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Chairman's Column

Our first meeting of the 2015-2016 year will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Time and location will be, as in the past, i.e. 11:30 a.m. at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie. After considering a move to another day of the week, it was decided to stay with the 3rd Tuesday, except when there is a conflict with a holiday, etc.

For this initial meeting we will have a return visit by Professor Eric Smith from the Tulane Energy Institute. Considering the current volatility in the energy industry, Eric should have no lack of subject matter.

Once again the officers will roll over, as follows:

Chairman – Louis Lemarié
Vice Chairman – TBA
Secretary – Art Johnson
Treasurer – Roy Walther

David Broadbridge will continue to be the Web-Master, and prepare the monthly newsletter; Scott Wainwright and Eric Broadbridge will work together on membership. Carol St. Germain will still call before meetings and keep chapter business in order.

Unfortunately our ranks continue to thin. Long-time member Jesse Rafidi passed away late last month and several others will probably not be active members, for various reasons. We also received word that a former member, Rodney Rymer had passed away in Lafayette.

As we did last year, the chapter will award a grant to the UNO Department of Geology, this time in the form of two \$1250 scholarship donations. The recipients will be chosen by the department, with Art Johnson coordinating for SIPES.

At the start of the meeting year, our priorities will be to fill the Vice Chairman's spot and to recruit new, qualified members for the chapter.

Louis E. Lemarié

Tuesday, September 15th

Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM

Lunch and Talk - Noon

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

Prof. Eric N. Smith provides market analysis and economic research on a variety of issues affecting the energy sector. Examples include a series of reports on the potential for importing LNG into the US, studies on the economic impact of unconventional shale gas Development on US supplies of natural gas, reports on the use of Petroleum Coke as a feed stock for power generation and ongoing research into the use of bio-butanol as a substitute for ethanol. In addition, he teaches the required introductory courses leading to the energy specialization certificate available to both undergraduate and graduate level students. Finally, he functions as the public face of the University and the Energy Institute, providing requested information to local and regional media on a wide variety of energy related subjects.

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