

NEW REGIONAL CHAPTER and VP OF REGIONS

Greetings:

New Australia Pacific Region Chapter. On January 20, the Board approved a new regional chapter: the Australia Pacific Chapter. This area was previously part of the Australia Asia Pacific (AAP) Regional Chapter. The Board approved the separation of AAP into the Asia Chapter and the Australia Pacific Chapter. The Australia Pacific Chapter includes Australia, New Zealand, East Timor and Papua New Guinea and has approximately 140 members. The membership in the region is very active and lobbied to have their own regional chapter. Australia has held multiple regional events each year and they hosted the 2006 AIPN International Conference. Given the vast geographical distance between Asia and many cities in Australia and surrounding areas, it just makes sense to have them separate. As a side note, according to Kimberly Reeder, there are approximately 20 million people in Australia and 64 million kangaroos.

Kimberly Reeder, BP Australia, was approved as interim Regional Director of the Australia Pacific Chapter. She is planning a regional event March 18-19 celebrating the founding of the new chapter. This will be in conjunction with the AIPN Board meeting. The events include:

March 17 (Wednesday): the AIPN Board meeting (following dinner)

March 18 (Thursday): a one-day interactive workshop in Perth for industry discussing LNG, unitization and gas transportation/sales issues followed with a “Sundowner” (cocktail reception) celebrating the founding of the new chapter. The creation of a new Student Club at University of Western Australia (UWA) will also be recognized.

March 19 (Friday): a half-day student outreach event at UWA with a theme of “a day in the life of” featuring different types of jobs within the AIPN upstream industry and a mini-negotiation workshop. A lunch with student members of the UWA Student Club and participating AIPN members concludes the event.

You will see coverage of this event in the March or April Advisor.

New VP of Regions. With AIPN’s continuing focus on the Regional Chapters which includes growing Region membership and increasing locally focused 1-2 day regional events, the present Regional Directors’ workload has increased and they need support and assistance. Part of this support is to create a “speaker circuit” of quality AIPN speakers to present various topics at regional events. With this in mind, the AIPN Board approved the new position of Vice President of Regions having the following responsibilities:

- Create and implement a “speaker circuit”, providing a list AIPN speakers and topics for the Regional Directors’ to select from for regional events;
- Assist Regional Directors with ideas for regional events and provide support for those events;

- Assist in forming the management and co-chairs of regional events and ensure the events proceed efficiently;
- Organize and lead the Regional Committee;
- Liaise with and supervise, when appropriate, AIPN staff working on regional events;
- Oversee any audit or financial issues involving the Regions in conjunction with the Treasurer;
- Provide other regional support that may become necessary from time to time.

Our first VP of Regions, approved by the Board, is Caroline Kehoe with Herbert Smith. As most of you know, she was previously the Regional Director of Europe, Africa, Middle East and CIS for many years and certainly knows what it takes to offer regional events. She will be great support for the Regional Directors.

Creating and implementing the “speaker circuit” is something we need. The speaker circuit will include AIPN member’s contact information and their expertise of various topic(s) they are prepared to present. If a speaker is traveling to a region, they can volunteer to present their topic in the region or a region can solicit a speaker if they need a specific topic presented. You will see more information about this and the new VP of Regions in our February Advisor.

Several 1-2 day regional events are in the planning stages, so be sure to watch your region’s announcements in the upcoming months. In particular, look for events in the following locations: Rio de Janeiro, Mexico, Washington, D.C., Beijing, Sarjevo, Peru and others.

Notably, the Board approved a new Gas Balancing Model Contract. Sign-ups will begin for the working committee. The co-chairs are: Graham Stewart (BG) and Ariel Kaufman. You can sign up to be on the working committee online at:

<http://www.aipn.org/members/modelagreements/addmember.asp?id=164>

Cheers,

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Note: Be sure to register NOW for the Core Course in Singapore March 22-26. Space is limited.