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Stephen I. Chazen, SPE, was named president and chief financial officer of Occidental Petroleum. Before this appointment, he was executive vice president—Corporate Development for Occidental Petroleum. Before joining Occidental, Chazen was a managing director for Merrill Lynch.



Jolene Chipiuk, SPE, was named technical sales representative for Enventure Global Technology. She was previously in a business-development role for a major service provider in Calgary, specializing in prospecting and delivery of high-tech components for smart wells, reservoir monitoring, and fiber-optics systems. Chipiuk earned a BS degree in chemistry and physics from the University of Alberta.



Toni Loder, SPE, was named operations manager—Eastern Canada for BJ Process and Pipeline Services. She worked in a variety of engineering and operational roles in Alberta and Newfoundland, most notably as the cementing engineer on the Terra Nova project for Petro-Canada. Loder earned a BE degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland.



C.O. (Doc) Stokley, SPE, retired as vice president of TAM International. He worked in the industry for 42 years, the last 25 years at TAM. Stokley is the author of more than 20 patents and has written numerous technical articles for various oil and gas trade journals and professional societies. He earned a BS degree in electrical engineering from Tennessee Tech University.

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David W. Williams, SPE, was named chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and president of Noble Corporation. Before this appointment, he was senior vice president and chief operating officer of Noble. Williams earned a BBA degree in marketing from Texas A&M University.



Patrick Zuber, SPE, was named executive vice president, International Sales, of Superior Energy Services. He has held various international-business-development positions at major oilfield-service companies. Zuber earned a petroleum and natural gas engineering degree from Texas A&M University.

MEMBER DEATHS

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SPE NEWS

SPE Membership Reaches New Record

SPE professional and student membership reached a record total of 79,300 members worldwide in 2007, an 8% increase from the previous year. The number of members under age 35 increased as well.

Professional membership grew from 56,500 members in 2006 to 60,600 members in 2007. Student membership rose from 16,800 members in 2006 to 18,700 members in 2007.

The largest membership growth occurred in the Middle East region, including India, which increased 15%. The Northern Asia Pacific region, which includes China, increased 10% in membership. Since 2004, SPE membership has grown 23%.

SPE continues to show an increase in members under age 35. In 2007, 21% of SPE members were under age 35, up from 20% in 2006 and 14% in 2000. The average age of SPE members was 46 in 2007, compared with an average age of 47 in 2006.

SPE offers free membership to university students enrolled in petroleum engineering programs and related fields, and offers programs to help accelerate their transition into the industry. Chevron sponsors the SPE student membership program, and it is underwriting the university student annual membership dues for the next 2 years.