

Minutes of SPGNA 4Q 2014 Meeting at the SEG 2014 in Denver

About thirty members of the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists North America Chapter (SPGNA), met at an informal dinner meeting during the SEG Annual Conference in Denver on November 6, 2012. As always, the meeting was very vibrant and interactive. Student members, from India and USA universities, in attendance were predominant. List of the attendee are attached below. SPGNA sponsored an Indian cuisine dinner buffet for all the guests and attendees that resulted in an expenditure of ~\$..... Out of this amount, \$..... has been used from existing SPGNA funds, \$367.5 was obtained from contributions by members during the meeting.

The SPGNA fund now stands at \$..... out of which \$..... is with GSH and \$..... is with

Notable aspects of the meeting:

SPGNA Annual Awards

Sagnik Dasgupta from Schlumberger was awarded the SPGNA Annual Award for significant technical contributions to the field of Geophysics as an active member of the society. The award was presented by Shivaji Dasgupta at the meeting.

Ranjan Dash from Chevron was awarded the SPGNA Member of the year 2013 – 2014 for his selfless service to the society and his significant contributions to the objectives and well being of the society. Ranjan did not attend SEG 2014 and therefore could not receive his award at the meeting. His award was however, later given to him at the Annual SPGNA picnic later.

SPGNA Team selection for 2014 – 2016

Based on discussions and nominations earlier in the quarterly SPGNA meetings, the new proposed SPGNA team for 2014 – 2016 was announced. All the names were unanimously supported by the attending SPGNA members and the new board thereafter took office. The SPGNA web page lists the names of the new board members.

Meeting

Members, present at the SPGNA dinner, stressed on improvement of scenario of geosciences in India with involvement of students. Dr. Mrinal Sen suggested on registering SPGNA as non-profit organization. Members suggested more interaction within the group and with the students in India. A free website with basic geoscience problem and short article series was suggested to increase involvement of the students.

Everyone present at the meeting appreciated the SPGNA activities and decided to continue supporting those. The rest of the meeting was fairly laid back and attendees enjoyed a great Indian cuisine dinner buffet.

We look forward to a very productive and enjoyable SPGNA meeting at SEG-2015 in New Orleans.

Attendee

1. Samarjit Chakraborty
2. Satish Sinha
3. Sagnik Dasgupta
4. Satyam Priyadarshy
5. Paritosh Singh
6. Ashwani Dev
7. Ravi Sharma
8. Animesh Mandal
9. Akhilesh K. Verma
10. Nimisha Vedanti, NGRI, Hyderabad, India
11. Mrinal Sen
12. Shivaji Dasgupta
13. Amit Padhi
14. Subhashis Mallick
15. Debanjan Datta, UT Austin
16. Reetam Biswas, UT Austin
17. Dhananjay Kumar
18. Samik Sil
19. Prerna Singh
20. Dileep Tiwari
21. Sumit Verma, University of Oklahoma, Norman
22. Soumya Chandan Panda, ISM Dhanbad, India
23. Chandra Prakash Dubey, NGRI, Hyderabad, India
24. Palvesha Gahar, UET Lahore, Pakistan

New SPGNA team

President: [Abhijit Gangopadhyay](#)

Vice president: Samarjit Chakraborty

Secretary: Sagnik Dasgupta