

Date: 24 June 2011

Location: Houston (@ Shell Woodcreek Conference Center)

Present: Craig Shipp (Chair)	Shell	Earl Doyle (sec'y)	Consultant
Jack Templeton	Sage USA	Kerry Campbell	Fugro
Louis Long	Exxon-Mobil	Andrew Haigh	Gardline
Jan Van Smirren	Fugro	Zenon Medina-Cetina	Texas A&M
Kim Faulk	GEMS	Jim Collins	Marathon
Marcel Dieteren (AM)	RPS	Alan Foley (AM)	Benthic Geotech

Subject: SUT-OSIG (Houston) COMMITTEE MEETING

1	<p>Welcome, introductions, apologies</p> <p>Craig welcomed all to the meeting of the Houston chapter of OSIG. Apologies were received from the following members: Andy Hill, Anne Rutledge, Dave Driver, Dan McConnell, Mike Horsnell, Alan Young, Jodi Roberts and Mark Siegmund. Absent without apologies were: Rathindra Dutt and Jason Newlin</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Approved minutes of 14 April 2011</p>	
3	<p>Safety moment</p> <p>Craig S., our meeting venue host, talked about the facility safety.</p>	
4	<p>Membership</p> <p>Membership applications were discussed and voted upon by the members present. There not being a quorum (only 10 of the required 12 members were present), the election of Shawn Williamson, a geologist with BHPB, was postponed until the absent members could vote by email. (A subsequent email poll of absent members resulted in an additional four positive votes with no negative votes. Shawn was informed of his election.)</p>	
5	<p>SUT activities</p> <p>Toby Powell, UK OSIG Committee Chair, teleconferenced into our meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The OSIG UK meeting next Wednesday (June 29) in London, 2 1-day short courses on civil engr in the offshore O&G industry were held at universities, no Geoforum until Sept meeting, organizing the 2 day industry site characterization course in Paris (TOTAL) in October (60 – 70 delegates expected), b. OSIG-UK - March was last OSIG meeting, Next meeting at Imperial College, They are trying to bring more speakers to their meetings to generate more meeting attendance (The agenda includes an update on Eurocode standards and its effect by John Powell, Pat Power on top hole status) c. OSIG conference in 2012 – abstracts coming in, Don Murff is Bram McClelland 	

	<p>lecturer, flyer is on SUT Houston web site, proceedings options may include looking at Kindle to reduce paper, printing on demand and/or CD, past attendance has been 200 – 300</p> <p>d. Contacted by Perth to start an OSIG committee. There are 12 – 15 interested parties.</p>	
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6	<p>Report on status of all proposed short courses for 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Metocean Awareness course – Jan van Smirren <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Venue will be at MCSKenny on Park Row on 18-20 October 2011, speakers lined up, 15 -20 expected, use vouchers for lunch at cafeteria b) Introduction to Marine Archaeology course – Kim Faulk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Venue is Marathon (tentative) on 22 September 2011; Kim, Dan Warren (C&C) and Laura Landry (Landry & Assoc) are instructors in AM - marine archaeology in the O&G industry, case studies in afternoon by several (including biology), format to be finalized next month, max number is 30. Interest in TAMU for students for free. c) Site Characterization course – Craig Shipp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Venue Marathon (tentative) on 8-9 December 2011, email invite sent yesterday, TAMU course suggested 12- January 2012 for students (free), Earl talking to Bob Gilbert at UT - Zenon suggested inviting UT students also, subcommittee to convene in the next couple of weeks
7	<p>OSIG Committee elections</p> <p>Nomination and election for Secretary and Chairperson to be effective 1 January 2011. Earl was nominated for secretary. Zenon was nominated for chair. Since there was no quorum and only one nomination for each office, the election, per our Constitution, will be discussed at our October meeting. Also, nominations are hereby opened for a month period.</p>
8	<p>Learning luncheons (LL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) The last LL with Impact Weather was cancelled due to only one responder a week before, because the speaker gave a MTS lecture the previous week that probably drew away our potential attendees. However, the committee felt the plug was pulled too early. e) John Lienhard (UofH) - How failures happen and direct lecture to the offshore industry is being booked for 7 September 2011. Attendance is expected to be high since he is well know through his PBS radio broadcasts f) Possible for 29 November 2011 – Houston faults, impact of Macondo,
9	<p>Liaison reports with other industry bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) High-level summaries by assigned committee members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) AAPG (Craig) - The annual meeting in Houston in April was well attended. It included geohazard content. The best poster for 2011 was a geohazard poster quantifying shallow gas. Next year's meeting in Long Beach, CA

- ii) HGS (Kerry) – 7 July 2011 conference in Houston
- iii) SEG (Kerry) - September annual meeting in San Antonio, 2-5 October 2011 geopressure conference in Galveston.
- iv) MTS (Jim) - No MTS Houston Luncheons until September. The following conferences will be held this year:

TechSurge 2011: Oceans in Action

August 22-23, 2011

Biloxi, Mississippi

www.mtsociety.org/conferences/techsurge/oceansinaction.aspx

OCEANS'11 MTS/IEEE Kona

September 19–22, 2011

Kona, Hawaii

www.oceans11mtsieeeekona.org

Call for Abstracts

2011 Dynamic Positioning Conference

Celebrating 50 Years of DP!

October 11–12, 2011

Houston, Texas

www.dynamic-positioning.com

Underwater Intervention 2012

January 24–26, 2012

New Orleans, La.

Details to come.

Call for Papers is open:

contact Scott Bentley for information. scott.bentley@videoray.com

- v) API/ISO Earl - TP1 comments on the draft report on geotechnical investigations is now closed. TP2's next meeting on geophysical investigations will be held in Paris on September 15th
- vi) IAGC Kerry - They launched a "geophysical rocks" website. See <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/iagc-launches-geophysics-rocks-website-at-73rd-annual-eage-1517973.htm>
- vii) IODP Craig – The Chikyu lost a thruster during tsunami – 1 year to fix. The new program begins in 2013.
- viii) SEPM Craig – Special Publication sp96 is a new digital copy on mass transport deposits in deep Water.
- ix) Earl reported that a new book is soon to be published entitled **Deepwater Foundations and Pipeline Geomechanics** edited by William O. McCarron. See: <http://www.irosspub.com/Engine/Shopping/catalog.asp?store=&category=&itempage=&item=14224&itemonly=1>
- x) Craig reported that hydrate production tests were conducted in Japan & Korea.
- xi) Jack gave a summary presentation on geotechnical data for jack-up

10 Important dates for remainder of 2011

- a) Next scheduled OSIG Committee meetings and confirmed venues - Friday, 14 October 2011 @ Marathon
- b) First meeting next year will be 20 January 2012. Lewis is to check on Exxon-Mobil as the venue. The 13 April 2012 meeting will be at GEMS and hosted by Kim.
- c) Proposed OSIG Learning Luncheon dates at Norris Conference Center:
 - i. Wednesday, 7 September 2011 - John Lienhard U of H - How failures happen and direct lecture to the offshore industry
 - ii. Wednesday, 30 November 2011 (tentative) - TBA
 - iii. Summary of dates for all short courses -
 - Introduction to Marine Archaeology course - Thursday 22 September 2011
 - Metocean Awareness course - Tuesday-Thursday 18-20 October 2011
 - Site Characterization Course - Thursday-Friday 8-9 December 2011

11 Minutes prepared by:

Earl D. and Craig S.