

Heads Up! Changes at AAPG?

AAPG's Globalization plans under discussion – what might be involved?

The AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists) continues to expand its global reach, with international Regions (e.g. Africa Region, Europe Region, etc.) currently regarded as units roughly on a par with domestic Sections (e.g. Gulf Coast Section, otherwise known as the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies, or GCAGS). The AAPG is debating major changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to reflect the growing importance of its global nature. Some of the changes to the Corporate Structure which might or might not make their way into the amendments that will come before the membership for approval are potentially controversial.

Two possible changes which might be proposed that would engender debate are firstly to consider the domestic sections as making up a single Region comparable with the other international Regions, diluting the role of U.S. membership. The very name of the organization might also be under review, since the Association is no longer purely American.

We urge all AAPG members to go to the Association's web site at <http://discussion.aapg.org/corporatestructure/> and read the information currently available. Express your views to the local Delegates who represent each local society with AAPG. Note that no detailed proposal has yet been finalized, so this is the time for membership input.