

Financial Forum

September 2008

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DINNER MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

“Energy and the West: The Critical Role of Natural Gas in Meeting America’s Future Energy Needs”

[FEI Colorado Chapter’s dinner speaker series for 2008-2009 kick off with two programs devoted to a look at conventional and alternative energy.]

September Speaker

Marc Smith
Executive Director
Independent Petroleum
Association of Mountain
States (IPAMS)

Marc Smith, Executive Director of The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS), will be joining us at our September 18 meeting. IPAMS, formed in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent oil and natural gas producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions, and industry consultants committed to environmentally

responsible oil and natural gas development in the Intermountain West.

Smith joined IPAMS in 1996 as Director of Lands and Environment and was promoted to Executive Director in 1999. He earned his Masters of Environmental Policy and Management/Natural Resource Management from the University of Denver and a B.S. from Northern Arizona University.

Next Month’s Preview

October Speaker

Dr. Stanley Bull,
Executive Director
Strategic Partnerships
National Renewable Energy
Laboratory (NREL)

In addition to being the Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships of NREL, he is a vice president of the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City, the parent company of NREL.

NREL is a National Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Dr. Bull will be presenting an overview of alternative energy technologies, including NREL’s perspective on which technologies work best today and in the future.



FEI COLORADO TO MEET AT DENVER COUNTY CLUB

The Board of Directors of the FEI Colorado Chapter hopes that you have enjoyed your summer and are looking forward – with us – to a year of exciting speakers, informative topics and great networking opportunities with your peers.

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have moved our meetings to the Denver County Club, where we anticipate a beautiful setting, great food, a central location for all, and continued free parking.

Denver County Club
1700 E. First Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80218

The oldest country club west of the Mississippi, the Denver Country Club is steeped in history and tradition. It was formed in 1887 and moved to its present location along Cherry Creek in 1905. The DCC is located on First Avenue at Gilpin, between University and Downing, on the south side of the street.

FEI MISSION:

- to inform its members of evolving financial, economic and related technological issues;
- to help prepare its members to successfully address these issues;
- to provide forums for peer interaction and discussion of issues;
- to promote ethical practices and conformance with FEI's Code of Ethics;
- to represent the views of its members before legislative and regulatory bodies and the public; and
- to enhance public recognition, understanding of and support for FEI and its membership.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I want to personally welcome back all our members, to what will be an exciting and event-filled year for FEI Colorado!

At the Board retreat earlier this year, the Board decided on a theme for our Chapter this year – **Quality Breeds Success**. We will strive to live up to this in our programs, dinners and PD sessions.

The first piece of exciting news I want to share with you is our new, quality meeting location – The Denver Country Club (“DCC”)! The DCC is conveniently located at 1700 East 1st Avenue, Denver, CO 80218. <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=1700+E.+1st+Ave&zipcode=80218> Parking is free.

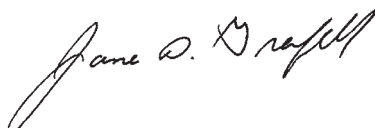
The second piece of news is that FEI headquarters in New Jersey will be assuming billing responsibilities for our local dues. This will happen over the course of this fiscal year, and everyone will be receiving their local and national dues in one statement, in their next national dues notice. Please see separate letter on this subject in the Newsletter.

Cathy Anderson, the Chapter's First Vice President, has planned an excellent series of dinner speaker topics for our membership and has lined up quality speakers. Our first two meetings will be focused on energy. September's presentation will be on conventional energy and October's speaker will discuss alternative energy. As the nation debates how to conserve and/or how to produce more energy, these two presentations will be most enlightening.

John Frank is the Chapter's Second Vice President and he has planned a quality series of Professional Development Sessions. The September PD session will be on IFRS – Current Developments and Treasury Committee Activities. These two topics will be presented by Brent Peterson and Gaylen Hansen of EKS&H. This will start at 4:00 at the DCC.

I am thrilled to announce that Hudson is the Chapter's first Platinum level Strategic Partner! Thank you Janet Petrie and your Hudson team for supporting our Chapter. ACM has also joined us as a Strategic Partner at the Silver level. Thank you Greg Anton and your Partners for your support.

The rest of the Colorado Chapter's Board and I look forward to greeting you on Thursday, September 18th at the DCC! It is going to be a great year!



Jim Grenfell
President

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP BILLING PROCEDURES

Your Colorado Chapter Board of Directors has voted to have FEI headquarters do our local chapter's annual billing. We believe that receiving one bill for both national and local dues will be more convenient for you, and we hope you will agree.

Clearly, not everyone has the same national and local anniversary/billing dates. Therefore, it has been necessary for the chapter to bill you for a portion of the current fiscal year in order for us to synchronize your local anniversary/billing date with national's anniversary/billing date, and most of you will have received that invoice already. The next dues invoice any member will receive will be from National, and will include both National and local chapter dues on National's anniversary date.

We have tried to make this synchronization process as fair as possible for all concerned. If you have any questions, please contact the FEI Colorado office at 303-839-1858, Jim Grenfell, President, or Courtney Cowgill, Chair of Membership.

Professional Development Session

Sponsored by ***Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman***

Topic: Recent Activities of the Treasury Committee
Speaker: Gaylen Hansen, Principal

Topic: Current Developments in IFRS
Speaker: Brent Peterson, Principal

2 CPE credits available



Gaylen Hansen is a principal in the audit service area of EKS&H, where he serves as Director of Accounting and Auditing Quality Assurance. He also directs the firm's risk management practice relative to internal audit and controls over financial reporting. Gaylen's experience spans over 30 years and includes an emphasis on SEC accounting and reporting. He is responsible for formulating the firm's accounting and audit technical policy standards, including regulatory liaison, inspections and peer review, ethics and independence.

Gaylen majored in accounting and graduated cum laude from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and later received an MBA in international business from California State University, Fullerton. Most recently Gaylen was appointed to the U.S. Treasury's Advisory Committee on the Auditing Profession.



Brent Peterson is a principal in the audit service area of EKS&H and has been involved with publicly traded and privately held businesses since 1989. He provides accounting and advisory services to clients in a variety of industries, including oil and gas, manufacturing, insurance, software and high-technology. Brent also specializes in Securities and Exchange Commission reporting and has assisted many companies in public and private security offerings, as well as merger and acquisition and due diligence. Brent graduated cum laude and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business

Career Management Meetings

Mark your calendars for Career Management Meetings with the dates below. Announcements / Reminders are sent prior to each meeting.

September 9: Mark Renn, President, Global Career Management
 September 23: Chris Brown, VP Commercial Loans, Bank of the West
 October 7: Lisbeth Mackenzie, President, PeopleBridge
 October 21: Amy Duclos, President, Colorado Corporate Search
 November 4: Janet Petrie, Managing Director, Hudson
 November 18: OPEN. *Please email Howard Potter if you have an idea for speaker / topic.*
 December 9: OPEN. *Please email Howard Potter if you have an idea for speaker / topic.*
 This is the last meeting for 2008.

Additional Information

The meetings are frequently held at the offices of Sherman & Howard, and when they are, please come to the 30th Floor of the building, 633 17th Street (the doors will be open at approximately 7:30). The receptionist will direct you to the meeting room. ***Notice of different location will be sent with the announcements / reminders.*** Continental breakfast will be served.

If you would like to be added to our Career Management Job Posting notification list, please email josh@feicolorado.org. Members on this list receive notification when new positions are received and posted.

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2008 Meetings

January 17, 2008

Denver Newspaper Agency
Keynote speaker: **John Temple**, Publisher, Rocky Mountain News
Tour of the DNA printing plant

February 21, 2008

Denver Marriott City Center
Keynote Speaker: **Lindley (Lin) Brenza**, Bartlit Beck Herman Palanchar & Scott
Supreme Court Roundup—A Look at Major Decisions of a Court More Focused on American Business

March 20, 2008

Denver Marriott City Center
Keynote Speaker: **Chris Capdevila**, Oracle
Emerging Trends in Risk and Compliance Management

April 17, 2008

Denver Marriott City Center
Keynote Speaker: **Phil Seefried**, Co-founder and CEO, Headwaters MB
Credit Crisis: Origins and Recent Developments

May 15, 2008

Denver Marriott City Center
Keynote Speaker: **Joe Blake**, President & CEO, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
The Economic Impact of the DNC Convention in the Denver Metro Area.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



Don't forget to bring your business card to enter the drawing for a great bottle of wine!

Thursday, September 18, 2008
Denver Country Club • 1700 E. First Avenue

4:00 PM	PD Session
5:45	Networking Hour
6:30	Dinner and Keynote Speaker

The PD session is sponsored by Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman.

Please register online at www.feicolorado.org, by Tuesday, September 16. Call the FEI Colorado Chapter office at 303.839.1858 or e-mail josh@feicolorado.org with any questions.