One of several things that we can count on happening in life is “change”. There have been many changes that are affecting the current and future roles and responsibilities of CAPA, and to keep the essay simple, I’ll skip all the past boom and bust of the industry.

In 1983, CAPA was formed by 22 founders - volunteers who came to the US from Taiwan. For the ensuing 10+ years, the majority of CAPA members were from Taiwan. The source of our revenue was from the membership fees and personal contributions from the officers; I have heard many times from CAPA elders that it was challenging to keep CAPA going. Fortunately, there were limited but timely assistance from NOCs in Taiwan and Mainland China, and from increasingly numbers of US oil companies that were doing business in these regions that provided funding for the technical symposia.

From the 90’s on, we witnessed the increasing numbers of students and immigrants coming from China, accompanied by a slowing or even at times a decrease in students and immigrants from Taiwan. This resulted in the change in the demographics of the CAPA membership. In the past decade, we have also seen a rather significant increase in the student membership, credit to a good and healthy oil and gas industry.

In the early years, one very important accomplishment from CAPA was being the bridge between the NOCs from Taiwan and Mainland China, when direct contact was restricted due to political reasons. This “bridge” role has diminished since China opened its oil industry, as direct communications and cooperation in projects across the Taiwan Strait were realized. While Taiwan has long had a presence of private involvement in petrochemical, China has, in recent years, seen the rise of private enterprises in the petroleum sectors, many of which, along with the NOCs, have or are in the process to set up R&D centers and business offices in the US, specifically in the Greater Houston Area. The meteoric rise of the US shale plays has expedited the process. We have seen a significant increase in private enterprises present in recent CAPA events and in our corporate sponsorship.

These changes require CAPA to re-think of its role. CAPA welcomes the changes and all the opportunities and challenges associated. This is what makes CAPA grow.

Tai-chang Shih (2014 CAPA President)
May 6 – 第45届美国（休斯敦）国际石油技术和装备展览会5月5日开幕，包括中国在内的130个国家和地区的十万余名代表参加了此次盛会。来自中国大陆、台湾、香港的400多家华资企业也应邀到会参展，到会参展人数超过8000人，创造了中国企业参加OTC展会的最大数量。

5月6日晚，美国华人石油协会（CAPA）假中国城的珍宝海鲜酒楼设宴招待OTC参展华人客商，包括中石油、中石化、中海油以及台湾中油代表团在内的近400人应邀出席。美国华人石油协会2014年会长史大昌和董事长朱宪怀分别用中英文介绍了美国华人石油协会的历史和今后开展的工作，并代表美国华人石油协会欢迎远道而来的宾客。其间来自两岸三地的石油、石化方面的专家学者、同行们相互交流，度过了一个轻松愉快的晚上。

- 引自美国华夏时报
2014 CAPA OTC Reception (Ocean Palace Restaurant, May 6th)
4月19日(星期六)上午11点至下午3点，美国华人石油协会在Bear Creek Pioneers Park举办了春季野餐会。借助晴朗的天气，本次野餐会创下了历史纪录—超过三百名会员，会员家属，及CAPA的朋友参加了野餐会。

野餐会上，新老朋友们在一起聊天叙旧，分享石油行业信息，了解石油协会。不少新来的朋友还在现场加入了石油协会。石油协会2014年会长史大昌博士在会上致辞，感谢所有现场来宾朋友及赞助公司对CAPA多年来的支持。

此外，活动组织者安排大家进行了拔河，排球，呼啦圈和高尔夫球比赛等活动。不管是大人还是孩子，所有人都积极参与了各项活动。大家在野外度过了一段美好的时光。

本次野餐会的午餐由休斯顿本地的烧烤店Goode Company提供。有该店的特色烧烤，色拉，还有面包。协会还为孩子们准备了点心，水果，以及水和冰茶。为了保证健康和安全，活动组织者还准备了急救包，驱蚊液等物品。

一年一度的春季野餐会是石油协会为会员及其家属和朋友们提供的社交及互动的平台，目的是让大家在轻松的体育竞技和分享美味烧烤之余能够增进彼此的了解，沟通，建立信任与友情，在今后的工作中互相帮助，共同发展。
2014 Second Quarterly CAPA Lunch & Learn

March 15th – The 2nd Quarter CAPA Lunch & Learn had a Lawyer, Chen Fan (Beijing Foreign Affairs College Graduate), who is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Nguyen & Chen, LLP. His presentation covers various issues relating to workplace rights and obligations, including but not limited to right to privacy, email/internet uses, trade secret, non-disclosure, non-compete, discrimination, wage and hour, discipline, and termination/layoff. With extensive legal practice and familiarity of Chinese culture, Chen Fan delivered the talk in a way of audience interest and told many real life stories which could be related to any of us. All attendees give this lunch and learn very high praise. At the end, Chen Fan happily accepted CAPA Distinguished Lecturer Award after his presentation.

From Left to Right:
Meisong Yan (CAPA EC), Chen Fan (Speaker), Eddy Lee (CAPA Treasurer, 2014), and Mu Liu (CAPA EC)

2014 Science, Engineering & Technology Seminars (SETS)

June 21 - CAPA sponsored and chaired the oil and gas technology session for 2014 Science, Engineering & Science Seminar (SETS) which was hosted by The Association of Chinese American Professionals (ACAP) in Sugar Land Marriott Hotel. One of CAPA EC members, Chia-Hao Ko (Right Middle) received an Outstanding Service Award for his professional leadership and exemplary service during the event. Four speakers presented the session including: Dr. Eddy Lee (Shell), Dr. Mark Chang (Technip), Dr. Jia Liu (Anadarko), and Dr. George Chou (Chevron).

Above Middle: Chia-Hao Ko (Co-chair, CAPA EC);
Below: Eddy Lee (Co-chair, CAPA EC)
April 20-24 - Dr. Xianhuai Zhu, 2014 CAPA Chairman of BOD, visited Honored BOD members and Chinese NOCs’ representatives during the SEG Beijing conference.

With Dr. Weilin Zhu (right), Chief Geologist CNOOC & CAPA HBOD

Right: Dr. Zhijun Jin, President, SINOPEC Research Institute & CAPA HBOD

Left: Dr. Yongsheng Ma, Chief Geologist, SINOPEC & CAPA HBOD, Middle: Dr. Ken Tubman, VP Technology ConocoPhillips

Middle: Chaoliang Fang, VP, Technology, CNPC, Left: Liming Sa, Director, Geophysical R&D, CNPC

CAPA Reception for CUP (Qingdao)

April 3 – CAPA hosted a delegate of China Petroleum University (Huadong) led by the Chancellor Shan, Honghong at the Sarah’s Place. Approximately ten CAPA Board of Directors and EC members attended the reception.

COPA Picnic

April 17 - Dr. Xianhuai Zhu (right), 2014 Chairman of CAPA Board of Directors and Dr. Qiyu Han, President of Chinese Overseas Petroleum Alumni (COPA) at the COPA’s picnic. CAPA and COPA have been supporting to each other in several activities in the last few years. Many COPA members are also CAPA members and vice versa.
石油协会在二十世纪尾年忙碌而顺利的度过。回顾一年中许多活动，清晰画面一一在脑海中呈现，犹如昨日。

自一月初首次干部会议拟定工作目标后，一般讲来，均能按计划做事，顺利推动，完成预定工作计划。本着替会员服务的原则，干部们决定要增进会员间联系，建立通讯系统，引进新会员，增加协会活动基金，继续技术上的交流，培养两岸三地能源界建桥和推广会员们学术和社交上的认识。当时我个人对这些洋洋大观的目标不知有无把握来推动，并且怀疑是否过分乐观。未料到干事们及许多会友踊跃参与，工作目标无不水到渠成，这些经验令我对石协会员的能力与干劲有了更深的认识。尤其对大家热心公益，牺牲小我的精神，感受甚深。

回顾一年间活动成就及高潮：

一 建立会员资料中心和电脑通讯网，利用电子信件及网站，使石协资讯现代化。同时加强在Newsletter和邮件，报章上传达消息，使会员对石协的活动和计划有所预报，鼓励参与。

二 举办科技大会，五月及九月分两次举行，会中除了精彩的科技论文之发表外，并扩充一般性演讲，在亚裔参政，华人在美国社会所面对的问题，以及因应能源界大型辩护等专题演讲，颇受大众好评。

三 会员联络活动除聚餐，四月份野餐，年终庆宴外，并鼓励会友们参加音乐会，舞会等等，让会员及家属们共同参与，尽兴而归。

四 办理小型活动，吸引新会员，并替会友介绍工作，帮助会员在事业，工作上的发展。

五 七月份举办公开招待会，邀请CNPC，美国石油界公司和石协会员们一同参加，促进彼此交流，认识。并获公司赞助捐款逾六千美元，作为协会活动基金。

六 募款救济台湾震灾，参与80-20活动和协助关振鹏竞选荣任市议员。

这一年协会的工作一般讲来可说有非常满意的结果。唯一失望的是取消了原定于十一月在台湾举办的国际华人石油及石化科技研讨会。干事们全力筹备并邀请两岸三地组团前往参加，因“两国论”的政治影响而未能实现，功亏一篑，甚为遗憾。

最后我想籍此向会友进言，希望大家尽量参与石协活动，将石协前途引为己任。一个社团的成长要靠大家的关心。99年的成就，我对副会长吴长林，财务长邱震华，及各位干事表示衷心感谢。我预祝石油协会来年更成功，更茁壮，成为模范社团。