

REPORT
SEG GAC REGIONAL FOR SE US
Sorry for the delay...

Name of Region or Country: **South East US**

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Specific **Goals and Accomplishments** for the year 2007:

- 1.- Improve or start communication with Student Section in my region: OT, UH, UT-Austin and TA&M at Dallas and other.
- 2.- I am planning to initiate intercommunication between the student Sections in order to set up some kind of regional goal for all the student Sections in my region. In that way Student Section will work together and maybe they will be more active in the SEG.
- 3.- Improve communication and synergy with local Societies
- 4.- Visit one of the Katy High School science classroom and talk about SEG and give materials to the teacher using the K-12 website. Make synergy with local Society: GEOPHYSICAL SOCIETY OF HOUSTON, GSH, in order to promote and inform about geophysics and geosciences as a career. Help the k-12 SEG program, contact Maria Angel Capello.

Activities and communications with **Student Sections** in your Region/Country:

I started to communicate with the UH and OU Student sections. I have friends there and that helps to improve communication. Talking with them I found that they do not know what SEG can do for them and they do not know how to help SEG. Maybe GAC can try to set up a monthly or trimester informative email, or by publishing in the LTE information, with information of what Student Section can do or help or get from SEG.

How are the sections doing: In my opinion Students do not have a specific or clear goal in their section. I think more involvement and advise from SEG should be done and a specific camping should increase motivation of the Student Section. I think they should be very involve in the k-12 SEG program and SEG should help them to get Special Speakers that visit the Geosciences department where the Student Section is working. Example: UH Student Section was inactive and after I contacted them they reset up the Student Section but if SEG do not maintain a good communication and if SEG do not set up programs where Student Section are involve, this Student Section will be inactive as soon as the Student Graduate. About OU Student Section, after my conversation with them they updated their information and applied for some help to go to the Annual meeting.

Number of members, active leaders, meetings and speakers planned for this year and next year's event schedule

I was trying to get information and the event schedule from OU and UH Student Sections and the answer that I got was that they do not have one and they are trying to define it.

What can the SEG do for these sections?

SEG should help getting Technical Talks for the Students section. In that way Student Section will become important for the Geoscience department. It is very good the scholarship SEG program and is important that SEG used students in the SEG-K12...

Will they send representatives to the Annual Meeting and participate in the Council?

They will send representative to the Annual Meeting because they want to get training and knowledge from the technical talks... About other issues they just know that there is a Student Party at the Annual Convention that they want to attend.

Does your country need or want to have SEG sponsorship for those conferences/meetings?

Yes, they are going to apply for it in the SEG and they are going to try raise money from local sponsors. SEG can help them on that by sending letters to the companies and remembering them that they should sponsor students to go to the meeting and for summer inter-ships....

What can the SEG do for these sections?

Students do not know

Are they aware the membership is free?

Yes, they know and they are promoting the registration of new students.

I have been talking with Mariangela Capello to start a k-12 program in Latin-America and set up a pilot in Venezuela. We are still in the very initial issues.

I will do the other statistics, Company information and proposing People for awarding by next year.

About my region, I can say that I have been enjoying the monthly seminars organized by GHS. I had a meeting with the GHS Board directory and they asked me to try to involve SEG in order to help them to get some Technical Talks for their monthly seminar. They would like to set up synergy with the SEG and other local societies and Universities in organizing a Technical Talk in each University Campus every 3 months at least. I reported this to the GAC Chairs but I did not get any answer yet.

About technical activities in my region, I want to report that Peter Duncan contacted me asking for help to organize the Challenge Bowl between Students. He told me that The GSH has graciously agreed to fund the prize for a regional contest this spring. I asked GAC in November about the Competition between Student Section that is supposed to be in the SEG San Antonio, and I did not get any answer about it. I got an email from Peter and now I am having information... The goal is to have a contest between teams of 2 students for each University (geoscience department) from around the greater Houston area, perhaps reaching out as far as New Orleans and El Paso.

The winning team of this contest will get an all expense paid trip to the SEG Convention in San Antonio where they will get to compete in the 2nd Annual SEG Challenge Bowl.

He told me that there are some regional run offs scheduled in Calgary and Oklahoma City. As well as some overseas contests going too.

Each team has 2 members and they may be graduate or undergraduate. UT has committed to sending at least one team to the Houston contest.

Other Activities where I am working on: I am organizing the Global Theatre talks focused in Latin-America for SEG Convention 2007 at San Antonio. I contacted and got very good support from the local Societies in Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Trinidad, Brasil and from

the Latin-American Geophysical Union (ULG). In addition, I got very good support from Ivan Simoes as Latin-American GAC coordinator. I am helping to organize the International Showcase and I think it is going to be very successful International Showcase!!!

Role of Country Representatives and Regional Coordinators:

How can the SEG/GAC better support you to carry out your responsibilities as Country Representation or Regional Coordinator?

I am going to try using the GAC e-community to get feedback because by email I did not get any...Just Pamela helped me in some issues...

Regards

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