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Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
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Chris McLindon

Atlas of Surface Fault Traces in South Louisiana



Chairman's Column

Last month Prof. Eric Smith, from Tulane gave an excellent talk on the energy industry, covering a number of issues. A lively question and answer session followed, with 29 members and guests present.

This month we have invited Chris McLindon to discuss his project to create an "Atlas of Surface Fault Traces in South Louisiana". This ties in to his recent work on land loss and subsidence in South Louisiana, as it is related to deep seated structural movement. Chris will be looking for volunteers to work on the project. The NOGS Board has already agreed to support this effort.

Next month is the annual API Joint Societies lunch, downtown at the Roosevelt Hotel. The date and keynote speaker will be announced in the November newsletter.

As Ken Huffman reported at the last meeting, the SIPES convention, held here in June, ended up making a profit of \$17,750.25, of which our chapter will receive \$8,875.12. We have agreed to contribute \$1,750.00 to the SIPES Scholarship Foundation and Ken will match this with a personal contribution. The main reason the meeting ended up "in the black" was because of the efforts of the committee, headed by Ken, in raising sponsorships and selling advertisements in the convention program.

Roy Walther reports that dues payments are doing well; however, a few of you have not responded. Check your records to make sure you are not delinquent!

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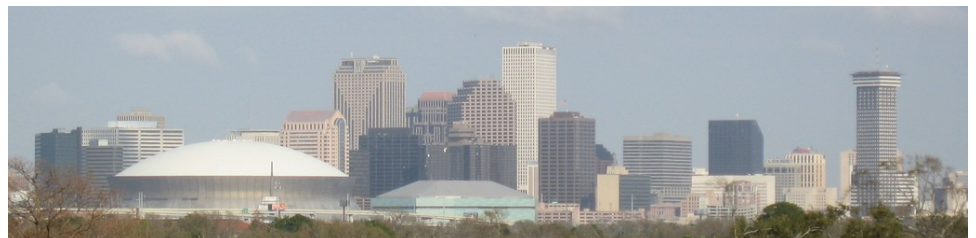
Tuesday, October 21st
Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

Chris McLindon received a B.S. in Geology degree from L.S.U. in 1979. He has been employed as an exploration geologist in the oil and gas industry in New Orleans since graduation, including eight years of self-employment. Throughout the course of his career Mr. McLindon maintained a very strong interest in the processes of the Mississippi River and its current and historical delta. He has actively researched the subject throughout his career with periods of scientific investigation and evaluation. All of the research and scientific evaluation included in this presentation were undertaken during periods of self-employment. All of the content and opinions expressed in the presentation are solely those of Chris McLindon, and he is not acting as a representative of any entity other than himself.



A Proposal to Create an Atlas of Surface Fault Traces in South Louisiana

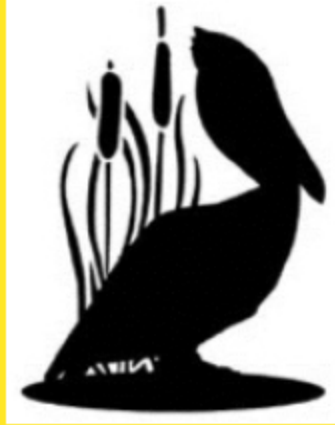
The New Orleans Geological Society is seeking participation from the oil and gas industry to create an atlas of surface fault traces across the coastal plain of south Louisiana. Participating companies will be asked to use their 3-D seismic datasets to produce interpretations of the traces of fault planes that reach the earth's surface.

As described in this proposal, there is substantial evidence that the widely held conceptions about land area change (commonly called "land loss") in coastal Louisiana are largely incorrect. The majority of changes that are occurring across the Louisiana coastal plain can be attributed to natural subsidence primarily caused by the downward movement of faults. An accurate mapping of the traces of the faults that cut to the marsh surface will serve as a foundation for more research and a better understanding of the processes of land area change. This in turn will lead to more efficient and effective planning for how to best deal with the change. The oil and gas industry is uniquely positioned to provide a foundational data set for further study by the creation of this atlas.

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