Executive Director, Bob Henthorne, called the meeting to order, a roll call sheet was passed around.

Members & Guests present: Vincent “Butch” Reidenbach, Dale Glenn, Derric Iles, Den Dudrey, Randy Billinger, Bob Henthorne, John Weeldreyer, Blake Nelson, Dan Blankenau, Scott Mounce and Jacki Loomis

Steering Committee changes and announcements - Ken Doe, founding member and longtime Steering Committee member passed away this year. Jim Kearney, another longtime Steering Committee member has stepped down. Dave Thomssen had planned to be in attendance and offer his resignation but he is not present. (Editors note – Dave’s verbal resignation was received during 2009). Scott Mounce of HWS Consulting and Matt Marxsen, Nebraska Geological Survey Drilling Program Manager, were proposed and accepted onto the Steering Committee.

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were read by Jacki Loomis and approved. The 2007 financial report was distributed by Randy Billinger, our current balance is $12,120.63, and the report was approved. There will be no income returned to SEDC from the Iowa clinic, those who attended agreed it was a nice event and our Thanks go to Iowa for hosting.

John Weeldreyer reported on behalf of Kevin Greise about this year’s clinic, attendance is around 180 and there are 25 exhibitors, the exhibitors were all happy with the indoor space and the fees. It was noted that the location worked especially well for Minnesota attendees. He also noted that on the advice of their state they were providing certificates for attendees who will then be responsible for submitting on their own for CEUs. Blake Nelson, speaking from the experience of a recent CEU audit, reminded us all of the need for proper documentation. Den Dudrey asked if we should add a couple of sentences of explanation to the printed titles of the talks, a sort of abbreviated abstract. Butch Reidenbach thought that a certificate and agenda were usually enough but we all agreed to be mindful of our own states requirements and address this issue as needed in response to any changes at the state level. Bob thanked South Dakota for hosting this year and Iowa for hosting last year, a round of applause followed. Blake Nelson reported that Minnesota will host in 2015, Bob suggested Hibbing as a possible site because of its unique drilling history. Boart Longyear was started in MN and may be a strong sponsor for this event.

The SEDC Mailing list was discussed; it continues to be a struggle to keep it up to date. South Dakota will try to get updates to Jacki and the Steering Committee can continue to provide updates when they are aware of them. Host states should add email to their registration blanks so we can begin to build an email list.

Awards Presented – Tom Ruda of Diedrich was presented an award. Vern Bump was suggested as a worthy recipient, he has been a longtime attendee and was one of our very first presenters. Bob asked that we notify him of those we thought should be awarded. We discussed the Manufactures awards, Jacki will contact Duane Eversoll to see if he has a list, we may want to institute an improved way of keeping track of these awards.

In 2009 the clinic will be held in Oklahoma, Butch Reidenbach asked for suggestions on the site, do we want to go to Tulsa? Bob suggested Stillwater. With Easter being April 12th of 2009 we will need to schedule before or after that, some thought early April worked best, Butch will begin checking on sites and contact NDA to get their workshop in conjunction with our clinic.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki Loomis, Secretary