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I had the pleasure of attending SPE's HSSE conference last month in Broomfield, Colorado. In addition to the normal conference activities, which were excellent, the event also included the inaugural HSSE Bowl- modeled after Petrobowl. Six universities participated - (in order of finish place)- Montana Tech, University of Oklahoma, CSM, Oklahoma State University, University of Colorado-Boulder and Texas Tech. Our local CSM chapter took 3rd Place - Congratulations!



**CSM HSSE Bowl Team 2015**

Front: Matt Enger, Robert Keller, Jordan Tucker; Back: Cory Nunez, Jordan Walz

Congratulations are also in order for our current outgoing SPE chairperson, Erin McEvers - Her nomination for SPE Regional Director was approved by the SPE Board of Directors at its March meeting, and Erin will be officially elected on 1 June barring a petition for a ballot election. Her term will begin following ATCE in September 2015.

There are two exciting fun events occurring this month. The [SPE-YP chapter is holding a Ski event](#) and the [CSM chapter is holding a Clay shoot](#). Also there will be a [YP lunch and learn](#), [Reservoir Engineering Study Group](#) - and of course, our [general meeting](#), which is hosted at Colorado School of Mines this month.

Finally, you may have missed a recent mailing from SPEI. The current conditions of the industry may find some members without employment. It is important for SPE to be there for our members in good times and in bad. Those who are unemployed and unable to pay dues, can request a dues waiver by [emailing SPEI](#).

Regards,

Kelly Wilson

Newsletter Editor

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April 2, 2015

## General Meeting- CSM-DENVER JOINT SESSION

### Innovation and Progress in the Oil and Gas Industry

*Dr. Nathan Meehan, Senior Executive Advisor, Baker Hughes, Inc.*

📅 April 15, 2015 5:30-9pm 📍 [Friedhoff Hall, Colorado School of Mines](#)

[Dr. D. Nathan Meehan](#) serves as Senior Executive Advisor to Baker Hughes Incorporated and is President-elect of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Previously he was President of CMG Petroleum Consulting; Vice President of Engineering for Occidental Oil & Gas; and General Manager, Exploration & Production Services for Union Pacific Resources.



Dr. Meehan holds a BSc in Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, an MSc in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and a PhD in Petroleum Engineering from Stanford University. He served as Chairman of the Board of the CMG Reservoir Simulation Foundation and twice as a Director of the Computer Modelling Group, Ltd., as Director of Vanyoganefit Oil Company, Nizhnyvartosk, Russia, as Director of Pinnacle Technologies, Inc., as a Director of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and as a Director of JOA Oil & Gas BV. He is an SPE Distinguished Member and the recipient of SPE's Lester C. Uren Award for Distinguished Achievement in Petroleum Engineering, the Degolyer Distinguished Service Medal and the SPE Public Service Award. He serves on the boards of the Georgia Institute of Technology's Strategic Energy Institute and the Penn State and University of Texas petroleum

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engineering departments and is an advisory board member of Wearable Intelligence. He is an appointed member of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission and widely published author. Dr. Meehan is a licensed professional engineer in four states.

Registration required by April 10th.

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## Young Professionals

### A Review of the Governor's Task Force

*Alan Sanderson, Technology Manager, Tendeka*

April 8th, 2015 11:30-1pm [Sanjel's Office](#)

After months of discussion, interaction with local communities, and hard-thought analysis, the Governor's Oil & Gas Task Force has concluded their mission – sending along nine recommendations to the governor and state legislature for consideration and approval. The group, convened as part of a compromise to avoid fracking initiatives on the November 2014 ballot, was tasked with providing recommendations that address conflicts between industry and the greater public in Colorado with regards to oil and gas development.

The task force brought together professionals from various backgrounds – including industry, environmental, community, health, and law. We look forward to a review of the task force's work and a discussion on the future of industry and community relations, led by professionals closely involved in the process and / or implementing the recommendations:

- Amy Oliver Cooke, Executive Vice President, Energy Policy Center at the Independence Institute, and Weld County resident
- Brad Holly, Vice President – Rockies, Anadarko Petroleum Corp
- Steve Moreno, Weld County Commissioner at Large
- Kathleen Staks, Assistant Director of Energy, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

This Lunch & Learn session will be run in a panel format, with time available for Q&A. We thank these professionals in advance for their leadership of and participation in an engaging discussion!

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM** to ensure we order enough lunch.

Look forward to seeing you there!



### YP Happy Hour

April 8, 2015 4:30-6:30pm [Rock Bottom Brewery](#)

## 5th ANNUAL YP A-BASIN SKI TRIP

April 17, 2015

SPE-YP and Denver Geophysical Society are going skiing & snowboarding!

We will have a bus, 2 "beach" spots, drinks and enough food to feed a small village. Whether you plan to ski all day, only make a few runs, or just hang out on the Beach - all are welcome for this fun filled day.

Tickets are only \$25 and are sure to fill up fast.

## CSM SPE Clayshoot



Fri, Apr 24th, 12pm

[Kiowa Creek Sporting Club](#)

The Colorado School of Mines SPE Student Chapter is happy to announce the 2015 Clay Shoot taking place on April 24th! Participation includes lunch and one round of clays. Ammo and guns are not provided, but may be bought/rented from Kiowa Creek. Prizes will be handed out to high scorers on an individual and team basis.

[Registration is available online](#) on an individual or team basis. Teams are composed of four people with up to three professionals. The remaining team spot(s) will be filled by students.

Direct any questions to [Sara Heskin](#) or [Brian McDowell](#).

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## Reservoir Study Group

### Characterization of Wettability using NMR and Dielectric Logging, and Pore-Scale Imaging Techniques

Margaret Lessenger, Petrophysicist, [Newfield Exploration Company](#)

📅 April 23, 2015 📍 [Halliburton Offices- "Frac Room"](#)

[Margaret Lessenger](#) is a petrophysicist for Newfield Exploration Company in Denver. She has over 30 years of experience as a geophysicist, geologist and petrophysicist working in various basins in the Rockies, North Sea and Gulf of Mexico. She has worked for the Superior Oil Company, ARCO Oil and Gas, Platte River Associates, the Colorado School of Mines Department of Geology, and Williams Exploration prior to joining Newfield. Lessenger holds a BS in Geophysical Engineering, MS in Geophysics, and PhD in Geology from the Colorado School of Mines. She is a member of SPWLA, AAPG, and SPE.



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