

SPWP News



This month's meeting will be held on November 14th, 2019 at the Norris Conference Center, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Please respond to the PunchBowl Invite letting us know if you will be joining us or not. Regrets and RSVPs should be sent to membership@spwp.com via email or the PunchBowl Invite. If you do not RSVP, we may not have the space to accommodate you. If you RSVP yes and do not attend, you will be charged the cost of the breakfast.

Reservations can be made by credit card (MasterCard, Visa or American Express) at the breakfast meeting or via PayPal on our Web site: www.spwp.org.

Please remember to turn cell phones off or to silent during meetings.



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello Ladies,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday celebrating with your family and friends.

Don't forget that this month is our members-only breakfast meeting. In addition to voting for the 2020 SPWP Board of Directors we will also be covering other SPWP business, including a year-in-review and a Treasurer's report. Our nominating committee has sent out absentee ballots for those unable to attend, so please be sure to cast your vote.

In other 2020 news, we are in need of a Co-Chair for our Scholarship Committee. Please let me know if you are interested. This is a great way to become more involved in SPWP and have an impact on our organization! We will be opening up our scholarship program for the next round of applicants in the near future.

Please remember to bring your donations for our chosen holiday charity to our November breakfast meeting. This year we are supporting **BEAR ... BE A Resource for CPS Kids**. The donation deadline is Friday, December 6th, which is before our December breakfast meeting, so if you can't make November please let me know and we can coordinate a drop-off.

Next month we'll be back to opening our doors to guests with our annual Christmas breakfast meeting, to be held on December 12th. This festive and much looked forward to event features games, prizes, and an ornament exchange – don't miss it!

As always, please connect with us on Facebook at the "Society of Professional Women in Petroleum, Houston" as well as on LinkedIn at "Society of Professional Women in Petroleum". This will help you stay updated on our upcoming events, and will also help to grow our social media presence in order to expose our organization to potential new members.

Sincerely,

Erin Stroud



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OCTOBER MINUTES

President Erin Stroud called the meeting to order at 7:42 am on October 10, 2019 at the Norris Conference Center. Erin welcomed all SPWP members.

Erin then introduced the 2019 Board of Directors.

Erin asked for a motion to approve the September 2019 minutes as written in the newsletter. Sherry Adams approved and Veronica Rhodes seconded. No one opposed, so the minutes were approved as written.

Erin turned the meeting over to 2nd Vice President Rhonda Bean to initiate this month's Table Talks.

Erin mentioned that Ingrid Cooper will be stepping into the Scholarship Committee role of 2nd Co-Chair.

Erin turned the meeting over to Sylvia Garcia to announce the 2020 SPWP Board Nominees. The members running are Erin Stroud for President, Audra Seanghok for 1st VP, Veronica Rhodes for 2nd VP, Brenda Myers for Treasurer, Suzanne Short for Member at Large, Suzette Olivan for Secretary, and Becky Lamson for Social and Development Director. Sylvia also announced the need for a 2nd Nominating Committee member to pass the ballots and count votes during the November Breakfast meeting; Sherry Adams volunteered.

Erin mentioned that our Christmas Charity this year will be BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids. Gina McGinn sent an email to the membership with information regarding the charity. All donations will need to be in by the November 14th Breakfast Meeting, or make arrangements with one of the Board members to turn them in before the December 6th deadline.

Erin mentioned we will have a social event on October 24th at Bingo in the Heights, everyone is encouraged to participate.

Erin wished a happy birthday to all members born in October

Erin wished a happy anniversary to all the members that joined SPWP in the month of October.

Erin turned the floor over to Lellany Conway who announced she was selling tickets to a raffle for the API Golf Tournament.

Erin asked guests to introduce themselves; there were five guests in attendance.

Erin reminded the organization that the next meeting will take place on November 14th, 2019 and reminded everyone to follow SPWP on social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette Olivan

NOVEMBER FEATURED MEMBER

Christine Vongxay

- 1 How did you get started in the Oil & Gas Industry?** *I knew that I always wanted to work in the sales industry. When an opportunity to work for Stellar Oilfield Rentals came, I couldn't refuse. They offered a great training program and I knew that this would be a great company to grow with.*
- 2 Area of Specialty (i.e. Sales, Engineering, Accounting, etc.)?** *Corporate Communication Sales*
- 3 When people come to you for help, what do they usually want help with?** *Guidance and honesty*
- 4 Most influential person in your career and why?** *My husband, Tony. Tony has always motivated and encouraged me to do my best in everything. Sales in Oil & Gas is about networking and the pipeline that you've created through the many years you have been involved in this industry. For me, with 2 months of experience and no prior network, this made it difficult for me to feel confident and to want to continue within my sales role. Every day he has continued to help challenge me to be more knowledgeable of the industry and to strive to move forward.*
- 5 Best career advice you've received?** *In sales, you'll get 99 "NOs" before 1 "YES". Let the "NOs" be your driving force that keeps you motivated, to get the 1 "YES".*
- 6 Were you born in Houston? If not, what brought you here?** *I was born in New Haven, CT. My parents moved down for work when I was 3 years old. I've practically been here all my life so I'd like to say I'm from Houston.*
- 7 Favorite place in the world?** *In the world?...Gosh, I have been fortunate enough to have seen quite a few beautiful places, but I may have to say Vietnam in its entirety. The country itself offers so much. It's just absolutely stunning.*
- 8 Favorite book or movie?** *The Millionaire Next Door by Thomas J Stanley, Ph. D. & William D Danko, Ph. D.*
- 9 What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue?** *I love dogs! I would love to open up a big foster home for abandoned dogs. I could drive around town, find and pick up strays and help care for them and eventually help them find their FURever home.*
- 10 How did you become involved with SPWP? ?** *I met a fellow SPWP member while attending an API meeting. Knowing that I was new to the Oil & Gas industry she introduced me to SPWP to help me network with other women in the industry.*



November 16 Sandra Mourton

November 23 Kara Ellis

November 23 Maria Marquez

SPWP ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPWP 2019 HOLIDAY CHARITY

SPWP members have selected BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids as the 2019 Holiday charity to sponsor. Please visit <https://bearesourcehouston.org/programs/bearing-gifts/> for a list of donation items SPWP will be collecting until Friday, December 6th.

NEW WEBSITE

Stay tuned for the official launch date of our new website at SPWP.org!

WE'RE MOVING...

Beginning in January 2020 we will be meeting at Norris Conference Center Westchase for our monthly breakfast meetings. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7am.

SCHOLARSHIP CO-CHAIR

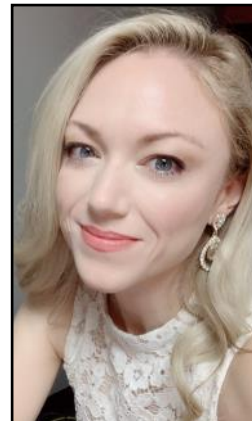
Kara Ellis has elected to take a step back from the 2020 Scholarship Committee. SPWP sincerely thanks her for her many years of service as co-chair. If you would like to fill this position please contact co-chair Ingrid Cooper or the SPWP Board of Directors for more information.

Welcome Aboard!
New Members



Name: Nikki Jones
Title: Managing Director
Company: Maersk Drilling
Sponsored By: Suzette Olivan
Committee Interests: Casino

Name: Jenny Wilson
Title: Marketing Coordinator
Company: Drilformance LLC
Sponsored By: Suzette Olivan
Committee Interests: Scholarship & Golf Tournament



SPWP SCOOP

So what is going on with you?



Brenda Myers has been promoted to Commercial Enablement Specialist for Canrig Drilling Technology, a division of Nabors.

Kathering Culbert exhibited at the AIChE Southwest Process Technology Conference in Sugar Land in October.



Renee Brown's grandson Reese Matthew Brown, was born October 31, 2019 weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz. and 17 in. long. Congratulations Nay Nay!



Suzanne Short hunted the Twisted Oak Ranch near Calvert, TX on November 8th. This Blackbuck Antelope buck is approximately 80lbs with 24" horns. Blackbuck antelope are native to India and were introduced in Texas almost 100 years ago.



Happy Membership Anniversary!

Lauren Brooks 13 years

2019 SPWP BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES



Our November breakfast meeting is a members only meeting, as we will vote on choosing a board of directors and any other SPWP business. Below are the by-laws for the Election of Officers.

Election of Officers

- (a) The nominating committee will be formed on or before the September meeting.
- (b) The nominating committee shall report to the Society at the October meeting their nominations for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large, and Social & Development Director.
- (c) Candidate for President shall have previous Board experience.
- (d) Elections will be held in November. Election of officers shall be by ballot and a majority of the ballots cast shall elect.
- (e) Ballots will be counted at the November meeting by the nominating committee, excluding any member who is running for office.
- (f) Absentee ballots must be requested in advance of the November meeting and returned prior to the meeting to the nominating committee.

PRESIDENT



Erin Stroud

Hello all! My name is Erin Stroud, and I am running for my second term as President of SPWP. I have been in the Oil & Gas Industry for over 13 years and have been the Manager of DistributionNOW's Proposals Team for 5 years. I also serve on the committee of my company's women's affinity group in addition to the PESA Engagement Committee and the PESA Inclusion & Diversity Business Champion Program Taskforce. I have been a member of SPWP since July 2015 and before serving as President, I held the position of First Vice President for 2 terms. It has been an absolute honor to represent SPWP these past 3 years and I would love the opportunity to continue to serve as your President in 2020. Thank you in advance!

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Audra Seanghok

I am proud to be running for the First Vice President for SPWP. I moved here to Houston in 2009 from Southern California. I started my career in the Oil & Gas industry in 2010 at Emerson Industrial Automation. In 2014, I joined TAM International in Purchasing, and just celebrated my fifth-year anniversary. I can definitely relate to the mission of SPWP. I worked myself through school and tried to utilize as many of these opportunities that were available to help as possible. I ended up graduating from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA with a Bachelor's Degree in Business (Cum Laude), an AA Degree in Liberal Arts, and an AS Degree in Business. Any assistance that we can provide for these young professional women coming into our industry and in the business world itself goes a long way!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT



Veronica Rhodes

As an active member of SPWP, I would be honored to be your Second Vice President. I became a member in early 2019 and have quickly become passionate about the organization. I have enjoyed getting to know several of the members throughout the year during our monthly meetings, assisting the scholarship committee during interviews, and volunteering at the AADE Golf Tournament. I am a Senior Energy Casualty Insurance Underwriter, specializing in the Oil and Gas Industry for Zurich North America, a position I have held since October 2010. In this role I have had the opportunity to visit numerous oil and gas facilities in Texas and other parts of the country to expand my knowledge of the industry. I have 20 plus years' experience in customizing complex insurance programs for some of the world's largest Oil and Gas Companies. Serving the community takes a priority in my life. Whether feeding hungry children at Kids' Meals or supporting healthy lifestyles at the American Heart Association, these are a few examples of how I contribute to others. I feel with my diverse background I can provide a different perspective of the Energy Industry and would be an immediate asset to SPWP!

TREASURER



Brenda Myers

Hello! I'm Brenda Myers and I am currently running for Treasurer. I grew up in California as a misplaced Texan and finally made Texas my home in 2012. I am third generation oil and gas, but proud to be the first woman from my family to work in the industry. I have worked at Canrig Drilling Technology for 11 years. I started as a district administrative assistant and recently was promoted to managing our inside sales department and sales team. In my free time I am either baking, fishing, hunting or hitting the beach in my Jeep with the dog. I have been a member of SPWP for a year and I am proud to be part of such a wonderful organization. I am excited to have an opportunity to serve as your Treasurer.

SECRETARY



Suzette Olivan

Hello Ladies! My name is Suzette Olivan, originally from New York, New York but raised in the great state of Texas! I am 100 % Hispanic, descending proudly from a Colombian mother and Mexican Father and oldest of 2 children. I graduated from Baylor University in 2007 with a Bachelors in Political Science and Minor in International Business. I started out in the Oil and Gas Industry in 2010 as a Training and Development Coordinator for Saxon Drilling and progressed in my career through different scopes within the HR function. I was introduced to SPWP through Gina McGinn, whom I met at OTC in May of 2018 and have to say, was very interested in checking it out. I felt so welcomed and connected to all the ladies at the breakfast meetings that I instantly wanted to join. By running for SPWP Secretary, I hope to continue contributing and building the legacy that you ladies have created so far; not to mention give a little back of the warm welcome I've received!

MEMBER AT LARGE



Suzanne Short

Hello, my name is Suzanne Short. I have been a member of SPWP since 2018. I was born in California but raised in Houston, TX. I attended Texas Tech University and graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering. I spent 10 years working for ConocoPhillips as a production engineer, solving mechanical problems in wellbores. My career allowed me to work in both Texas and Alaska. I then decided to pursue a Master of Business Administration from Texas Tech and graduated in 2018. I am now a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Cypress, TX. My hobbies include rifle hunting and outdoor pursuits such as backpacking. I am looking forward to continuing my role as Member At Large because I want to give back to this amazing organization.

SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Becky Lamson

Hello, I'm Becky Lamson and I am running for re-election as your current Social and Development Director. I have been with SPWP going on 4 years and thoroughly enjoy this group and the mission we have set out to do. I have served as Treasurer in the past, in addition to volunteering on past casino committees. With my marketing and advertising background, I would love to work to continue to make SPWP more visible to our Houston market and to ultimately raise more funds for our scholarship program. I am looking forward to serving for another year!



The **Society of Professional Women in Petroleum** was formed in early 1981 to support professional career women in the Petroleum Industry through networking, education and the distribution of technology and information. SPWP is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization.

All aspects of drilling and production operations are covered through topical monthly breakfast meetings and industry speakers and we constantly seek to further expand the knowledge of our members. We also feature professional development speakers and hold roundtable discussions on a rotating basis.

SPWP's membership consists of women who have active careers in the Oil & Gas Industry in fields including Engineering, Geology, Sales, Research, Finance, Law, Quality Assurance, Purchasing, Advertising and Marketing.

SPWP is dedicated to furthering the careers of women in the Oil & Gas Industry and as part of our mission, we have a merit-based scholarship program that provides financial assistance to female Houston-area high school seniors entering a Texas college. Our annual fundraisers on behalf of this program are made possible through the tremendous support of companies within the industry, as well as through the tireless dedication of our members.

Mission Statement

Supporting career women in the petroleum industry through technology and information.



December Breakfast Meeting 12/12
Christmas Party

January Breakfast Meeting 01/09
Lee Gilley with Docmo
Topic: "Productivity & Excel"

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