

SPGNA 2018 Q3 Meeting Minutes

The Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, India (North American Chapter) 2018 Q3 meeting during SEG was held at the Anaheim Convention Center Food Court in Anaheim, California on October 16, 2018. Thanks to all of you who attended this event.

Special thanks to Sumit Verma and Priyank Jaiswal for managing the SPG-NA gathering at SEG-2018. Many of us were not able to attend SEG this year, but about 30 people attended this SPG-NA event.

This year SPG-NA announced travel grants for two students (Triveni Gogoi, ISM Dhanbad and Bappa Mukherjee, NGRI) from India (\$500 each) to help them present their paper at SEG. However due to visa and other issues, no one could attend SEG this year.

During our meetings we requested SPG-NA members to join GSH if they were not already a member and also participate in GSH activities. We thanked Dave Agarwal for his continued support. We also appreciated GSH efforts to manage SPG-NA funds.



Recognitions

- Dr. Mrinal Sen was recognized for receiving the Virgil Kauffman Gold Medal by SEG
- Priyank and Sumit for managing the SPGNA lunch in Anaheim during SEG-2018
- Imtiaz for volunteering to host Bappa Mukherjee from NGRI during SEG (Bappa could not attend SEG due to visa reasons)

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SPGNA has a scholarship fund to help Indian geophysics students and faculty members for their research, training and attending international conferences. We need financial support from members and patrons. We are requesting you to contribute generously.

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3. **Contribute by cash:** Please give your cash donation to any SPGNA team member and send an email to spgnam@gmail.com.

There is no annual membership fee for SPGNA. Thank you for your support.

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