

Candidate for President-Elect



Cheryl Desforges

Education:

MBA Finance/International Business/Decision & Information Sciences, University of Houston
MS Physical Science/Geology, University of Houston CL
BS Geology, Texas Christian University

Experience:

2006-Present Sabco Oil and Gas Company
2004-2006 Consultant, Ryder Scott Company, SCA
1998-2004 Randall & Dewey, Inc.
1995-1998 Environmental Evaluation Partners, Inc., President
1989-1995 Consultant in both the Petroleum and Environmental Industries
1982-1989 J.M. Huber Corp.
1979-1981 Diamond Shamrock Corp.
1977-1979 Sonat Exploration Co.
1975-1977 Atlantic-Richfield Co.

Honors and Awards:

2008 HGS Distinguished Service Award
2006 HGS February Volunteer of the Month
2005 HGS President's Award and February Volunteer of the Month
1990 Arthur J. Ehlmann Award for TCU Geology Alumni
1974 Sigma Gamma Epsilon, geology honor society, University of Houston
1974 Gayle Scott Award for the Outstanding Geology Senior, Texas Christian University

Professional Affiliations:

Licensed Professional Geoscientist, State of Texas # 2174
American Association of Petroleum Geologists - Certified Petroleum Geologist #2925
Geological Society of America
Houston Geological Society
Society of Exploration Geophysicist
SEPM

Professional Activities:

2008-2010 AAPG House of Delegates
2007-2008 GCAGS 2008 Houston Convention Treasurer

2005-2007	HGS Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect
2005	Co-Chairman “Coastal Subsidence, Sea-level and the Future of the Gulf Coast Conference”
2003-2004	Member and Chairman HGS Continuing Education Committee
2002	Volunteer Liaison Committee AAPG Convention
1985-1989	Chairman HGS Publication Sales Committee Chairman
1982-1984	AIPG Screening Committee

Statement:

We live in a period of time when “science”, particularly related to Earth Science, is being invoked for the purpose of promoting political and social changes of epic proportion. Unfortunately, the general media and politicians who are most vocal do not understand the scientific method of investigation or, for that matter, they do not even understand the selective results they pluck from literature to support their cause. A large portion of the general population is scientifically illiterate, and unable to recognize that they are only being told part of the complex process of ongoing scientific investigation. Increasingly, science is being misrepresented and conclusions that ultimately will not materialize are being promoted as the only truth. When the general population realizes that they have been misled, the future pursuit objective, evidence driven science will be in jeopardy, because science will be disregarded as “unreliable”. We know if properly represented and applied, science has great value for solving problems and providing the resources to sustain and advance civilization. Because of our scientific training, work experience, and general ability to connect seemingly disparate information, Earth Scientists are uniquely qualified to effectively educate our elected officials and the general population in the scientific investigative process, as well as the range of natural, historical variability in Earth systems.

In addition to actively promoting our current, very effective technical and social programs, if elected President of the HGS, I will:

- Continue the current and past efforts to expand our active membership base
- Expand our organizational structure to involve more active participation of a significant portion of our membership in educating the Houston area population, including school children, in non-politicized Earth science and Earth history.