

## MOU signed between SPGNA and GSH

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On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 SPGNA (North American Chapter of Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, <http://www.spgnorthamerica.org>) and GSH (Geophysical Society of Houston, <http://www.gshtx.org>) signed an MOU (memorandum of understanding) for collaboration to achieve objectives of both geophysical societies. The MOU was signed by the presidents of both societies during the SPGNA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting at the University of Houston campus (Pictures 1 and 2).



Picture 1: President of SPGNA (Dhananjay Kumar) on the left and president of GSH (Bob Wegner) on the right are signing MOU.

Both societies are non-profit organizations. GSH is a well recognized Geophysical Society in Houston and is registered under 501(C)(3) of the IRS tax codes. However, SPGNA is relatively new society of geophysicist of Indian origin and many of its members are young professionals and students based in USA. Majority of Houston based SPGNA members are also member of GSH. Both societies have similar goals and this MOU is a step to work together to further their combined goal. The purpose of this collaboration is to help each other in terms of education, research, publications, attendance at meetings/forums, increase scope of donations and advertisements.

GSH has appointed a representative (Dave Agarwal, a past president of GSH), with specific responsibility for SPGNA and opened a sub-account in bank under GSH administration designated to facilitate deposit and withdraw funds on behalf of SPGNA. All donations to SPGNA should be made out to Geophysical Society of Houston with a note “for SPGNA” to credit to SPGNA FUND under the memo.



Picture 2: President of GSH (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) attended SPGNA 2011 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting at the University of Houston campus. It is evident that SPGNA is a team of young geoscientists.

Both societies will encourage their members to become member of each other society, participate in technical meetings, publish articles in journals, advertise on web and respective Journals, and organize non-competing fund raising events. Under this MOU, neither party will have any technical/financial liability towards each other.

We are certain that the relationships between the two societies will strengthen with time and the membership will grow.