

***Biographical Sketch, April Parsons***

Candidate for HGS Secretary 2018-2019

April began her career at Marathon oil working International Exploration on a variety of projects including Kenya, Syria, Gabon, Tunisia, North Sea and Timor Gap. She worked in Midland as the geologist responsible for the Delaware Basin handling a variety of operated and outside operated fields, exploitation and lease sale evaluations. She holds both a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Geology from University of Texas at Arlington.

She has been the team lead for Hydro GOM, LLC's shelf exploration where she managed a team responsible for prospect generation, maturation, drilling and evaluation. After the Statoil acquisition of Hydro, April worked to package and sell assets to Mariner. She has also worked exploration projects in the Gulf of Mexico shelf for El Paso, Coastal and Marathon Oil. Through 2013 April worked for Statoil in the Houston office and was responsible for Statoil's interests in the Chukchi Sea of Alaska and handled all geologic aspects of maturing the newly acquired frontier leases to drillable status. Before taking on the Alaska project she worked the deep water eastern Gulf of Mexico.

April joined Cobalt in 2013 and was involved in the planning, drilling and post well evaluation of almost all of Cobalt's wells in the Pre-Salt Kwanza Basin as well as and being responsible for assessment and appraisal of the Orca discovery in Block 20. Recently she has been working the deep water Gulf of Mexico inboard lower Tertiary Wilcox evaluating the depositional history of the North Platte discovery, Shenandoah Field during appraisal and towards filing of a SOP as well as the Heidelberg Field.

April has been a member of HGS and AAPG for many years and currently serves on the House of Delegates and the Grants in Aid Committee, and it would consider it a pleasure to continue that service as secretary of the local organization.