance of petroleum in the world and the many career opportunities available in today's industry. Proceeds from the Tournament are used for key community programs, awards, scholarships and the ongoing promotion of the oil and gas industry in schools & universities supported by API Delta Chapter.

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# American Petroleum Institute — Delta Chapter

*Cathy Vaughn , Education Committee Chair.*

We outline our community efforts on behalf of the Members of the API-Delta Chapter

## The Teacher Excellence Award Program

The Delta Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, a non-profit organization headquartered in New Orleans, Louisiana, annually recognizes teachers in each of six (6) parishes in the metropolitan area: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany. The Teacher Excellence Award Program was established by the Delta Chapter 19 years ago, in 1987, to pay tribute to and reinforce outstanding teaching in public school systems.

The organization is committed to public education, and to that end has chosen to recognize the untiring efforts of public school teachers who continue to deliver quality services to students with minimal compensation and, often, inadequate resources.

The selection criteria, reviewed by a Committee of API-Delta Chapter members, includes commitment to teaching, resourcefulness, professional involvement and community service.

The outstanding teacher model is one whose performance will positively impact students for the remainder of their lives.

To date, Delta Chapter has awarded over \$127,000 to veteran and new teachers in the public schools of the metropolitan area. The cash awards are presented to the honorees annually at school board meetings in the spring.

Additionally, teachers, their principals, and the Superintendent of Schools are invited to a special awards luncheon at which time they are recognized by the API-Delta Chapter membership and presented with an Outstanding Teacher Award framed certificate. At the luncheon, teachers are provided with materials for their classrooms as well as information about API National from which teachers can request free resources for their classrooms.

## LA Children's Museum Exhibit and Super Science Saturday

The Delta Chapter of API maintains a commitment to provide improved educational opportunities for children in the community not only by honoring teachers but also by continuing its support of the LA Children's Museum with the "Hoist Away" Exhibit (\$30,000 to create the exhibit), a hands-on experience related to the petroleum industry and the annual Super Science Saturday in April (\$3000), another hands-on experience. Bus transportation and entrance fees are paid by the Delta Chapter for public school children who would not otherwise be able to participate.

## New Science Fair Awards to Students , Teachers and Schools

In 2005, a new awards program was initiated. Students, whose projects are energy/petroleum related, compete for API-Delta Chapter awards at the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair held in March. Students, their teachers, and their schools receive framed certificates and monetary awards totaling \$1200.



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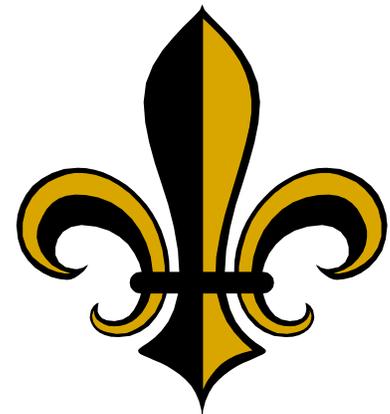
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# API-Delta Chapter Teacher Excellence in Education Awards Program

*Education Committee Recommendation*

## 2006 Post-Katrina Teacher Support

API-Delta Chapter should continue to recognize and support teachers in the metropolitan New Orleans area. In the post-Katrina arena, the 2006 commitment should be adjusted to reflect the focus determined to be in the best interest of teachers and the chapter's resources at the most recent Delta Chapter Board meeting. Therefore the consensus reached translates into the following recommendation.

- Provide mini-grants to teachers.
- Accept proposals from public school teachers to provide materials/supplies/support for their classrooms, post-Katrina. Proposals should be no more than two pages, including: a) what the grant money would be used for; b) Why they are requesting the funding; and, c) a budget for the funds.
- Eligible teachers are those public school teachers who have returned to work and are currently teaching in one of the Delta-Chapter six parishes-Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, or St. Tammany.
- Preference in scoring proposals will be given to requests that focus on energy related use.
- 5. The funding request must not exceed \$500.

A committee of API-Delta Chapter members will review the proposals and select no more than 8 proposals to fund. (Total exposure to Delta Chapter - \$4,000).

A reasonable accountability process would be required for the teacher to explain the outcome of the funding provided by Delta Chapter.

Solicitation of teacher proposals will occur through the School Leadership Center of GNO (SLC) and Steve Reidia at the *Times/Picayune*. Dr. Brian Riedlinger, President of SLC, has agreed to communicate the available mini-grants to the schools in the metro-area through his routine "Monday Message" that goes out to all principals in the metro-area every Monday. (Approximately 500 pre-Katrina). Dr. Riedlinger was the key note speaker at the 2004 Teacher Award Luncheon and serves of several local and state education task force committees.



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# Mineral Management Services' 5-Year Plan for Outer Continental Shelf Access

## Background

Every five years, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the government agency responsible for oil and gas leasing in the U.S. offshore, develops a 5-Year Plan. That plan determines where and how often oil and gas lease sales will occur over the 5-year period. The next plan will determine where oil and gas leasing will occur during the period 2007- 2012. If an area is not made available in the 5-Year Plan, oil and gas leasing will not occur in the area until beyond 2012.

The 5-Year Plan process is very public. MMS designs the plan based on the input from interested stakeholders. The MMS comprehensive process allows several opportunities for stakeholders to participate. The initial comment period covering the general scope of the 5-year plan ended on October 11, 2005. The MMS is now accepting comments on the Draft Proposed Plan (DPP) through April 11, 2006. The DPP calls for consideration of 21 lease sales in only 7 of the 26 planning areas in Federal offshore waters. Another comment period and public hearings will occur in late summer 2006 when the Proposed Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are made available for public review.

No decisions will be made to lease an area that cannot withstand the scrutiny of the EIS and MMS' evaluation of stakeholder comments. MMS must hear from effected stakeholders and consumers of oil and gas at every step in the process.

## New Domestic Energy Sources Necessary

Recent increases in oil and natural gas prices result from growing U.S. and global demand that has not been matched by equivalent increases in available supplies. Unless supply can be increased, prices will continue to rise. A survey recently

completed by the National Association for Business Economics found that high energy prices are the biggest short-term problem facing the U.S. Economy.

About 85 percent of the U.S. offshore – known as the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) – is currently off-limits to oil and gas production. Most offshore areas currently accessible for oil and gas production are mature and some are nearing the end of their life expectancy.

Federal offshore waters hold the greatest potential for finding and bringing new energy resources to market in the next 5 to 10 years. MMS estimates that there are currently 85.9 billion barrels of oil and 419.9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas that are technically recoverable from all federal offshore areas. Allowing access would significantly reduce U.S. reliance on imports and improve domestic energy security. Offshore development is in the U.S. national interest as a means of improving energy security, diversifying supply, economic development, and generating local, state and federal revenue. Clearly, our near-term energy future lies in the safe and effective production of deepwater offshore oil and natural gas development.

## Diversity of Supply

After the hurricanes of 2005, 92 percent of the Gulf's oil output and 83 percent of its natural gas production was shutdown. Expanding access and development of energy resources throughout the Gulf of Mexico, as well as offshore Alaska and the Atlantic Ocean, is vital to help reduce the impact that future regional disruptions might have on supply and price.

## Economic Development & Revenue Sharing

Domestic oil and gas development has a positive impact on the U.S. economy and

on the federal treasury because it creates jobs and reduces U.S. reliance on imports. About 1.5 million people are directly employed by the oil and gas industry, with 45,000 people directly employed by offshore operations.

Oil provides 97 percent of U.S. transportation fuel. Manufacturers and farmers depend on petroleum to get their products to market. Clean-burning natural gas provides over 20 percent of the total U.S. energy – generating about 23 percent of electric power, supplying 60 million households and providing over 40 percent of all primary energy for industrial use.

U.S. oil and gas production contributes more than \$6 billion annually to the U.S. treasury – second only to Federal income tax payments.

Any monies generated by expanded offshore access should properly be shared between the federal government and individual localities and states located near offshore oil and gas activities. Congress is considering initiatives that would approve such revenue sharing. While not part of the MMS process, revenue sharing would provide a tremendous benefit once MMS leasing activities commence. It is important that citizens take this opportunity to call for revenue sharing with states and localities.

## Alaska

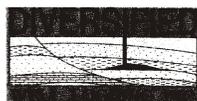
According to MMS, Alaska's offshore waters contain U.S. reserves estimated at 27 billion barrels of oil and 132 trillion cubic feet of natural gas (31 percent of all U.S. offshore waters). The MMS estimates that the Chukchi Sea is the most promising and materially undeveloped U.S. offshore petroleum basin. Lease sales are already occurring in the Beaufort Sea. MMS estimates that there are approximately 23



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trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves in Bristol Bay.

Accessing reserves in these three areas would provide jobs and a significant tax source for local communities and would provide needed U.S. energy supplies.

### *Gulf of Mexico*

The MMS has estimated that significant oil and gas resources exist in the Gulf of Mexico in areas greater than 100 miles from shore – approximately 45 billion barrels of oil and 232 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Infrastructure exists in the region and industry has an excellent track record for safety and environmental protection. We need access to new areas in the Gulf of Mexico in order to bring that energy to market.

### *Atlantic*

The Virginia legislature has expressed interest in opening some of the Virginia offshore waters to leasing. MMS estimates the Atlantic waters contain 4 billion barrels of oil and 37 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Future Atlantic energy exploration and production could add significant domestic supplies to help offset growing demand. It is important that we allow access now because it will

take more than a decade to find the energy and deliver it to consumers.

### *Safety & Environment*

According to MMS, offshore oil and gas development has an outstanding safety and environmental record. The National Academy of Sciences recently determined that less than 1 percent of all oil entering the seas is from drilling and extraction activities.

Decades of operations in the Gulf of Mexico and around the world have shown that the fishing industry and offshore oil and gas industries co-exist successfully. In fact, offshore platforms provide critical habitat to reef fish species and are highly valued by fishermen.

### *Summary & Consideration for Comments*

Please consider providing comments to the MMS prior to the April 11<sup>th</sup> deadline in support of:

- The leasing of additional acreage for oil and gas in Alaska offshore waters, including portions of Bristol Bay, Beaufort Sea, and Chukchi Sea.

- Continued leasing of acreage in Central and Western Gulf of Mexico and additional areas offered in the Draft Proposed Plan.
- Continued implementation of a strong regulatory system with stringent discharge requirements, early consultation and conflict avoidance, seasonal operating restrictions, and impact mitigation measures.
- OCS revenue sharing with states and local communities.

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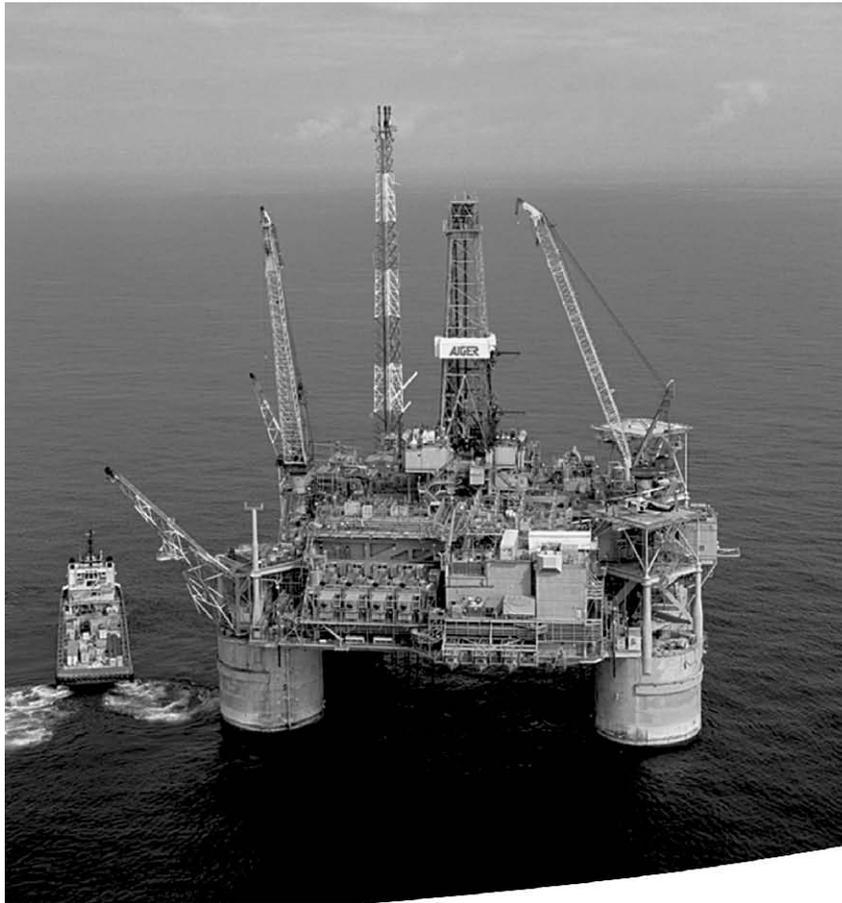
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