

Message from the Canada Region President, 2015-2017:

Our industry has much to offer to society; however that message is not necessarily getting out because we as professionals have become isolated into our individual professional groupings: P.Eng, P.Geo, P.Geoph, P.Land Reps etc... The net result is that we chat about what we know best to an audience which hears best, in other words ourselves.

As President of the AAPG Canada Region, this concerns me. With strong support of AAPG HQ in Tulsa, we started a new quarterly series “**The Sundown Science Social**”. It aims at bringing together individuals (with varied fields of expertise) in a way that physically re-engages people across the numerous generations within our petroleum industry. The event consisted of 1 hour allocated to a technical presentation followed by a 1 hour social with lite supper fare in a setting more conducive to getting acquainted & networking.

The drivers here are multi-fold. However for one, I am personally concerned with the limited physical interaction of early, mid & late career participants which we see in Canada. It would seem that we, as an industry, have become distracted from our responsibility to grant base-line training to our younger replacements. If we don't do our part to offer good base-line technical knowhow, there may be some hard times ahead if informed risk-takers and operations staff are a thing of the past.

About the Sundown Science Social:

The inaugural event back on November 19th, 2015 in Calgary Alberta covered geodetic projections and was presented by local experts from Divestco.

At that time, we felt that any form of corporate sponsorship was virtually tapped out in the midst of a severe down-turn, layoffs etc... Our event was therefore fully funded by AAPG HQ & compensated somewhat by ticket sales.

This first event attracted over 50 paying registrants, (10 unfortunately got lost... due perhaps to technology meant to help). After the event, a Survey Monkey questionnaire was sent out to get direct feed-back from all who had registered, even the lost 10... Responses were very positive.

The next Sundown Science Social “Now that well placement is handled, what mineral rights do you need and how will you get them?”

Presenter Levonne Louie author of “Mineral Land Rights – What You need to Know”

March 30th, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Location: Ernst & Young Tower (+15 level)

440, 2nd Avenue S.W. Calgary, T2P 5E9

<http://www.aapg.org/global/events/sundown/details/>

Our objective is to be inclusive in an effort to “re-humanize” our industry, allowing seasoned individuals to share their wisdom with the next generation that will need to carry the torch whether it is fuelled by Natural Gas, Petrol, Gas Hydrates, Synthetic Crude or an alternate source.

Please join us in getting the right message out to colleagues, friends and any individuals curious to know more about the Oil& Gas Industry.

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