



Chairman's Column

Last month, despite the threat of wintery weather, 39 members and guests attended our meeting, to hear an exceptional talk by one of our own members, Jack Thorson. Jack's presentation addressed the real facts about "climate change" and contained numerous excellent slides illustrating his points.

As I write this column, I have just seen a press release reporting that the City of New York, whose mayor, William de Blasio is sometimes referred to as "Comrade" de Blasio, has filed a massive law suit against five major Energy companies (BP, Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Shell, Conoco Phillips) to force them to pay the cost of protecting the city's property from climate change-induced damage.

If this ridiculous suit ever reaches a trial, the jurors should be required to watch Jack's talk!

This month, we have a return visit, from Professor Eric Smith with the Tulane Energy Institute. Eric has addressed us in the past, and his presentations have always been very interesting, informative and timely. With the current movement in energy prices, his visit is especially appropriate.

Eric (our Treasurer) reports dues collection has been going very well, but a few of you are still outstanding. Check your records!!

Last month's meeting seemed to flow very smoothly, and we complimented Andrea's on their effort.

Next month's meeting is on Tuesday, February 20th, a week after Mardi Gras.

Louis E. Lemarié

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Why Deepwater Development in the US Gulf Continues

Eric Smith

A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University



Tuesday, February 20th

Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

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

Eric Smith 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 works with various professors on interdisciplinary projects involving energy issues. He also works with Houston and New Orleans engineering firms and with various regional teams focused on economic development. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate energy courses.

He 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 thirty six years of operational experience, first, in the downstream petrochemical industry, and since 1984, in the offshore drilling and construction sectors.

He has served as a consultant to Louisiana's Department of Economic Development as well as to Greater New Orleans, Inc. the regional economic development group. In addition, he is the Energy committee co-chairman of the World Trade Center of New Orleans. On occasion, he has also supported reverse trade missions involving energy options in Pakistan, South Africa and Ghana, all sponsored by US government agencies. Finally, he acts as Tulane's media spokesman for energy issues.

He is author or co-author of reports dealing with LNG, changes in the offshore construction market, Louisiana's competitiveness in industrial power generation, petroleum coke as a fuel in the domestic power generation market. And, most recently, a report that deals with the positive economic impact of the US shale initiative on the Louisiana economy.

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