

# SPE Board of Directors Meeting, January 2024



- Sharing highlights from the following board committees:
  1. Membership and Engagement
  2. Technical Content
  3. Finance
- Coordination meetings held for:
  1. Regional Directors
  2. Technical Directors
- Please send feedback to [president@spe.org](mailto:president@spe.org)



**Terry Palisch**  
2024 SPE President

# Membership & Engagement – January 2024



- Approved the recommendation for dues exceptions to be voted on via secret ballot for both the Board Committee on Membership and Engagement and the full Board.
- Approved the name change of the ‘Dar es Salam Section’ to the ‘Tanzania Section’ with the understanding that the SPE Board has the right to reverse the decision should the country’s situation change.
- Received a comprehensive overview of the 2023 membership demographics.
- Received updates on the name change of the Technical section "Unmanned Systems" to "Robotics and Autonomous Systems“, and the Management and Research & Development sections will be transitioned to the Data Science and Engineering Analytics (DSEA) Discipline.
- Discussion on key goals for 2024 and aligning chosen objectives with the current strategic plan. Focusing on four pre-selected items: Finding Regional Influencers, Increasing Membership, Encouraging Volunteerism, and Geographical Sections Objectives.



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# Technical Content – January 2024



- Approved changing the SPE Journal submission site from mandatory to optional ORCID IDs for all authors and co-authors.
- Approved sunsetting the Competency Management Tool in May 2024.
- Reviewed a rework of the Latin America and Caribbean Student Symposium Event Request.
- Reviewed the draft outline for a Member Focused ATCE.
- Reviewed and approved the committee charter.
- Established a workgroup to work with the PetroWiki Standing Committee.
- Received updates from the workgroup on “Best of the Best Papers;” on the G20 Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) Group; from the Geothermal Events and Activities (GEODE) Advisory Committee; about the process for the promotion of non-profit events on SPE Connect; and on adding a third day to the 2025 SPE Hydraulic Fracturing Technology Conference and Exhibition (HFTC).



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# Regional Directors – January 2024



- Staff presented details on the decision made for the Petrobowl final to return to a physical event. A full survey of students was carried out and the global majority are in favour.
- Discussion on how the North American virtual section will be transformed into a 'regional community' to promote virtual activities from all sections and hold virtual 'holiday' parties to engage remote members and those not affiliated to a section.
- Regional Directors voiced their opinions on the purpose and goals of geographical sections, to be fed into a larger discussion at the Board Committee on Membership and Engagement meeting.
- Each Regional Director had the opportunity to present their objectives and goals for the upcoming year.
- Staff provided details of the final numbers of sections and chapters established, disestablished and non-compliant in 2023, and how the numbers compared to 2022.



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# Technical Directors – January 2024



- Reviewed technical section activities, with emphasis on enhancing support and refining discipline assignments.
- Received new proposal updates in drilling technology through machine learning and AI, ongoing progress in reservoir disciplines, and introduced the AI4Energy workshop proposal.
- Discussed the SPE-ARMA Workshop on Subsurface Storage focus on knowledge exchange related to environmental concerns, emphasized the need for collaborative planning, and the formation of a dedicated committee.
- Reviewed upcoming tasks and meetings, underscoring the importance of global representation in Tech Talks and continuous development in technical sections.



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# Finance – January 2024



- Provided an update on SPE's investment portfolio through December 2023 of \$34.5 Million.
- Approved the structure of a new Variable Compensation Plan for SPE staff.
- Received an update on the SPE Richardson Building and the interest garnered through 2023. Citadel Partners continues to market the property to prospective clients.
- A closed-door session was conducted between the Board of Directors to review the initial pass at the FY2025/2026 budget proposals.



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