



Pursuant to its decision to divide its operations into two standalone companies, ConocoPhillips announced that its board of directors selected **Ryan M. Lance**, SPE, as chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of ConocoPhillips, the upstream company. His appointment will become effective at the completion of ConocoPhillips' repositioning transaction, expected in second-quarter 2012. Lance will continue in senior management roles until that time, while also directing transition plans, including appointment of his executive management teams. He is currently the company's senior vice president, exploration and production. A petroleum engineer, Lance has more than 26 years' oil and natural gas industry experience in senior management and technical positions with ConocoPhillips, predecessor Phillips Petroleum, and various divisions of ARCO. He serves on the board of directors for Spindletop International as well as on the Montana Tech Foundation's board and the University of Houston's energy advisory board. Lance earned a BS degree in petroleum engineering from Montana Tech in Butte in 1984.



Precision Drilling appointed **Kevin O. Meyers**, SPE, to its board of directors. He has more than 30 years' experience in the energy industry. Until his retirement from ConocoPhillips in 2010, he held many senior leadership positions—most recently, senior vice president exploration and production—Americas, for ConocoPhillips. Previously, he was president of ConocoPhillips Canada. He also served as president of ConocoPhillips Russia and Caspian Region. Meyers held several other leadership positions with ConocoPhillips and ARCO, where he was responsible for exploration and production operations in the Permian Basin and Alaska's West Sak, Kuparuk, and Prudhoe Bay fields. He has served on several boards, including LUKOIL, the board of regents for the University of Alaska, and the Nature Conservancy of Alaska. Meyers currently serves on the boards of Hornbeck Offshore Services, Denbury Natural Resources, the World Energy Council, the Houston Symphony, and the US Energy Association. He holds a doctorate in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from Capital University in Ohio.



Chesapeake Energy selected former Halliburton executive **Jerry L. Winchester**, SPE, to be the first CEO of Chesapeake Oilfield Services. He was CEO of Boots & Coots International Well Control for 13 years until it was acquired by Halliburton in 2010. Winchester spent 14 years at Halliburton before joining

Boots & Coots. He earned a BS degree in engineering from Oklahoma State University.



Stuart Wordsworth, SPE, general manager of InterAct, an Acteon company, was voted onto the board of Decom North Sea. His role will be to represent the specialist advisers, consultants, and project managers sector of the organization's membership. With 15 years' industry experience, Wordsworth spent the first 10 years gaining rig-based drilling and completions experience, working in the offshore UK and Dutch sectors, as well as onshore UK, North Africa, Middle East, and Russia. He followed this up with three years' supporting Southern North Sea (SNS) and East Irish Sea (EIS) offshore and UK land drilling operations before joining InterAct. He worked for M-I SWACO from 2001 to 2008 and Halliburton (Baroid) from 1996 to 2000. Wordsworth earned a BSc in geology at Royal Holloway College, University of London.

MEMBER DEATHS

- Edward C. Barfield**, Richmond, Texas
- W.W. Dollison**, Dallas, Texas
- James D. Elliott Jr.**, Houston, Texas
- Thomas M. Fearnelyhough**, Houston, Texas
- Arturo Guerra**, McAllen, Texas
- Grady L. Hillman**, Sugar Land, Texas
- Joe D. Kenworthy**, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Joseph J. Konicki**, Spring, Texas
- Tom L. Latimer**, Ignacio, Colorado
- E.G. Martin**, Irving, Texas
- John B. Maughan**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- H.L. McCracken**, Wichita Falls, Texas
- Robert P. Murray**, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- R.M. Robinson**, Katy, Texas
- Charles M. Simmons**, Fort Worth, Texas
- Charles C. Wright**, Tecate, California

CORRECTION

The company founded by Curtis H. Whitson, winner of the 2011 Anthony F. Lucas Technical Leadership Gold Medal, was misidentified in the October issue of *JPT*. The correct name of the company he founded in 1988 is PERA (Petroleum Engineering Reservoir Analysts).