After working closely with two very capable CAPA Presidents in 2012 and 2013, I took over as the 2014 CAPA President, with great humility and a little trepidation; because these are some big shoes to fit.

We have come to realize that CAPA’s role as the bridge between Mainland China’s and Taiwan’s industry leaders is diminishing, and we will increase our role in facilitating technical exchange, networking and nurturing of the Chinese-American petroleum industry professionals and students.

The Annual Meeting and celebration of CAPA 30th anniversary went well, thanks to the effective help from the former and current EC and many volunteers. As facilitator, I deliberately planned the President and Chairman hand-over ceremonies to be witnessed by the respective spouses, in order to duly recognize the silent supporters behind CAPA leaders.

The plans for the 2014 CAPA activities are very similar to 2013 (with the exception for the global conference), from the picnic, AAPG reception in April; OTC reception in May, career forum (jointly with BP), the CAPA technical symposium, as well as technical forums proposed for China and Taiwan during Summer and the Fall; plus the quarterly Lunch and Learn and newsletters. We will also be quite busy planning for the 2015 global conference to be held in the Houston area. We are currently looking into various avenues to fix and improve the CAPA website and make it safer and more user-friendly.

Tai-chang Shih (2014 CAPA President)

We are deeply saddened and outraged by the senseless violence involving a former CAPA member, Dr. Maoye Sun, his wife Mei Xie, and their two young sons, especially since most of us have shared similar bittersweet struggles and experiences as immigrants who work in the same industry as Dr. Sun. Please keep Dr. Sun, Mei Xie, their two sons, and their surviving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

We echo the pleas from the authorities for anyone who might have helpful information to please contact the Harris County Sheriff’s Office (Sgt. Felipe Rivera: 713-967-5729) or Crime Stoppers of Houston (Hotline: 713-222-8477).
一马当先，马到成功。于1月11日马年即将到来之际，美国华人石油协会[Chinese American Petroleum Association，简称CAPA]在休斯顿珍宝海鲜城隆重举行了2014年度年会及协会成立三十周年庆典。有超过210位会员及嘉宾、好友出席晚会。这项聚会是美国华人石油业界一年一度的盛事。会上2013年度会长尚柱成博士与2013年度董事会主席李玉博士总结2013年CAPA的活动，包括在深圳成功举办的全球华人石油石化科技研讨会及董事和荣誉董事联席会议、与BP石油公司有关部门联合举办的年度个人职业发展论坛、与中国石油大学青岛分校联合举办的“非常规油气开采技术”论坛、在休斯顿举办的石油石化科技研讨会、以及增进会员交流的野餐活动等等。2013年度财务长马龙博士做年度财务报告。

与会会员选出了新一届理事会和董事会成员。史大昌博士、马龙博士与李怡德博士分别当选为2014年度会长、副会长和财务长。史大昌在就职演说中表示，将继续为两岸三地的石油人服务，将尽力办好2015年在休斯顿举办的全球石油及石化科技研讨会的筹备工作。其后于1月19日的石油协会董事会中，朱宪怀博士与尚柱成博士当选为2014年度的董事会主席和副主席。

石油协会成立的三十周年的庆祝活动有多位CAPA前任会长，CAPA的新老朋友，赞助公司等踊跃前来参加，共同见证CAPA的成就。喜气扬扬的生日气球，精美烤制的三层庆生蛋糕，举杯同庆的老中青石油人，他们为CAPA 30周年庆典增加了炫丽的色彩。第一任会长姚凤北博士诚挚祝福CAPA要“三十而立”，希望CAPA人再接再厉，更上一层楼。所有在场的嘉宾观看并赞叹由美南新闻特别为CAPA摄制三十周年配乐影像片，它表现历任CAPA会长与CAPA风雨兼程走过的三十年，它记录了CAPA一直走在时代的洪流中，为中国大陆，台湾，美国石油技术交流所做出的卓越贡献。我们期待CAPA在未来的三十年为石油工业作出更优秀的成绩！
CGCC Energy & Chemical Industry Committee Annual Conference

Bruce Shang and Xianhuai Zhu, on behalf of CAPA, attended CGCC’s (中国美商总会) 1st Energy & Chemical Industry Committee Annual Conference in Houston in Feb 12th. Xianhuai Zhu was invited to introduce CAPA to CGCC committee during the lunch.

CGCC has six subcommittees by discipline, such as Energy & Chemical Industry Committee which includes national oil companies (e.g. SINOPEC, CNPC, and SinoChem) and State Grid Corporation from mainland China.

The main objective of CGCC are aimed at helping Chinese national and private companies to do business in US.

2014 Q1 Lunch & Learn

March 15th - Despite the morning rain, more than 30 people attended the first quarterly CAPA Lunch & Learn event held at the American First National Bank (恒丰银行大楼). The topic of this L&L was “How to Protect You and Your Family”. Two seasoned officers, Sergeant Mitch Hutter from Harris County Constables Office Pct. 5/Office of Community Relations and Crime Prevention, and Officer Ted S. Wang, Senior Police Officer at Houston Police Department/Public Affairs Office came and shared with the audience good strategies on home and personal safety, as well as tips to prevent burglary of motor vehicle and ID theft.

Sergeant Hutter discussed the crime rates in Houston and some recent trends. According to him, Houston has the highest home break-ins compared to other large cities in the U.S.; people here are fairly innocent and careless about keeping doors locked. Harris County Pct. 5 offers free home inspections to residents, where officers will come to people’s homes (by request) to evaluate their anti-theft measures, offer recommendations, and make sure they are installed properly. Sgt. Hutter also showed several easy-to-install but critical parts to better secure homes and shared some do’s and don’ts of how to keep people and families safe. Sgt. Hutter’s key messages were - Small investments on security measures go a long way; It is more important to keep alarm on while you are at home than when you are absent.

Sgt. Wang discussed basics on burglary of motor vehicle and ID theft prevention and how to break the crime triangle and the cultural and language barriers. The crime triangle includes
the Offender, the Victim, and the Opportunity. The minority community, especially people who are not fluent in English, tend to become easy targets; Some people provide a lot of incentives for crimes, such as leaving purses, mobile phones, and electronics in vehicles. Sgt. Wang’s key messages were: Don’t underestimate thieves, they are intelligent and have nothing to lose; Keep emergency numbers close; Prepare elderly relatives for emergent situations and remind them to specify their native tongue when calling 911; ID theft has serious consequences; Do not give out critical information during any phone calls; Always double check first and act later.

David Wang from Sigma Security came and gave an overview of various surveillance systems and answered question on how and where to install them at home. His main points were: Surveillance technologies have advanced significantly; It’s better to use professional help when installing home surveillance cameras; Fake cameras could be worse than just having a sign posting hidden cameras. (Please contact Liu Mu (muliu2k@yahoo.com) and Meisong Yan (Meisong.Yan@bp.com) if you wish to contact the officers).

March 22nd - Eight CAPA members were recently invited to a “Petroleum Industry Career Panel Discussion” at the Rice University on Saturday afternoon. The event was hosted by the Rice Chinese Students and Scholars Club (RCSSC) and the Rice Taiwanese Student Association (RTSA). Approximately 50 students attended the event.

In the introduction, the panelists shared their educational background, journeys in the oil and gas industry, roles in CAPA, and their passions about engaging with students in the local universities and sharing career advices and lessons learned. Following that, Dr. Ma gave an overview of the CAPA organization, its tie to the oil and gas professional communities and the planned 2014 events, especially the upcoming picnic on April 19th and the Student Paper Contest in the CAPA Technical Symposium on September 26th. Dr. Shih gave a presentation on soft skills – how crucial they are to the job performance and career development for people with technical background, and how to acquire these soft skills. Dr. Steve Chang led a very interactive discussion on a specific soft skill: perception, where he discussed the concept, the typical “blind spots” in one’s perceptions, and tips on how to break perception barriers. His analogy of “the blind men and the elephant” vividly described the mistake people often make (do we really know what the issue we are facing or the requests we are receiving?) and was very well received.

After the presentations, the panelists sat down with the students and answered specific questions related to job interviews, offer selections, relocation issues, and opportunities within integrated oil companies. Students felt this was a very useful and timely panel discussion and will help address issues they are currently facing and or soon to be facing.

From left: Linyuan Xin (RCSSC), Jianxiong Chen, Tai-Chang Shih, Hong Jin, Tracy Pan, Jing Wan, Yongchao Zeng (RCSSC), Shengkai Duan, Long Ma, Steve Chang, Eddy Lee, Ling-Yung Wang (RTSA)
Pangtong Wellhead USA Inc. (PTWUSA) is a leading wellhead equipment supply and service company based in Houston. The company was registered in 2009, joined CAPA in 2011, and has become a corporate sponsor since early 2013. PTWUSA is and has always been a strong support for CAPA. Recently, the Chief Editor of CAPA Quarterly Newsletter, Dr. Hong Jin, conducted an interview with Kathy Pang, the president of PTWUSA on a number of topics, including the company history, journey to success, and future outlook, as well as the story behind partnership with CAPA.

Could you please share a little background of the company’s past and present?

PTWUSA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shanghai Wellhead Equipment Manufacture Co., Ltd, which was founded in Shanghai, China in 2003. The company designs and manufactures various types of petroleum machinery products, with 90% sales in the international market (primarily in the U.S.) and 10% sales in the domestic market (China). All products sold in the U.S. are certified by American Petroleum Institute (API) standards. We have been manufacturing various API 6A, 16A, 16C products for Weatherford since 2006.

We have grown tremendously in the past eleven years with a total asset of $80 million U.S.D. currently. We owe our success largely to (1) a rigorous quality control process executed from material selection, process specification, process flow management, all the way to post-factory product inspections, (2) a highly skilled work force (most professional have over 30 years of experience in petroleum product manufacture), and (3) our continuous emphasis on innovation. We have introduced the most advanced FC/FCS gate valve with manual operated/hydraulic, split gate valve, adjustable choke valves and manifolds to the market, which have helped us gain strong confidence from our global and domestic customers, shown by our growing sales in offshore platform and desert oilfields.

Where are we heading with this success and the goal for PTWUSA?

We won’t stop here. The petroleum industry is very large and there is a lot of space for improvement, including enhancement of corporate functions, perfection of management mechanism, update of quality assurance system, standardization and systemization of testing and detection means. Our goal in the next decade is to make ourselves more adaptable to market needs to better serve our customers and to further enhance our competition in products and services.

PTWUSA allows us to be closer to the oil fields and to our customers in the North and South America, have access to first-hand information, and feed it back to our enterprise in real time. The annual Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) held in Houston has been a great platform for us. We participated in OTC for the first time in 2013. We obtained more than 217 clients’ contact information, with 80 effective clients and special following-up customers, among which 40% are regional clients, 20% from Nigeria, 10% from South America, and 10% from the Middle East.

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How do you value partnership with CAPA?

We see great values in sponsoring CAPA. We are still very new to the community here; we need a large and reputable professional organization to help spread the word about our company, who we are and what we do, and in the meantime, help us connect to local resources and the large talent pool. That is exactly what CAPA is. CAPA has over a thousand registered members, all of which are professionals that work on various aspects of the oil and gas industry. Beyond that, CAPA has close ties with major oil and service companies in mainland China and Taiwan. This provides great networking opportunities for us. In return we are very glad to sponsor the various events hosted by CAPA. It is a true “Win-Win” for both partners.

Last year was CAPA’s 30th birthday and we had the honor to witness the celebration. We hope CAPA will continue to grow and prosper. So will our partnership.

Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Foundation

CAPA received sponsorship from SEG for holding “2014 SEG/CAPA Student Presentation Contest”.

Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the science of geophysics and the education of exploration geophysicists. The Society fosters the expert and ethical practice of geophysics in the exploration and development of natural resources, in characterizing the near-surface, and in mitigating earth hazards.

As of early 2008, SEG has more than 28,000 members working in more than 130 countries. SEG was founded in 1930 in Houston, Texas but its business office has been headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma since the mid-1940s.

While most SEG members are involved in exploration for petroleum, SEG members also are involved in application of geophysics methods to mineral exploration as well as environmental and engineering problems, archaeology, and other scientific endeavors.

SEG publishes The Leading Edge (TLE), a monthly professional magazine, and Geophysics, a peer-reviewed archival publication.
1998年石油協會主要理事包括段樹法會長，孫嗣敏副會長和吳長林財務長。在其他專業理事的積極熱情配合之下，石油協會辦了幾件也算“轟轟烈烈”的活動。

1998年的華人石油研討會大陸方面直接由中石化承辦，完善的接待和緊湊的程序，給所有與會者都留下了深刻的印象。台灣地區由中油副總經理葉金龍指導和帶隊，從中油到中鼎公司，甚至工研院，都派出代表參加，陣容可見龐大。北美地區的大會籌備和聯絡具備由吳長林負責，征集到三十多篇高質量的論文，為北京的大會和專題演講作了充分準備。在飛往北京之前，石油協會組成代表團專程赴台灣，就北一會議和來年可能在台灣召開1999研討會事宜進行了旋風式訪問，段樹法擔任團長，拜會了中油，經部，青輔會，國科會，台大，中大和工研院等單位。收穫頗大。吳長林在他的寶島行中有詳細的過程描述。

除了北京研討會之外，石油協會還做了另外一件很有意義的專常活動。在1998年4月份鹽湖城召開的AAPG年會上，我們開天闢地辦了件令很多專業團體驚舌和羨慕的高層次招待酒會。當時邀請了二十多家美國石油官司的高級管理人員參加，直接與中國大陸三家石油官司的副總和總地質師提供與西方石油官司見面交流的機會。招待酒會非常成功。吳長林任招待酒會主席，段樹法專門飛到猶他做會長致詞。招待會之後，邀請60人的貴賓在鹽湖城的“老監獄”飯店舉行餐會。當時的大陸貴賓包括中國海洋石油總公司總地質師龔再升先生，中團新星石油公司副總經理周佰修先生，以及中國石油天然氣總公司開發公司副總經理曾興球先生等中國石油代表團的所有團員。

1998年我們還多次舉辦聯誼活動。最令人難忘的應該是高爾夫球訓練，室內交誼舞練習等休閑方面的活動。當年的野餐燒烤也曾經廣泛有效地將新老會員召集在一起。通過1998年的各種活動，招待會，研討會和大陸行等，越來越多的來自大陸的新會員加，1998年應該是新鮮血液增加較多的一年。

1998年美國華人石油協會會長段樹法書