



SPE Board Member Selected as Houston Area Engineer of the Year

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RICHARDSON, Texas, U.S.A. (5 January 2007) – James Pappas, a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers Board of Directors, has been selected as the 2007 Houston Area “Engineer of the Year.”

Pappas was selected by representatives of various Houston engineering organizations and will be honored in Houston on Friday, 23 February, during Engineers Week. He is being honored for his distinguished record of service to his profession, for his contributions to numerous technical and professional societies, and for long-standing involvement in civic and humanitarian activities.

In his current role as global technology coordinator for Devon Energy Corp., Pappas leads oil and gas exploration and production industry efforts to add emerging technological solutions to its toolkit. He also serves as a mentor through his leadership of Devon’s University of Texas at Austin recruiting relationship team and through development of a comprehensive engineering training and development program for newly hired engineers.

Pappas has been involved in SPE for more than 25 years and is currently SPE’s technical director for Production and Operations. He has served in numerous section capacities and on several section boards, including as Gulf Coast Section chairperson. He is a member of the SPE Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition program committee and the SPE Gulf Coast Section Publicity Committee. In 2005, he was awarded both the Gulf Coast Section Service Award and the SPE Gulf Coast Regional Service Award. He also serves on the Texas Society of Professional Engineers Board of Directors as the Professional in Industry Practice Committee Chair. In addition, he has served in various capacities on the Houston Area Engineers Week Committee.

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