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KGS Members,

We have a 92 year old Library and Society that has endured many economic swings in its history and over the years has turned into a well-respected and coveted library. But in difficult economic times, those in charge have a fiduciary duty to make hard decisions that are uncomfortable to some.

Below is what faced the Board for 2016.

In January the new Board received the report from the Manager showing an (-\$110,471) loss for 2015 to the KGS. \$159,129 of expenses was cut during 2015, but we also saw a reduction in sales of \$144,061. Even with that, KGS still lost (-\$110,471). All cuts enacted by the 2015 KGS Board and Manager had been made by October 2015. Most KGS Library membership renewals come in during January and February so the Board hoped that we won't see a continual reduction of memberships in the KGS and WDL as we did in 2015.



In March, the board reviewed several options requested by the Manager and determined that any reasonable increase in fees or membership dues would have a minimal impact on the finances. But the idea of raising prices was tabled and committee of the President and Treasurer were tasked to work with the Manager to find alternative measures to cut costs.

Paper library sales are averaging \$5,672 per month, down from the \$11,460 in 2015 and the \$22,245 average per month in 2014. The WDL download sales stand at \$2,465 per month, down from an average of \$6,200 per month in 2015. By April the Library Committee was instructed to come up with at least four proposals to help the library trim expenses.

By August, the Board acted on one of the options by the Library Committee, which was the elimination of the Managers position by December 31st. The KGS had a cash loss for the month for August at (-\$2,009) bringing the cash loss for the year at (-\$15,569). The KGS has lost money for the last 5 months in a row with an average monthly loss at (-\$15,401).

At the September Board Meeting, September's cash loss was (-\$13,803), bringing the yearly cash loss to (-\$29, 372). Mr. Joe Walsh, accountant from Nord & Walsh, P.A., presented a review of the 2015 Financial Statement. After yearend adjustments for various items, the audit reported that the KGS has a net loss of (-\$68,896). The large difference from the 2015 Managers Report was the result of how the payments made to the KGS Survey for our WDL software and upkeep were classified. We paid the Survey \$70,440 in 2015. Only 1/6 of that total payment, equaling \$11,741 was booked as an expense. The remaining \$58,699 will be amortized over the next 3 years. If the remaining \$58,699 would have been fully written off for 2015 and not amortized, it would have resulted in the KGS taking a cash loss of (-\$127,285), which more closely matches the 2015 yearend report presented to the Board in January. The KGS will now book, 1/3 of that of that 2015 payment to our 2016 KGS financials adding an additional loss of (-\$23,245) for this year. Our cash investments as of April of 2015 were \$1,127,571. As of October 2016 we have \$1,075,858 resulting in a reduction in of (-\$51,713). Our investments, so far, have help in taking bigger losses, but there is no guarantee that they will keep up with our current financial situation. By early October, the Library Committee and the Board had voted to eliminate the Managers position without delay.

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- For 2017, the remaining Board Members and Library Committee Members (which includes 4 Past KGS Presidents) will continue to assist the new Board on the running of the KGS Library and WDL for the time being, without a Manager.
- The Library Committee will assist any future Board on the hiring of a Manager, if the need arises.

One thing that will affect every Board from now on is our changing demographics. As of a December 2014 count, 632 KGS members, which is a staggering 85%, are 50 years old or older. Only 15% or 112 members are 49 years old or younger. In the ten years or more that we experienced high oil prices; we did not see a surge of young geologists entering the field to offset the aging of our membership. Kansas activity will remain low until the oil price recovers. That diminished activity will further discourage younger people from entering geology. The low price environment will cause a continued depletion of our cash. The costs to run and maintain the library will continue to fall on fewer members over time, greatly increasing the burden per member.

It was a difficult time being on the Board last year as President Elect and as President this year watching continued job losses, reduction of rig counts and declining revenues at the KGS Library. I take responsibility that nothing has been published in the KGS Bulletin this year concerning our losses. But decisions regarding about making changes continued to get postponed. We were hoping for some good news in reducing our expenses, working with our employees to accomplish those goals of a balanced budget and hopefully see some increases in revenue.

We as an organization had become a little complacent during our prosperous years, as most all of us were enjoying the fruits of our labors. But those times have changed. We as a Board and our employees are very dedicated to the long term financial health of the KGS and will continue to assist all of our members and to insure that the KGS Library and the WDL are always at the forefront of our industry.

Tim Hellman President-KGS

Memorial—Don Shawver



Donald Dean Shawver 83, of Wichita, KS, passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at his home surrounded by family. Don was born July 26, 1933, to Dwight Moody and Laura Jane (Mogg) Shawver of Augusta, KS. When he was 3 years old, the family moved to Wichita. He graduated from Wichita East High School and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at the University of Kansas. He graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geology at Wichita State University.

Don's lifelong career was in the oil and gas industry. He was active in the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, and served as past president of the Petroleum Club of Wichita. Don was a 50+ year member of the Kansas Geological Society and supporter of the Kansas Geological Foundation.

Don was married to Helen Joan Davis of Wichita on June 5, 1954. They celebrated 62 years of marriage this year. Don was preceded in death by his father and mother; brothers, Norman and Herschel Shawver; and sisters, Elda Shawver, and Dorothy Poe. He is survived by his wife, Helen; children, Matthew Shawver (Stacia Razook) of Wichita, Susan Shawver (Dale Wells) of Leon, KS, and Christopher Shawver (Connie) of Wichita; sister, Mildred Seely of Poulsbo, WA; brother-in-law, Bill Davis of San Diego, CA; grandchildren; Emily

Ingram (John), Joanna Eicher (Travis), Katherine Orr (Terry), and Jonathan Shawver; and several nieces and nephews. He was an avid golfer and outdoorsman with a big heart and wry sense of humor. Many thanks to his friends for their prayers and support though his illness, and to the staff members of Home Instead Assisted Living, Larksfield Place Rehabilitation and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice. Special thanks to caregiver Jean Welle. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, September 20, at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to <u>American Cancer Society</u>, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123-1718 and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS, 67202.





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Mike Kidwell



Education:

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Professional Experience:

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Professional Affiliations:

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Ken Dean

Education:

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Professional Experience:

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KGS Board and Committees:

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Ryan Dixon



Education:

B.S. Geology, Wichita State University, 2007

Professional Experience:

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Tom Dudgeon



Education:

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Exploration and Well Site Geologist Vincent Oil Corporation 2011-present

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The Carboniferous of Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas

(Submitted by Ernie Morrison)

The Third Biennial Field Conference for the AAPG Mid-Continent Section was held in Arkansas September 30th through October2, 2016. Wichita was well represented and had in attendance Meghan Curtis, Dan Fredlund, Kerry Parham, Jerry Honas, Beth Isern and Ernie Morrison. In addition to these industry people Doug Davis brought 10 students from Wichita State University. The conference was a sell out and had maximum attendance.

Jamie Woolsey was the General Chair and worked in conjunction with the University of Arkansas to put a twofold field trip: one was a Pennsylvanian trip and the other was a Mississippian trip. This allowed for smaller groups to see more outcrops. The field trips went all day on Saturday and one half day on Sunday. To show those persons that went on one trip or the other the field book manual consists of all field trip stops. To prepare for the field trips there was an overview of both trips by field trip leaders.

On Saturday night after the first day of the field trip there was a dinner and a presentation by Dr. Tom Paradise, a faculty member at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Paradise has worked on Petra for 25 years and in conjunction with PBS has a special: Petra: Lost City of Stone.





The Carboniferous of Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas Third Biennial Field Conference, AAPG Mid-Continent Section





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KGF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear KGF Member,

The encouraging trend in posted oil prices, along with NYMEX trading figures, indicate a modest recovery of the low oil prices we have received during the last two years. This is certainly helpful for everyone that is trying to maintain their oil exploration and operations during this period. I want to thank everyone for their continued financial support of the Kansas Geological Foundation during this difficult period. I also want to express my appreciation to the board members who have agreed to volunteer their time and talent to the foundation.

The Kansas Geological Foundation has awarded \$11,500.00 in scholarships to geology students enrolled at the Kansas universities that offer geologic instruction. A portion of these scholarships were underwritten with a \$4,500.00 donation that Ernie Morrison was able to obtain from the A.A.P.G. scholarship fund. There has been an additional \$1,406.80 awarded so far this year for geological educational grants.

Due to budget restrictions this year for the Kansas Geological Society, the foundation has resumed funding nearly all of the data integration into the Walters Digital Library. Progress is being made but there are tens of thousands of electric logs, and other material, that still need to integrated into the digital library. David Doyel has raised \$25,000.00 this year to fund this project. These five individuals or companies have each graciously donated \$5,000.00; David Doyel, Scott Robinson, Murfin Drilling Company, Inc., J. Fred Hambright, and Paragon Geophysical Services, Inc. Please thank each of these individuals for their generous support.

The KGF educational programs, scholarships to Kansas geology students, and the preservation of geologic data require a significant amount of financial resources each year. Therefore, in spite of the difficult period we have experienced recently, I ask for your continued support of the Kansas Geological Foundation. If a friend or colleague is not a member of the KGF, please ask them to join.

John Washburn

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Exploration Highlights

By John H. Morrison, III Independent Oil & Gas



Ritchie Exploration, Inc, Wichita (KS), has successfully completed two new wildcat discoveries in the State. The two wells were recently put on pump at undisclosed rates. First in Scott County, the #1 York 34-D was drilled to a total depth of 4,710 ft in the SE/4 of section 34- T17s- R32W, about two miles north and three miles east of Scott City. The well discovered new Marmaton oil reserves in the SE/4 of section 34-T17s-R32W. The new field is named Twin P.

In Lane County, Ritchie's #1 Anderson 32-B is producing crude oil from an undisclosed zone in the NW/4 of section 32- T19s- R30W. The remote wildcat well found new reserves over two miles from the Neufeld Field (1997) where the Marmaton formation is productive. The #1 Anderson 32-B was drilled to a total depth of 4,730 ft. The new Sutton Township Field is located about eight miles south and three miles west of the town of Amy.

L. D. Drilling, Inc., Great Bend (KS), is producing oil from the Lansing-Kansas City formation at their #1-27 Mauler Trust in the SW/4 of section 27- T18s- R14W, in Barton County. The new Mauler pool opener found new reserves nearly one mile from the Laud Southwest Field (2013), where Arbuckle oil is currently being produced. Total depth was reached at 3,620 ft. The new field lies approximately five miles southwest of the town of Hoisington.

H & D Exploration LLC, Hoisington (KS), has discovered new Mississippian oil reserves in Stafford County at their #1 Dozier in the NW/4 of section 21- T25s- R11W. The wildcat well found oil deposits over one mile east of known Arbuckle oil production in the Zink Field (2009). Operator drilled the well to a total depth of 4,200 ft. The new field Zink East Field is located nearly seven miles southeast of Stafford, Kansas.

American Warrior, Inc., Garden City (KS), reports a new oil discovery in Finney County. The #1-27 O'Brate - Beach found oil deposits in the Pawnee Limestone at site located over one mile south the Pierceville Township pool - a field American Warrior established in 2014 with the similar pay. The new Beach Northwest Field discovery well is situated in the NW/4 of section 27- T25s- R31W, about two miles southwest of the town of Pierceville. Total depth is 5,050 ft. American Warrior soon after completed their #1-22 O'Brate - Beach as a Fort Scott Limestone producer in the SW/4 of section 22- T25s- R31W to add a new pay source in the new pool.

Downing - Nelson Oil Company, Inc., Hays (KS), has discovered new oil reserves at the #1-5 Oelkers - Werth Unit in the NE/4 of section 5- T16s- R19W in Rush County. The wildcat well is producing crude from an undisclosed formation almost one mile west of multiple-zone oil production in the Zimm Field (1959). The new field is named Zimm Southwest. Discovery Drilling tools drilled the well to a total depth of 3,677 ft, about six miles northwest of Liebenthal, Kansas.

Abercrombie Energy, LLC, Wichita (KS), has established new Marmaton oil production at the #1-22 Christy Farms in the NE/4 of section 22- T16s- R32W in Scott County. The 4,800-ft deep wildcat well discovered the new reserves over two miles from Cherokee production in the Brown Cliff Field (2013). The new Christy Farms Field lies eleven miles northeast of Scott City, Kansas.

Red Oak Energy, Inc., Wichita (KS), has established the Stone Fox Field in Scott County with the completion of the #1-30 ST - SI Unit in the NW/4 of section 30- T17s- R33W. The wildcat well discovered Marmaton oil deposits at site located nearly two miles from the Isbel Northeast pool (2012), or six miles northeast of the town of Modoc, Kansas. Total depth of the well reached 4,929 ft.



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