

SPGNA Meeting Minutes

Two informal networking events were organized during SEG Annual Meeting in Dallas. Members met for lunch on Tuesday (October 18, 2016) to discuss workings of the organization. This event was organized in the Dallas Convention Center itself which allowed many people to attend the meeting. The second event was a dinner meeting in Roti Grill on Wednesday (October 19, 2016). The combined participation of both meetings is shown in the table below. Neither event was sponsored by SPGNA. Members shared the cost of both lunch and dinner.

Aayush Garg	Ph.D. Student, TU Delft
Ajay Malkoti	Ph.D. Student, NGRI
Amit Padhi	Halliburton, Houston, Texas
Animesh Mandal	Faculty, IIT Kanpur
Debanjan Datta	Ph.D. Student, UT Austin
Hema Sharma	Ph.D. Student, Western U., Canada
Jyoti Behura	CEO, Seismic Science LLC.
Mahesh Kalita	Ph.D. Student, KAUST
Manika Prasad	Faculty, Colorado School of Mines
Mohit Ayani	Ph.D. Student, U. of Wyoming
Papia Nandi	Ph.D. Student, Rice U.
Partha Routh	ExxonMobil, Houston, Texas
Piyooosh Jaysaval	Postdoc Researcher, UT Austin
Reetam Biswas	Ph.D. Student, UT Austin
Sagnik Dasgupta	Schlumberger, Houston, Texas
Samarjit Chakraborty	BP, Houston, Texas
Subham Priyadarshi	Masters Student, ISM Dhanbad
Subhashis Mallick	Faculty, U. of Wyoming
Subrata Bhukta	Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait
Sumit Verma	Faculty, U. of Texas Permian Basin

Notable Aspects of the Meeting:

Nishank Saxena from Shell was awarded the Clarence Karcher award from SEG in recognition of his significant contribution in the field of Digital Rock Physics.

Agenda items (Lunch Meet)

The meeting kicked off with informal introductions of members with a description of current responsibilities in industry or academia. In order to keep track of multiple abstracts from members, it was proposed members report their accepted abstracts to SPGNA. Samarjit gave a brief overview of the finances of the organization and was optimistic about funding one or two students for the meeting next year. Finally, contributions from members were sought and willing donors were asked to deposit the amount to Samarjit.

Agenda items (Dinner Meet)

The dinner meeting was more informal than the lunch event where mostly the current status of the Oil and Gas industry and its future expectations were discussed in detail. It was a great opportunity for first time attendees to introduce themselves to other members in a much more relaxed setting. The members were made aware of a great amount of interest in Graduate studies in the United States from students pursuing Undergraduate studies in India. Several travel grant opportunities as well as collaboration opportunities between academia and industry were also discussed. Finally, the meeting was concluded with the hope that members would see each other as well as new members next year at SEG Annual Meeting in Houston.

