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Alicia Hawkings (EnCana Corp.)  
 Richard Todd (Halliburton  
 Energy Services)

In addition, Susan Farkas (Edison Electric Institute), Cliff Johnson (Hart Energy Publishing), and Edna Paulson (ASRC Aerospace Corp.) have offered to assist Marlene Vogelsang with the planning for DPER’s Anniversary Reception at the SLA Conference in Baltimore.

A heartfelt “thank you” to all the volunteers. Your participation is vital to rebuild the PER Division. For those of you still considering volunteering, we would very much appreciate your assistance. We still need volunteers for the Nominating Committee, the Awards Committee and the Anniversary Reception planning. Please contact me at [DLBishop@MarathonOil.com](mailto:DLBishop@MarathonOil.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Your Executive Board is continuing to work on programming for the SLA Conference in Baltimore. Speakers for the Energy Resources Roundtable include Yvonne Curry from Praxair who will be discussing key resources in the industrial gases industry and our own Gina Williamson (ExxonMobil Chemical) who will discuss resources related to visualization tools. We are in

## Letter from the Chair

By Daran Bishop

We asked, you responded! We received an outstanding response to our Letter to the Membership asking for volunteers. Please join me in welcoming the following new DPER Officers and Committee Chairs:

- Chair-Elect: Gilberto Morales (Baker Hughes)
- Bylaws Chair: Tora Williamsen-Berry (Chevron)
- Government Relations Chair: Camilla Walker (Gustavson Associates)
- Membership Chair: Connie Bihon (Halliburton Energy Services)
- Nominating Committee:

the process of obtaining a speaker to discuss resources related to the Energy Policy Act. Please plan on attending what looks to be an entertaining and informative discussion.

Daran Bishop  
Chair, SLA PER Division

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## Meet the Leadership – PER Chair Elect

By Gilberto Morales

Hello / Hola Everyone. This is Gilberto Morales your PER Chair-Elect for 2006. As Chair-Elect I am responsible for assisting the Chair in the performance of assigned duties, participating in SLA Conference Planning, and learning as much as possible about the operation of the Division. I have been a member of the DPER since 1997 when I started working with Baker Atlas (formerly Western Atlas) which merged with Baker Hughes in 1998.

I am a University of Arizona – Graduate Library Institute for Speaking Americans (1980 GLISA IV) alumni (1980, Outreach Librarianship mayor). I consider myself “a librarian destined to cope with change”, since I experienced a high degree of social mobility since early age. I am originally from Puerto Rico and attended schools in both New York and Puerto Rico. I enlisted in the Air Force in 1973 and was stationed in Hawaii and the Philippines. I have moved quite a bit since marrying Sonia in 1976 (Puerto Rico, New York, Arizona, and Texas). I live in Katy, Texas with my wife Sonia, daughter Amarilys, son Gilberto G., and granddaughter Alyssa, since moving to Houston in 1996. Thus, I consider myself to be an adopted Texan.

I have been in charge of the Baker Hughes – Houston Technology Center – Technical Library since 1997. Before working for Baker Hughes I occupied the positions of Library Director - Inter American University of Puerto Rico – Guayama Campus (1980-1984, 1986–1996); Information Specialist – Puerto

Rican Cultural Heritage House, New York, (1984-1986), and Information Resources Specialist - Houston Independent School District (1996-1997). All three positions gave me the opportunity to enhance my “coping with change” skills. During my work experience I have been involved in redesigning of library functions and activities, library automation, and implementation and development of both digital collections and electronic document management systems. During the last five years I have been highly involved with document imaging.

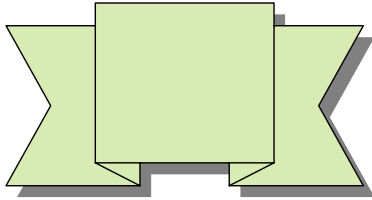
My family and I attend Second Baptist Church – West Campus in Katy. I am a die-hard baseball fan, keeping track of the Houston ASTROS’ home and away games, and all Major League Baseball standings. As a hobby, I enjoy scriptural letter embossing and framing. I also enjoy working on my home remodeling project.

## **Meet the Membership - PER Member Profile**

Name: Alicia Hawkings  
Company: EnCana Corp.  
Position: Information Analyst  
Years with Company: 7

1. What do you like most about your job? The hunt, trying to find the information or answer a person needs.
2. How do you describe your job to others? I perform searches for papers or information that our clients need to make decisions.
3. What is the one resource you use in your job that you could not live without? My computer.
4. What is your proudest personal accomplishment? My family.
5. What career, other than your present one, would you most like to have? I think I would enjoy working in a museum.
6. What career would you least like to have? Anything that would involve cleaning up after other people. I have a hard enough time getting motivated to do that at home!
7. What do you look forward to doing most on weekends? Spending time with my family. Playing games, watching movies, or going to hockey games.
8. What is your favorite guilty pleasure? Chocolate.
9. What is the most interesting item in your office? My picture of Orlando Bloom.
10. What is your favorite technological invention? The airplane.
11. What are you currently reading? Princes of Ireland by Edward Rutherford.
12. What is your dream vacation? A Mediterranean cruise.
13. What do you look forward to doing when you retire? Traveling.

14. What is your favorite quote?  
Everyone prefers other person's things to his own. Publilius Syrus



## **Awards Committee Notes**

By Gina Williamson

As Awards Chair for PER Division, I would like to put out a call to the membership for Awards Committee volunteers.

Jan Heagy, my first volunteer for the committee (!), has been working with me to look at Awards Committee activity in the past. Two awards will be presented at the Annual Business meeting: the Student Stipend Award and the Special Achievement Award. Anyone interested in volunteering for this committee would work with Jan and me to solicit candidates for the two awards and consider appropriate recognition.

### **Student Stipend Award**

The Student Stipend Award is given to a student enrolled in a graduate library or information science program who is attending the SLA Annual Conference for the first time and who is not a recipient of awards from any other chapter or division. The stipend is \$500 plus tickets for all PER events. Typically, the award is publicized by sending fliers to all student chapter advisors listed in the SLA Directory and advertised in SLA newsletters for students.

### **Achievement Award**

The Achievement Award is given to a current or past member of PER Division who has made a substantial achievement of significant importance to the Division. The following types of activities would be considered:

- Outstanding contributions in a variety of roles over a period of years exemplifying leadership and participation as well as ensuring the continuing success of the PER Division
- Outstanding accomplishment during a particular year, or activity completed during the award year
- Outstanding article, book or electronic information on petroleum or energy resources

The nominee must meet the following criteria:

- A current PER Division member, or former PER or Public Utilities Division member for at least five years
- Nominations must be made by a PER member
- One award may be presented each year. It may be given to an individual or a group

If you would like to volunteer for the Awards Committee and/or nominate someone for the Achievement Award, please submit to:

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## Plan to Party with PER!

When you're planning your conference schedule, be sure to save **Monday, June 12**, from 6-8pm, for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Petroleum Energy Resources Division.

We want to encourage all our members, longtime and newcomers, active and those who aren't so involved, to come out to meet and mingle, see old friends and meet new colleagues.

We'll be meeting at a nearby, walking distance restaurant to sample delicious Baltimore culinary treats and enjoy adult beverages! We will get reacquainted as we honor our past chairs and others who have played a role in the division's history.

Plans are still being developed, so if you have any suggestions, please send them to Marlene Vogelsang [mxv6@pge.com](mailto:mxv6@pge.com).

And, please, spread the word around your colleagues. We'd love to have a full house!

Remember, **Monday, June 12**, from 6-8 pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

## Volunteer needed for PER Nominating Committee

The PER Division is in urgent need of an additional member for our Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is composed of a minimum of 3 members and is primarily responsible for presenting candidates for officer positions.

PER members Richard Todd and Alicia Hawkings have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee; however, we are still one member short. Please contact Daran Bishop at [DLBishop@MarathonOil.com](mailto:DLBishop@MarathonOil.com) if you would consider serving or would like additional information about Nominating Committee duties

## Internet Corner – Wiki, Quiki!

By Ann Coppin

Wikis? I've heard of Wikipedia ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)) and even used some information from it. But what are 'wikis' that are being mentioned at the same time as blogs? A wiki turns out to be an electronic document available through the internet that is editable by anyone. According to the Wikipedia the first wiki was created in 1995 by Ward Cunningham. It is a means to collaboratively write and edit online documents. A wiki's content changes as it is edited and it is not a chronological listing of comments like a blog. There is one place for the

document to reside, thus Word files do not need to be exchanged between collaborating authors. So for organizations looking for a collaboration tool to create online documents, a wiki is something to explore. For those who are familiar with Hawaii, yes, the term is derived from the Hawaiian term wiki wiki meaning 'quick.'

How does a wiki work? The wiki engine software resides upon a server. The article in Wikipedia discusses the software available. Formatting rules vary based on the wiki engine selected and the administrator's choices for implementation. Once a wiki document is created updating, adding or deleting information is simple to do by using the "edit" link. The introduction to a wiki may have, or link to, the protocols established for that particular wiki.

The Wikipedia sections on Wiki and Wiki software are found at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki software](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki_software).

<http://wikimediafoundation.org/>  
The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. is an international non-profit organization that encourages the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to providing the full content of these wiki-based projects freely to the public. It is the home of Wikipedia and other wiki reference works.

[http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Main_Page)

Library Success: A Best Practices Wiki  
Meredith Farkas created this wiki to be a one-stop-shop for great ideas for librarians. "I hope this wiki will be a venue where people can share ideas with

one another and where librarians can learn to replicate the successes of other libraries."

<http://www.socialtext.net/connectcollaborate/index.cgi>

C2: Connect and Collaborate - This is the C2 wiki, feel free to edit and contribute to this page -- or any page you like -- that's idea of a wiki.

C2: Connect & Collaborate! This conference was held September 27-28, 2005, in New York. It focused on how to put collaboration tools to work in a business environment, and turn them into strategic assets that can contribute to increased productivity. It was organized and produced by Information Today, Inc.

<http://www.wiki.org/>

Wiki: Welcome Visitors

Ward Cunningham and Bo Leuf created this site to support the open source distribution of wiki and discussion related to their 2001 book, "The Wiki Way."

### **Wiki Related Articles**

There have been few articles about Wikis in library literature but they are starting to appear. The educational environment has more information since wikis are being used for e-learning collaboration.

Clyde, Laurel A., "Infotech: wikis," *Teacher Librarian*, v. 32, no. 4, p. 54-56, April, 2005.

This is a brief overview. The section "Creating a Wiki" covers selecting a wiki engine.

Fichter, Darlene, "Intranet Librarian: Intranets, Wikis, Blikis, and

Collaborative Working,” Online, v. 29, no. 5, p. 47+, September/October, 2005. This overview focuses upon updating a wiki and “What Wikis are Good For.”

Fichter, Darlene, “Intranet Librarian: The Many Forms of E-Collaboration: Blogs, Wikis, Portals, Groupware, Discussion Boards, and Instant Messaging,” Online, v. 29, no. 4, p. 48+, July/August, 2005.

This article reviews the different forms electronic collaboration tools and how to select the appropriate one.

Fichter, Darlene, “Intranet Librarian: Technology Trends for Intranet Librarians,” Online, v. 28, no. 6, p. 45+, November/December, 2004.

Includes a brief description of the difference between blogs and wikis.

Frumkin, Jeremy, “The Wiki and the Digital Library,” OCLC Systems and Services, v. 21, no. 1, p. 18+, 2005. This article has not been seen. The abstract says the author is looking at collaborative tools, such as wikis, used in the digital library environment.

<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/october03/krowne/10krowne.html>

Krowne, Aaron, “Building a Digital Library the Commons-based Peer Production Way,” D-Lib Magazine, v. 9, no. 10, October 2003.

Commons-based peer production (CBPP) in this article emphasizes the creation of content to fill the digital library (i.e. a wiki without being called a wiki). This is a detailed description of building one in an academic setting.

<http://www.infoday.com/searcher/apr03/mattison.shtml>

Mattison, David, “Quickikiwiki, Swiki, Twiki, Zwiki and the Plone Wars Wiki as a PIM and Collaborative Content Tool,” Searcher, v. 11, no. 4, p. 32-48, April, 2003.

A very good introduction to wikis, examples of wikis in libraries, the differences between wikis, blogs, and RSS, wiki implementation, and various wiki search and navigational tools. It includes an interview with Bo Leuf, the co-author of “The Wiki Way.”

Raitman, R., Augar, N., and Wanlei Zhou, “Employing Wikis for Online Collaboration in the E-Learning Environment: Case Study,” ICITA 2005. Third International Conference on Information Technology and Applications, v. 2, p. 142-146, 2005.

Digital Object Identifier  
10.1109/ICITA.2005.127

Briefly presents the results of a survey of students who used a wiki in an online e-learning environment.

Detailed discussion of what is a wiki and how it might be used in a library environment using free or open source products. It includes a comparison of wiki and blogs.

Wang, Chien-min, and D. Turner, “Extending the wiki paradigm for use in the classroom,” International Conference on Information Technology: Coding and Computing, 2004. Proceedings. ITCC 2004, v. 1, p. 255-259, 2004. Digital Object Identifier

10.1109/ITCC.2004.1286462

Discusses the wiki paradigm and system design for the classroom.

## **Internet Sites of Interest**

[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/looking\\_earth/hurricane\\_2005.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/looking_earth/hurricane_2005.html)

NASA - Hurricane 2005: A Hurricane Resource Site

Emphasis is upon Katrina (current storm/topic) but has links to 'Specific Hurricane Topics' and related sites.

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml>

Hurricane Preparedness

NOAA states "The goal of this Hurricane Awareness Web site is to inform the public about the hurricane hazards and provide knowledge which can be used to take ACTION."

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center/Tropical Prediction Center

Tropical storm forecasts and advisories.

<http://www.digitalglobe.com/>

DigitalGlobe

They are "building a constellation of high-resolution earth imaging satellites and a comprehensive geo-information product store -- DigitalGlobe.com -- that allows you to quickly access and order a wide variety of imagery and derivative information products." After a disaster such as Hurricane Katrina they have made some images available for free viewing.

<http://earth.google.com/>

Google Earth: a 3D Interface to the Planet

"Google Earth combines satellite imagery, maps and the power of Google Search to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips." It is a broadband, 3D application that not all

computers can run. Minimum and recommended configurations are listed under products. Personal access is free. Upgrades to Google Earth Plus is (adding GPS device support, the ability to import spreadsheets, drawing tools and better printing) and Google Earth Pro, for professional and commercial uses, cost.

<http://www.globexplorer.com/>

GlobeXplorer

They are a provider of satellite images and aerial photography via the Internet. They cooperated with DigitalGlobe in making selected disaster images available to the public.

<http://terraserver-usa.com/>

TerraServer-USA

Microsoft provides this access to aerial photographs and topological maps covering the United States. (I found an aerial view of our house and yard showing the addition completed in 2003.)

<http://www.spaceimaging.com/>

Space Imaging

Their "imagery product suite consists of satellite data derived from the IKONOS, IRS, and IRS RESOURCESAT sensors. This suite of products was designed to meet the full spectrum of customer requirements with a complete range of resolution and spectral options." They also have an image gallery making selected images on current topics available to the public.

<http://ngmdb.usgs.gov/>

U.S.G.S. National Geologic Map Database

Not only is there access to a wide variety of US maps but also to the Lexicon of Geologic Names of the United States.

<http://nationalmap.gov/>

The National Map (U.S.)

The U.S.G.S. provides this online, interactive map service which is a “product of a consortium of Federal, State, and local partners who provide geospatial data to enhance America's ability to access, integrate, and apply geospatial data at global, national, and local scales.”

<http://www.topozone.com/>

TopoZone

Claims to be the “Web's center for professional and recreational map users. We've worked with the USGS to create the Web's *first* interactive topo map of the entire United States. ... We've got every USGS topographic map, orthophotomap, and aerial photograph in the entire United States.” Paid subscribers have access to more detailed information.

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/topo.html>

Digital Topographic Maps Sets

The Earth Sciences and Map Library, University of California, Berkeley, provides this list includes major country topographic map sets. The catalog record gives source information.

<http://www.earthscienceworld.org/games/index.html>

Virtual Oilwell

The American Geological Institute's interactive game to discover the exploration for oil. (It requires Java.)

## Renewable Energy - Comments & Resources

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Energy needs increase as the population increases. The earth is now supporting over 6 billion people and I can remember when the number was 4 billion (less than 50 years ago). Oil, natural gas, and coal have helped many nations develop thriving economies. However, the price for relying on these fuels has been high in terms of the environment, wars or political disruptions with supplying countries, and economic disparity between nations that can afford the fuels and those that cannot. Besides these troubles, a new problem with our “old” resources arises as demand for fuel and energy increases while supply diminishes. Ultimately, the fossil fuels will run out.

Like a tiny light in a dark hallway, new sources of energy bring hope that all is not lost. The “new” sources are familiar to us: sun, wind, water, grains, and (!) garbage.

At the “Solar World Congress 2005” ( <http://www.swc2005.com> ) held in Orlando, FL, this past August, over 1600 attendees and 80 vendors from 79 countries provided information, workshops, and demonstrations of a very “enlightening” (pun intended) kind!

My short take is this:

For the present, incentives for home and business owners to use renewable energy sources must be compelling and monetarily rewarding. Plus, the more the products are desired and used, the better they will become.

For the future, it is imperative that we develop our children's acceptance of and interest in renewable energy sources.

Personally, I am saving up to install some photovoltaic and solar thermal panels on my house after Jan. 1, 2006, when the Federal Tax Incentive kicks in. Then I'll truly be able to speak from experience.

The available information on renewable energy sources can be overwhelming. Here are some sites to get you started.

### **GLOSSARY and OVERVIEW:**

U.S. Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy.  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov>

### **PRODUCTS:**

Energy Star: government backed program supporting superior energy efficiency.  
<http://www.energystar.gov>

Solarcycle. A vehicle that can run 40mph all day without stopping, or with a 1 hour charge can go 200 miles at 60mph.  
<http://www.GREENhouse2000.com>

Global Oven. Bake, boil or steam with the world's most universal power source...FREE sunshine!! ( I ate some

delicious chocolate chip cookies baked in this oven!)

<http://www.sunoven.com>

### **EDUCATION, K-12 students:**

National Energy Foundation - Lessons for K12: <http://www.nef1.org/>

National Energy Education Development Project:

<http://www.need.org>

Science Fair Ideas, Real Time Data:

<http://www.energywhiz.com>

Curricular Materials for K-12:

<http://www.SchoolPowerNaturally.org>

### **EDUCATION, College & University students:**

Pro-active campus groups. One group signed a petition to RAISE their fees to support renewable energy on campus!!

<http://www.energyaction.net>

Solar Decathlon: College teams, 10 tests (including an electric car) held in Washington DC every 2 years (Oct 7-16, 2005):

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar\\_decathlon](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon)

### **HOMEBUILDERS:**

Promoting solar thermal, PV, and renewable energy in new homes as well as re-modeling.

<http://www.sunbuilt.org>

<http://www.solarenergy.com>

(Jacksonville, FL)

<http://www.simplersolar.com/> (Photo tours, before/after utility bills, etc)

<http://flaseref.org> (Florida Solar Energy Research & Education Foundation)

Certification and Accreditation for Installers, Standards & Rules, Continuing Ed.

Interstate Renewable Energy Council:  
<http://www.irecusa.org>

### **RESEARCH:**

Florida Solar Energy Center: Initiative of UCF (University of Central Florida). Studying all forms of Renewable and Alternative Energy sources.  
<http://www.fsec.ucf.edu>

Hydrogen Research  
<http://www.hydrogenresearch.org>

Hydrogen Database of Projects  
<http://www.HRDB.net>

Australia's EnviroMission's Solar Tower: (with cool animated video of artist's impression)  
<http://www.enviromission.com.au/index1.htm>

### **INCENTIVES (USA):**

DOE awards \$16.5 million for State Energy Savings Project  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=9337](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=9337)

Incentives offered State by State.  
<http://www.dsireusa.org/>

### **INCENTIVES (GLOBAL):**

Germany - For example: Extra electricity generated by homes & businesses and sold back to the "grid" will pay the contributor TRIPLE the price! <http://www.germany-info.org/relaunch/info/publications/infocus/environment/renew.html#si>

Historic Chart of Countries & Incentives from the "Earth – Policy" site:

<http://www.earth-policy.org/Indicators/2004/indicator12.htm> In addition to the chart, the article explains how the US initiatives withered.

### **FUTURE CONFERENCES:**

Denver Solar Conference (2006):  
<http://www.ases.org/solar2006/letter.htm>

ISES Solar World Congress 2007 in Beijing, China: <http://www.swc2007.cn>

## **Energy/Geoscience Links**

By Joyce L. Fedeczko

A recent issue of *Internet Resources Newsletter* mentioned two interesting websites:

**U.S. Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information E-print Network.**  
<http://www.osti.gov/eprints/>

**Geosphere** – a new open access journal from the Geological Society of America.  
<http://www.geosociety.org/pubs/geosphere/>

*Internet Resources Newsletter* is a free monthly electronic newsletter edited by [Heriot-Watt University Library](http://www.heriot-watt.ac.uk/) staff and published by Heriot-Watt University.

The URL for this publication is:  
<http://www.hw.ac.uk/libwww/irn/irn.html>

Another energy resource to consider is **Dr. Peter Jacso's Energy Polysearch Engine.**

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/~jacso/extra/egyeb/poly-energy.htm>

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