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Dear Member,

On January 14, 2009 your new Board of Directors met and decided on a new Chairman. I, Robert Hawkes, was delighted to have the unanimous support of the Board to take on the role of Chairman of the Petroleum Society of Canada. We currently have 12 members on the Board, with a good mix of new and experienced Directors. You can check out their names and portfolios on the PetSoc website ([www.petsoc.org](http://www.petsoc.org)). I would like to thank Uliana Romanova and the 2008 Board for their hard work and dedication to lead our Society through a very demanding term as we separated from CIM. The future of our Society now lies in the hands of you, our members. It is with this in mind that I would stress to you that this Board is dedicated to maintain the Canadian entity that we have enjoyed for so many years.

Since our separation from CIM, we have been actively negotiating a formal merger with SPE with the intent of forming a new entity, "SPE Canada". Our mandate in this merger is simple:

- Maintain our Canadian identity;
- Promote Canadian technology worldwide through the JCPT and Conferences;
- Continue our tradition of Joint Conferences;
- Provide training through Continuing Education Courses and technical luncheons; and
- Provide Petroleum Education Scholarships at Canadian colleges and universities.

A successful outcome to our negotiations will allow us to present the fundamental principles of the merger to you in the coming weeks.

In the mean time, it is business as usual and each Director will be focusing on their individual portfolios to ensure the continued health of your Society. I would like to encourage you to review the up and coming Special Interest Group (SIG) luncheons and Continuing Education Courses and to come out and support these programs. Our SIGs have lined up a number of luncheons with a variety of topics and speakers. Canadian technology is well regarded around the world and I would encourage you to **PARTICIPATE** in your Society.

Sincerely,

Robert Hawkes  
Chairman  
The Petroleum Society of Canada