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Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists
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Sharon Hewitt
District 1, Senator



Chairman's Column

Last month, our first meeting for 2018-2019, drew 44 members and guests to hear a presentation by Brian Anderson, the Technical Sales Manager at Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASV).

Brian discussed a number of ways that unmanned equipment is finding its way in oil and gas operations.

This month our speaker will be Sen. Sharon Hewitt from Louisiana Dist. 1. Sen. Hewitt has worked in the oil and gas industry and understands the importance of energy in the economy. She has been a friend and an ally in the legislative.

Next month will be the annual API joint societies meeting. I have not received any information yet as to the date, speaker, etc, but this should be out soon.

Dues collection has been going exceedingly well, with just a handful still out.

A reminder.... To be a full or limited member, you must be a national member.

Last month's "hope for" on oil prices is alive and well, since today's posting is slightly over \$75/B.

Chairman's Comment:

Back on the old Dragnet TV show, Sgt. Joe Friday, supposedly, told a witness to give him "just the facts, ma'am". If that policy applied to most of today's hot button issues, things in the news would look a lot different!!

P.S. On a sad note, as I finish up this letter, a just received word that one of our longtime members, Phil Johnson passed away yesterday (Oct. 1) and that former member Hank Ecroyd died on Thursday September 27, and Tom Klekamp.

Tuesday, October 16th

Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

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

District 1 **Senator Sharon Hewitt** came to the Louisiana State Senate as a recognized business and community leader with decades of volunteer service to area children and families. The Lake Charles native and long-time resident of Slidell is a graduate of Barbe High School and holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from LSU. As an engineering executive, Senator Hewitt managed major deepwater assets in the Gulf of Mexico for Shell and earned a reputation as a passionate, committed problem solver.

As a state senator, Hewitt serves as vice-chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and is a member of the Senate Environmental Committee, the Joint Budget Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees the state budgeting process. In addition, the Senator represents the state of Louisiana on two important national energy panels, serves on several statewide coastal restoration committees, and is Vice-Chair of the Women's Caucus.

Since beginning her first term in 2016, the Senator has focused on fiscal reforms to shrink the size of government, to limit spending, to tie state funding to results, and to streamline higher education and healthcare. In addition, Senator Hewitt is the leading advocate for growing the Louisiana economy by creating a STEM workforce, enabling families to realize the American dream and women to close the gender gap.

Senator Hewitt married her husband, Stan, over 35 years ago and they have proudly raised two sons, Chris and Brad. They are longtime members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell.

Senate District 1 includes portions of St. Tammany, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, and Orleans parishes.

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