



Delta Section

# NEWSLETTER

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## LOCATIONS:

**North Shore:** Chevron  
100 Northpark Blvd  
Covington, LA 70433

**South Shore:** Holiday Inn Superdome  
330 Loyola Avenue  
New Orleans, LA

Registration: **Northshore - Free**  
**Southshore - \$25**

**Please remember:** All attendants must be pre-registered to attend the North Shore Live Telecast or the Southshore Live Presentation.

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Programs Chairperson 2018-19

# SPE April General Meeting and Luncheon

**Monday • April 15, 2019**  
**11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Speaker Presentation will begin approximately 11:40 am  
Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome • 330 Loyola Ave • New Orleans, LA

**Distinguished Lecturer 2018-19 Lecture Season**

1 PDH will be provided

## Resilient Projects are the Best Solution To An Uncertain World

**Chris Hopper**

Moving Future



## Abstract

A lot of effort is routinely put into defining a project, yet unforeseen events still cause projects to fail. An alternate approach is proposed, where projects are designed to be resilient and able to accommodate the inevitable changes that always occur when a project is executed.

Uncertainties and risks can often be identified, but are not easily quantified. A resilient project is designed to deal with these risks, even if their outcome is unknown. This is achieved by stress testing a project to establish its resilience and by putting as much effort into capturing upside opportunities as mitigating risks. The resulting projects can accommodate a range of outcomes and often solve technical problems with commercial solutions.

Examples are given of four North Sea projects that were brought to sanction using an iterative process that combines strategic, technical and business components into a single holistic solution. This Discovery Driven process has a lot of similarities to Agile Project Management that is extensively applied in other industries.

The one idea that I would like members to take away from this lecture is that the industry needs to improve its success ratio on major projects and that the key to achieving this is to embrace uncertainty rather than fight it. Making these changes will require a change in mind set as much as a change in process, which will not be easy, but is inevitable.

## Biography

**Chris Hopper** has spent the last 30 years creating field development plans around the world and bringing them on stream using highly creative and sometimes unorthodox business strategies. These projects include the Strathspey, Captain, Galley and Kraken fields in the North Sea and the Gorgon, Karachaganak and Agbami fields internationally.

These projects were often difficult to commercialize and so required a different approach. To achieve this, he combined his experience in the design and project management of major projects with an understanding of the inherent commercial and strategic complexities to produce development plans that were subsequently brought to sanction.

He has a BSc and PhD in Civil Engineering and while working for Britoil, was seconded to Conoco to be a member of the team that developed the world first TLP for the Hutton Field. He subsequently worked for Texaco both in the UK and internationally.

Chris Hopper is currently Managing Director of Moving Future Ltd, an independent consultancy providing field development services to the upstream industry.



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## Delta Section

### *Our Mission*

*To collect, disseminate, and exchange technical knowledge concerning the exploration, development and production of oil and gas resources and related technologies for the public benefit; and to provide opportunities for professionals to enhance their technical and professional competence.*



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# SPE-Delta Membership Report

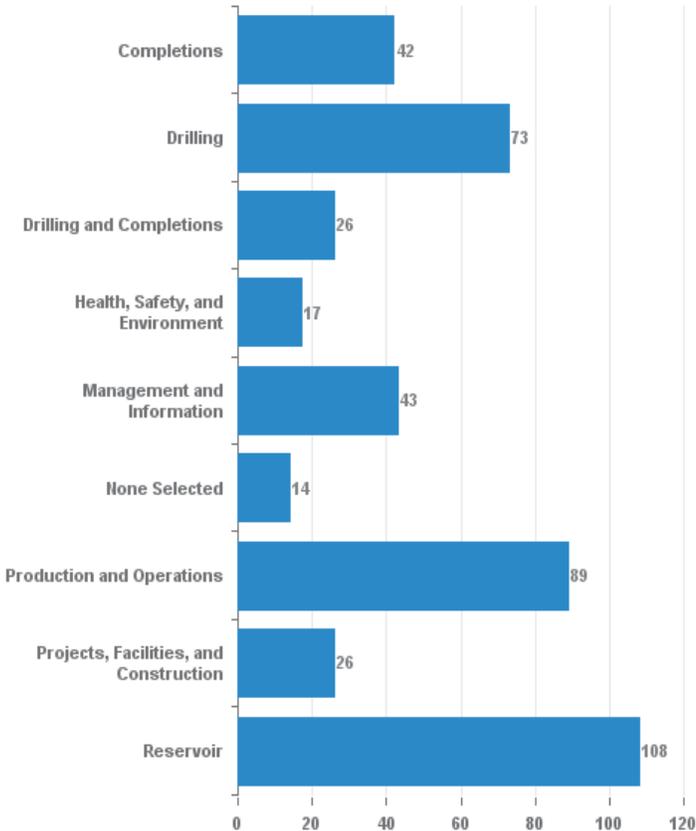
Submitted by Ryan Adams (Membership Chairperson)

As of March 2019

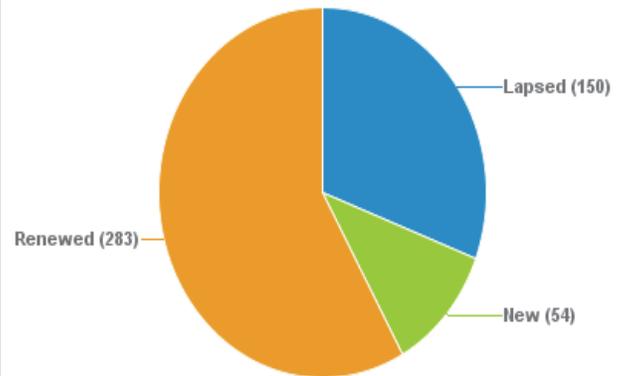


Total Full Members	746
New Members	7
Unpaid Members	308
Total Student Members	487

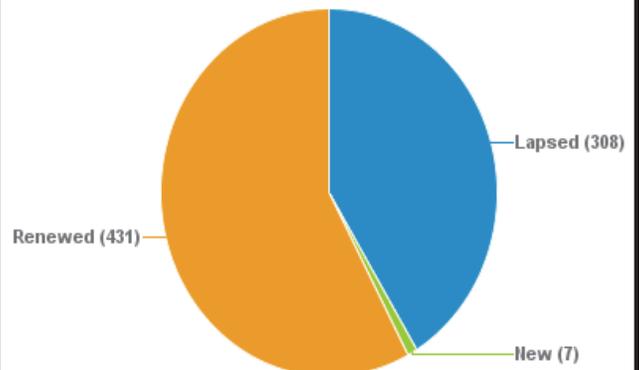
Current Professional Members by Technical Discipline



Student Membership



Professional Membership





## FROM THE CO-CHAIR ANGIE D. GOBERT

Happy Spring SPE Delta Section!

As we transition into longer days and more pleasant weather, we can all lean into what awaits us with eagerness and fortitude. One never knows what the future holds but we all have a choice in how we view and respond to whatever we face. And, with that Spring promises new challenges, new beginnings, and new adventures.

Around the Delta Section, we have plenty in store to partake of that can be “all that.” For starters, our Annual Golf Tournament will be held on April 5, 2019! It will be held at Carter Plantation in Springfield, LA starting at 8 AM. To no surprise, we have advertised this event in our previous newsletters, but if you haven’t had time to sign up, now is the time. As many of you know, our goal is to raise \$50,000 and once again support Energy and Engineering Education at the following universities: LSU, NSU, UNO, LA Tech, MSU, ULL, and FSU/FLA&M. We also partially fund our Delta Section application scholarship program which recently is currently underway. Breakfast before and lunch after the 18 hole four person scramble, will be served. Register to play, support via sponsorship or do both! We welcome your participation and support!

If any of you are interested in participating on our scholarship committee, please contact our academic scholarship chair, Jaime Villatoro via Daniel Durey or myself. We will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to high school students and \$1,400 scholarships to undergraduate students who are pursuing a degree in the oil and gas industry.

Daniel and I would also like to invite you to attend our next General Meeting in April. We will be hosting Mr. Chris Hopper who is an SPE Distinguished Lecturer. The title of his presentation is “Resilient Projects are the Best Solution to an Uncertain World” with a focus on safety which is of the utmost in our industry. More information regarding this excellent event on the front page of the newsletter.

Meanwhile, our student chapters have been busy preparing and submitting their 2019 Student Chapter Annual Reports. We sponsor LSU, NSU and FSU/FL A&M SPE student chapters. If you are interested

in helping support our sponsorship, please contact Caitlin Papsos via Daniel Durey or myself.

I would like to spark your interest in becoming a mentor through SPE’s eMentoring Program. Our industry has many newcomers, i.e., Young Professionals and there are many of us nearing the end of our careers. Taking time to mentor and pass on extremely valuable oil and gas knowledge in our section is certainly a necessity in paving the way to sustainability of our industry in our area.

Michael Waguespack, our program chair has been in communication with SPE International’s Environmental community under the leadership of Ms. Sue Staley. This is the perfect time to connect if interested in this area. Please reach out to either Sue or Michael if you are interested in this endeavor. Get involved through SPE Connect. We have so many avenues through SPE Connect; and in connecting there are so many benefits and adventures that await you as an SPE member.

The Gulf of Mexico’s Deepwater Technical Symposium committee meetings are underway as well. If you are thinking about getting involved, you are sure to be welcomed by Ms. Sue Barth, the Chair. If you need her contact information, please contact Daniel or me.

Our Board goals include being of service to you, adding value to your membership and professional career through our programs, engaging and challenging you via the variety of events slated and seeking your input so that we can accomplish our goals. We look forward to meeting you, hearing from you, and to your involvement in Delta Section.

In closing, I wish you all good health, safety, and a very pleasant Spring!

All the best,

**Angie D. Gobert**  
**2018-2019 SPE Delta Section Co-Chair**

# SPE: ON THE HORIZON

## APRIL

Apr 5.....SPE Annual Golf Tournament • Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.  
 Carter Plantation • Springfield, Louisiana  
 For more info, see below and pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

## DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS SCHEDULE

Apr 15, 2019.....SPE Delta Distinguished Lecturer Chris Hopper • 11:00 am  
 "Resilient Projects are the Best Solution to an Uncertain World"

Jun 10, 2019 .....SPE Delta Distinguished Lecturer Martin Rylance • 11:00 am  
 "The 'Fracts' of Life (Common Failure Mechanisms Associated with Fracturing)"

### April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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### May 2019

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## SPE-DELTA 2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT • APRIL 5, 2019

The SPE Delta Section is pleased to announce that our annual golf tournament will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 8 am at Carter Plantation located in Springfield, Louisiana.

The goal for the tournament this year is to raise \$50,000 and once again support Energy and Engineering Education at the local universities below. The remainder of the funds goes toward the SPE Delta Section application scholarship program which was fully funded last year.

Louisiana State University  
 University of New Orleans  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 Florida State University / Florida A&M University

Nicholls State University  
 University of Louisiana-Lafayette  
 Mississippi State University

The tournament will be a single 18-hole round, four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Breakfast will be served before the round. Drink carts and tents will be used to supply beverages to the players throughout the round. Lunch will be served following the round.

There are three ways to help support the tournament this year:

1. Register to play in the tournament – [Team Registration](#)
2. Support via sponsorship – [Sponsorship Registration](#)
3. Do Both!

If you would like any additional information please contact one of the following committee members:

Jerry Simms  
 Matt Wandstrat

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**2019 SPE DELTA SECTION Golf Tournament**  
**"Come Support Energy and Engineering Education!"**  
**Friday, April 5, 2019 - Carter Plantation**  
**Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM**  
**Format: 4-Person Scramble**

**\$175.00 Per Player Fee - Includes Cart & Green Fees,  
 Food & Drinks Before, After, and on Course, and 2 Mulligans**

NOTE: NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE UNTIL PAYMENT IN FULL IS RECEIVED  
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GOLF CART 1				GOLF CART 2			
CAPTAIN NAME				NAME			
COMPANY				COMPANY			
ADDRESS				ADDRESS			
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<b>TOTAL SUBMITTED:</b>	<b>\$700</b>
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**Three Methods of Payment Are Available: Online (Credit Card or PayPal), Check, or Credit Card**

**\* Preferred method via this link:** [SPE Team Registration](#)

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# Core Element STEM Day with the Baby Cakes



**NEW ORLEANS  
BABY CAKES.**



## Core Element STEM day with the Baby cakes



**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

**Exhibitors:**

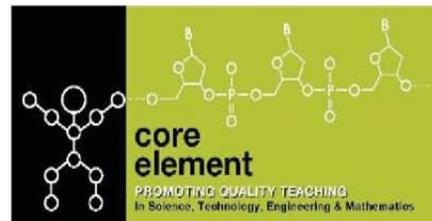
**Set up: 7:30 am to 8:45 am**

**Exhibit Hours: 9 am to 2:30 pm**

**Students arrive promptly at 9 am**

The attendees will visit your booths before and  
Through-out the game.

Baby Cake Game hours: First pitch: 11 am to 3 pm



### Exhibitor Contact Sheet and Exhibit Information

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/Topic: (e.g.: Electricity, Plant Sciences, Coding, STEM Careers, Energy, Chemistry, Engineering, etc.)

Activity planned: (Please give specifics)

Indicate Targeted Grade-level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of chairs needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed: Y N

Volunteers needed: Y N How many: \_\_\_\_\_

Loading/Unloading: Y N Set-up: Y N Activity at booth: Y N How many: \_\_\_\_\_

Other volunteer need: Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify if location under cover inside or outside is needed and why: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be assisting your exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other team members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Time needed to set-up exhibit and activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs or consideration for your exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

# APRIL.6.2019

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



# SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

DINOSAURS, EARTHQUAKES & OIL



**BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

**The Louisiana Children's Museum  
The New Orleans Geological Society  
The Southeastern Geophysical Society**

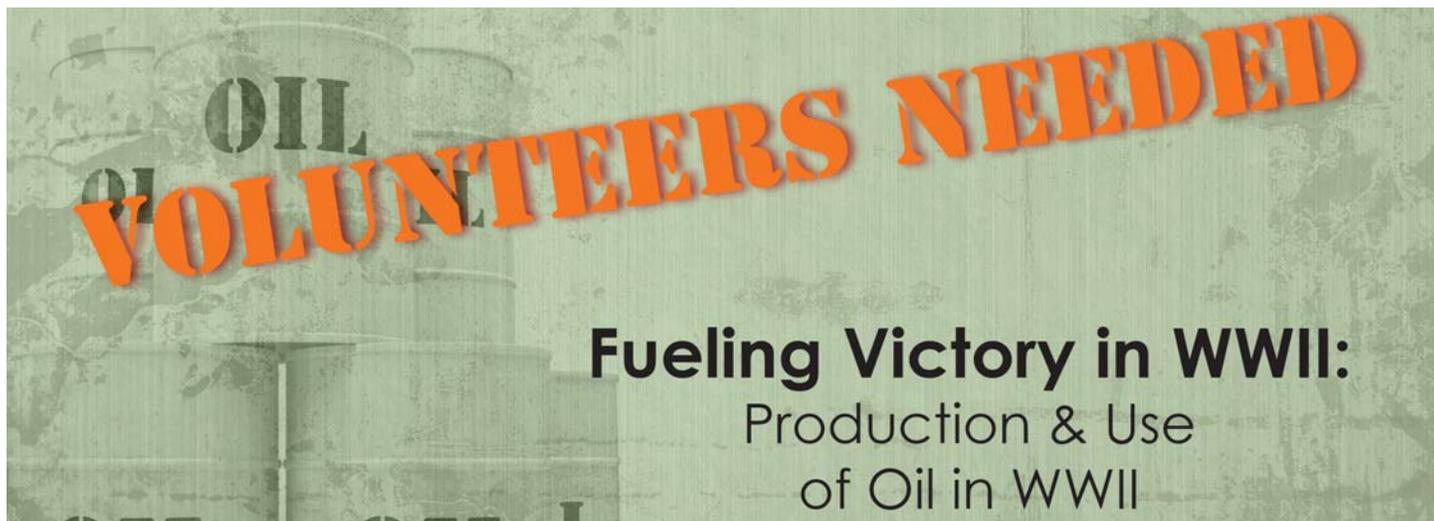
To volunteer, contact Tom Bergeon at [tom.bergeon@upstreamexp.com](mailto:tom.bergeon@upstreamexp.com)

# SPE/NOGS MARCH LUNCHEON

*Energy Development on Outer Continental Shelf - Challenges and Opportunities*

**Keith Couvillion • Chevron USA, Inc.**





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The National WWII Museum in New Orleans is a remarkable place. It contains snippets of oil's role in winning the war, but not much of that story.

Armies, navies, air forces consume vast quantities of resources. Oil - lots of it - was required to make the victory possible.

SPE Delta is launching a study to develop the story of fuel, oil in particular, in winning WWII.

We are looking for volunteers willing to dive-in and research this piece of history to tell the story of how much was needed, where it came from, how it was found, produced, refined,

conserved, transported, and fought over, how it affected military strategy and about the people who made it all happen.

We hope that eventually the story we develop will be presented in the National WWII Museum.

This is likely to be a multi-year effort. Our first goal will likely to be development of a short documentary video.

**If you would like to be involved, please contact Daniel Durey at [daniel.durey@shell.com](mailto:daniel.durey@shell.com)**

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**Overview**

Stay updated on the latest SPE-DS events and grow your industry network by clicking the "Follow" button above. The SPE-DS provides events, majority of them in-person.

SPE-DS is committed to actively supporting its student chapters: Louisiana State University, Nicholls State University, and Florida State University

The Society of Petroleum Engineers is the largest individual-member organization serving managers, engineers, scientists and other professionals worldwide in the upstream segment of the oil and gas industry. We offer a unique opportunity to contribute to the profession through our programs and activities and many of our accomplishments are driven by our dedicated members.

**Website** <https://connect.spe.org/delta/home>

**Industry** Oil & Energy

**Company size** 11-50 employees

**Headquarters** New Orleans, Louisiana

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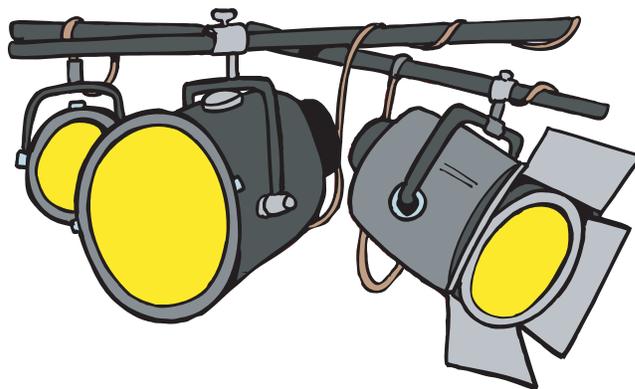
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**Featured Groups**

- Society of Petroleum Engineers - Young Professiona...**  
17 members
- SPE Delta Section**  
146 members



**Delta Section**



## Spotlight on Young Professionals

Do you know a young professional who deserves to be put in the Spotlight? If so, suggest them (or yourself) to be featured in the “Spotlight on Young Professionals.” Help us identify worthy young professionals by submitting your story today for a chance to be featured in The Way Ahead™.

*Learn more at <http://www.spe.org/members/yps.php>*



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## Become a Mentor through SPE’s eMentoring Program

eMentoring gives SPE members a way to contribute to the E&P industry by sharing industry insights and practical career advice with young professionals, or by helping university students with academic and career direction. Young professionals also have the unique opportunity to serve as mentors to students.

Join the program today by going to <http://www.spe.org/ementoring/>

## Dues Waiver

SPE offers a dues waiver for renewing members who have lost their jobs due to the industry downturn and other circumstances. To qualify, submit a written request by either postal mail or email to [service@spe.org](mailto:service@spe.org).

## Out of Work?

Check out the Members in Transition Toolkit at <http://www.spe.org/members/transition/>. Learn how to optimize your job search, develop your network, enhance your skills, and thrive in a downturn.