Steering Committee Update and Report: Duane Eversoll reported that Missouri was a proposed new member, voted to accept Missouri representation on the Steering Committee. The finances are in good shape with a recent balance of approximately $5,200.00. A $1,000.00 payment was just made to the 2005 site which will bring our balance to approximately $4,200.00. Butch Reidenbach reported that all activity and finances related to the 2003 meeting were complete. Duane Eversoll extended a big Thank you to Oklahoma for a good meeting in 2003.

Duane Eversoll reported that in response to the “Patriot Act” our bank, Union Bank and Trust of Lincoln, NE was now requiring a federal i.d. number on all accounts. This prompted some members to review the SEDC organization and financial operating procedure. After consultation with Lee Orton, Attorney and Executive Director for the Nebraska Well Drillers Association (NWDA) it was decided to pursue adopting a charter and filing financial reports under the NWDA Non-Profit umbrella. Lee Orton will make the proposal on our behalf to the NWDA Board in June 2004. This would bring us within compliance with the federal and state requirements for Non-Profits and lessen our exposure to lawsuits with a minimal amount of money and paperwork. After a brief discussion the Committee agreed that this should be pursued.
As stated in the charter, our officers will be Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. The committee members elected Jacki Vogel to the committee by acclamation. The following were elected by acclamation: Duane Eversoll, Executive Director, Bob Henthorne, Treasurer, Jacki Vogel, Secretary. Duane Eversoll indicated that he is phasing towards retirement but will be available to serve through September 2006.

Randy Billinger and Bob Henthorne reported on the 2004 activities. World Wide Drilling, a new industry magazine was given a complimentary booth in exchange for publicity and a photo spread in the magazine. The attendee count is estimated at 185 with 29 commercial booths and they expect a profit of $1,000 - $2,000. They suggested that future registration blanks should indicate attendees plans for the NDA portion of the event (first day); this would have been a planning aid to them.

The 2005 Planning Committee members discussed their plans, the event will not be held at the Kellogg Center as in the past because it has closed. Lancaster Event Center, a multi-use convention, exhibition, and livestock facility has been selected. The plans for 2006 were changed since Kevin Griese with South Dakota was called to military duty; Missouri will host in 2006 and is currently working to select a site. They are considering Branson and Columbia but are not yet ready to announce the site.


A discussion of the SEDC mailing list followed. Several members acknowledged the difficulty of keeping this list current and correct. It was suggested that a paper copy of the mailing list be posted and attendees be encouraged to make updates. Kansas reported on their use of email and that it was well received, they encouraged future planning committees to add an email address line to the registration blank.

Duane Eversoll discussed the awards for 25 years of attendance, this has been difficult to track but Duane believes they have acknowledged most deserving recipients.

A discussion of the CEU’s followed with Dan Blankenau adding that as a representative of a private industry the CEU’s were very important and valuable to attendees, they are easily recognizable and accepted. Planning Committee members are encouraged to ask for Bios of speakers as this is a piece of the CEU approval process.

There being no other business, Duane Eversoll adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Jacki Loomis