

# SPE President and Board Members Nominated

Alain Labastie, Engineering Adviser, EOR Technologies, Total, is the nominee for 2011 SPE President. He heads the slate of SPE members recommended by the society's Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors for SPE Board positions.

If elected, Labastie would take office as SPE President-Elect at the close of the society's 2009 Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE) in October. The other nominees, if elected, would begin 3-year terms as directors at the same time. Labastie would become 2011 SPE President at the close of ATCE in October 2010.

## 2011 SPE President



**Alain Labastie** is Engineering Adviser, EOR Technologies, for Total and is based in Pau, France. He began his career in 1976 at Elf and has held numerous positions in reservoir engineering, primarily in R&D and technology development. His positions have included R&D Program Manager, Head of R&D Operations, and Head of Advanced

Reservoir Techniques. Labastie also served in committees awarding public research funding for the French administration and the European Union.

Labastie served on the SPE Board as Director for the South, Central, and East Europe region and is a former Chairperson of the *JPT* Editorial Committee. He has been involved in numerous SPE committees, including the Distinguished Lecturers, ATCE, International Petroleum Technology Conference and Exhibition, Europec Technical, and Forum Series committees. Labastie also chaired the SPE France Section. He has also been an SPE representative for the Offshore Technology Conference. He earned an engineering degree from Ecole des Arts et Métiers and a petroleum engineering degree from Institut Français du Pétrole.

## Vice President Finance



**Kenneth Arnold** has more than 40 years of industry experience and was SPE's first Technical Director for Projects, Facilities, and Construction. After 16 years at Shell, he founded Paragon Engineering Services in 1980, which was purchased by AMEC in 2005. Arnold retired from AMEC in 2007 and is currently an independent

consultant providing project management, facilities engineering, and engineering management consulting to the oil and gas industry. He was appointed last year to fill the vacant SPE Vice President of Finance position.

Arnold is coauthor of two textbooks and more than 50 technical articles on project management and facilities design. He has twice been chosen as an SPE Distinguished Lecturer and is the editor of the *Facilities and Construction Engineering* volume of the *Petroleum Engineering Handbook*. He was named 2003 Houston Engineer of the Year by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and was elected to the US National Academy of Engineering in 2005.

Arnold has taught facilities engineering at the University of Houston and received SPE Honorary Membership in 2008. He was a recipient of the SPE Public Service Award in 2006, the SPE DeGolyer Distinguished Service Medal in 2007, and the SPE Production and Operations Award in 1998. Arnold has received an American Petroleum Institute citation for his work in promoting offshore safety. He is a registered professional engineer and serves on the advisory board of the engineering schools of Tulane University and Cornell University. Arnold is a member of the Board of the Center for Marine Compressed Natural Gas and a Trustee of Southwest Research Institute. He is on the Advisory Board of the Houston Community College Center for Energy Engineering and Science. Arnold is a member of the Marine Board of the National Research Council and the Board of the Academy of Medicine Engineering and Science of Texas. He earned a BCE degree from Cornell University and an MS degree in civil engineering from Tulane University.

## Director, Gulf Coast North America Region



**Sid Smith Jr.** is Senior Vice President, Strategic Sales and Marketing, National Oilwell Varco-Downhole/ReedHycalog. His work experience covers completions, artificial lift, well intervention, and drilling, including roles with global executive management responsibility for Camco International, Schlumberger, and Grant Prideco.

An SPE member since 1987, Smith has served in board-level positions for the London, Aberdeen, and Gulf Coast sections. In 2005, he was recognized as an SPE Distinguished Member. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in international marketing and management from Baylor University.

## Director, Western North America Region



**Amir M. Sam Sarem** is President and founder of Improved Petroleum Recovery Consultants (IPRC) in Yorba Linda, California. His previous work experience includes stints with Sinclair Research working on fluid flow and phase behavior research and technical service and Unocal Science and Technology working on EOR, reservoir stimulation and reservoir engineering research, management, and pilot field tests.

At IPRC, his consulting work includes enterprise risk management, drag reduction in pipeline flow, natural-gas engineering, and teaching workshops internationally. Sarem has given 45 presentations worldwide as an SPE Distinguished Lecturer on "Infill Drilling vs. EOR." He has authored more than 20 publications and has more than 30 petroleum-related patents. Sarem has BSPE and MSPE degrees from Tulsa University and a PhD degree in engineering science from Oklahoma University.

## Director, Middle East Region



**Hosnia Hashim** is Deputy Managing Director (North Kuwait) of Kuwait Oil Company (KOC). Her experience includes extensive contribution to upstream business with challenging managerial roles in variety of senior positions in KOC, ranging from reservoir management activities to numerous projects such as waterfloods, artificial lift strategy, and EOR. Hashim has performed numerous integrated reservoir simulation studies for key reservoirs in Kuwait, including the Greater Burgan. She played a pioneering role in commissioning waterflood expansions in north Kuwait.

Hashim is a Board Member for Petrochemical Industries Company & Kuwait Drilling, in addition to being a chairperson and a committee member at various SPE events. She earned a BS degree in chemical engineering from Kuwait University.

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## Director, Africa Region



**Alek Musa** is Deputy Managing Director and a board member of Total Upstream Companies in Nigeria. He began his career in 1979 with Schlumberger as a field engineer. In 1981, Musa joined Elf Petroleum Nigeria. His career includes positions in Nigeria and Europe with interests in integrated reservoir management and, in particular, reservoir character-

ization and modeling. Musa was Reservoir Engineering Manager during 1995–2001 and was General Manager, Geosciences and Reservoir Engineering during 2001–05. He was also Executive General Manager, Corporate Development and Services and has been a member of the Diversity Council of Total Group since 2006.

Musa became an SPE 25-Year Club member in 2006. From 2003–04, he was Council Chairperson, Nigerian Council of SPE, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Council of SPE, and volunteered as a member of the hosting committee of the 25-Year Club/Century Club of SPE. Musa was awarded Fellow of the Institute of Petroleum Studies, University of Port Harcourt. He is currently the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the institute. He was

also awarded the prestigious honorary membership of the National Association of Petroleum Explorationists in 2007 in recognition of his professional contributions and service to the Nigerian oil and gas industry. He is also a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Lagos and attended the Institut du Pétrole in Paris.

## How SPE Elects Its Presidents and Directors

The 27-member SPE Board of Directors is the policy-making body for the society and reflects its diversity both geographically and technically. Each year, the society seeks nominations from its members for the board positions of directors whose terms are expiring. Regional and Technical Nominating committees make recommendations to the society-level SPE Nominating Committee. That committee, chaired by the immediate SPE past president and comprising officers and directors whose terms are expiring, plus three at-large members, meets in January to make recommendations for the available positions to the SPE Board of Directors.

The board approved this year's slate of candidates at its March meeting in Doha. The SPE Constitution provides for nominees to stand as elected unless SPE members nominate additional candidates by 1 June. Additional nominations require a petition from at least 1% of SPE membership or, for regional director nominees, 1% of the region membership (with no more than 75% of the petitioners from any one section). The Constitution also specifies provisions for a ballot election if any qualified petitions are received by 1 June.

Members of this year's SPE Nominating Committee were Bill Cobb, Chairperson, 2008 SPE President, William M. Cobb & Associates; Ali Al-Hasan, Director, Middle East Region, Saudi Aramco; Susan Howes, Director, Gulf Coast North America Region, Chevron Global Upstream; Med Kamal, Director, Western North America Region, Chevron Energy Technology; George Koperna, Director, Northeastern North America Region, Advanced Resources International; James Pappas, Technical Director, Production and Operations, Devon Energy; Alberto Sampaio, Technical Director, Reservoir Description and Dynamics, Petrobras E&P; Eve Sprunt, 2006 SPE President, Chevron; Abdul-Jaleel Al-Khalifa, 2007 SPE President, Dragon Oil; Giovanni Paccaloni, Director, At-Large; Jose Luis Bashbush, Director, At-Large; and Faisal Al-Mahroos, Director, At-Large.

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### Technical Director, Production and Operations



**Ahmed Abou-Sayed** is President and founder of Advantek International, based in Houston, and Informateks International, based in Cairo. His experience includes development of best practices and consulting services in the areas of improved resource recovery (tight gas, waterflooding, and heavy oil) and management of associated streams (produced water, acid gas, drilling, and production wastes). He has worked as a consultant to the United Nations Technical Assistance Program in unconventional energy and has managed research projects for the US Department of Defense and the US Department of Energy.

Abou-Sayed holds six patents related to well-stimulation technology and waste management, and has coauthored more than 100 papers and technical publications. He earned a PhD degree in engineering mechanics from Brown University, a diploma in information technology from the Institut des Recherches D'Informatique et D'Automatique, France, and a BSc degree in mechanical engineering from Cairo University.

### Technical Director, Reservoir Description and Dynamics



**Gene Narahara** is a consultant reservoir engineer for Chevron Energy Technology based in Houston. He specializes in new deepwater developments and has worked on Agbami in Nigeria and Jack-St. Malo in the Gulf of Mexico. Narahara is also involved with deepwater research efforts through the DeepStar and Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America consortiums. His worked experience includes positions at Phillips Petroleum, Exxon Production Research, and ExxonMobil Upstream Research.

Narahara has been involved in numerous SPE committees, including the ATCE Program Committee, ATCE Emerging and Peripheral Technology Committee, ATCE Program Coordinating Committee, ATCE Gas Technology Committee, Publications Coordinating Committee, and the Reservoir Description and Dynamics Advisory Committee. He was recognized as an SPE Distinguished Member in 2005 and a 25-Year Club member in 2002. Narahara received Exxon's Distinguished Lecturer Award in 1998 and has coauthored many technical papers. In 2000, he served on the Industry Advisory Board of the Petroleum Engineering Department at Texas A&M University. He earned BS, MS, and PhD degrees in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University. **JPT**

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