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Eric Smith

How Technology Onshore Affected Prices
and Offshore Activity



Chairman's Column

At our October meeting, we had a “full house” of members and guests to hear Tom Bergeon’s excellent presentation on the evolution of exploration geology in the Gulf of Mexico region. Forty members and guests were present including the two recipients of the \$2500 SIPES scholarship award to UNO, Rachael Gaspard and Joe Frank. Also present was their graduate professor, Mark Kulp.

Sadly, we have to report on the loss of another longtime member. Ray Stephens passed away on Tuesday October 20 at East Jefferson Hospital. Ray had an unusually varied career having been in industry, government and academics. He will be missed by all of us who knew him.

This month (November) is the joint societies luncheon, sponsored by API, downtown at the Roosevelt Hotel on Tuesday, November 10, starting at 11:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Eric Smith from the Tulane Energy Institute. As in the past, you should check in at the door and identify yourself as a SIPES member, so we will have a “head count”, for paying API. Please remember that we have to guarantee a number for this event.

I won't try and tell you who to vote for in the runoff for governor, but be aware that some of John Bel Edwards's key supporters are the trial lawyers who have been so active in the Legacy Lawsuit arena!

November 21 is Election Day.

Louis E. Lemarié

Tuesday, November 10th
Roosevelt Hotel-Roosevelt Ballroom Salon
123 Barrone St. New Orleans, LA
11:00 AM—1:00 PM

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

Eric Smith currently is a Professor of Practice at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University. He also serves as the Associate Director of the Tulane Energy Institute. He joined Tulane in 2003. In addition, he is the Energy committee co-chairman of the World Trade Center of New Orleans and acts as Tulane's media spokesman for energy issues. He recently authored a report that deals with the positive economic impact of the US shale initiative on the Louisiana economy.

Eric is a 1965 Chemical Engineering graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology and earned an MBA, in 1967, from the A. B. Freeman School at Tulane University. In addition to twelve years of full time academic/ advisory experience, he has nineteen years of experience in the international offshore drilling and construction sectors with positions including EVP at Torch, Inc., President and Chairman of Saipem, Inc. and, preceding Saipem, ten years at J. Ray McDermott. Prior to his roles in offshore drilling and construction, he was involved in downstream petrochemicals, first with Allied Chemical and subsequently with the Ethyl Corporation.





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