I took over as the 2014 CAPA President with great humility and a little trepidation; and now my term is fulfilled, still with humility and trepidation: wondering what we could have done towards helping CAPA members to safely navigate through the effects of the unexpected and unprecedented fall of crude price.

We pretty much accomplished the 2014 CAPA activities as we planned, thanks to the hard work of the EC, with strong support from the BOD, VP, many members, and of course from our esteemed Corporate members and Sponsors. After looking into various avenues to fix and improve the CAPA web site, the web team has recruited help from EAEG, where we are finalizing the contract, perhaps looking forward to a migration in late March, 2015. The 2014 EC was busy doing preliminary groundwork, where the 2015 EC is taking full charge of the planning and execution of the global conference to be held in the Houston area during the Fall of 2015.

In the last several months of 2014, we have witnessed an unprecedented fall of crude prices, accompanied by a relatively weak natural gas price. This has driven many E&P and service concerns to start cutting back on spending by reducing expensive projects, and, unfortunately, reducing their workforces. This change has and will affect some CAPA members, including graduating students. We sincerely hope that the members affected face the challenges with positive attitude, apply your creativity, and fully utilize the network established through CAPA. For the fortunate ones not now affected, please keep your ears and eyes open for job opportunities and provide the information to the EC to publicize to your fellow CAPA members. We are in a cyclic industry – there is always light at the end of the tunnel, and I sincerely hope that it will be sooner than later. To help one another at times of need is an unspoken mandate of being a CAPA member.

Tai-chang Shih (2014 CAPA President)
Sep. 26th, 2014 – The 2014 CAPA Petroleum & Petrochemical Technical Symposium was successfully held at the Marathon Oil Tower in Houston, TX. Over 180 people attended this year’s symposium.

The CAPA symposium is a premier technical conference occurs every year for the Chinese oil and gas professionals in the Greater Houston Area. It brings together executives from major oil and gas companies and service companies, as well as professionals to share recent trends and the latest technology development in the oil and gas industry. It also serves as the pre-screening process for the biennial CAPA Global Chinese Petroleum and Petro-chemical Symposium (GCPPTS), where 15 outstanding technical papers will be selected for presentation at the GCPPTS in the following year. The GCPPTS is co-hosted by CAPA, CNPC, Sinopec, CNOOC, CPC Taiwan and CUCBM.

This year’s symposium focused on “Create Values in Upstream and Downstream Business: Performance, Strategies, Portfolio, and Growth”. It started with a plenary session in the morning, with five keynote speakers from major oil companies and oil service companies.

This year, we added a panel discussion on Entrepreneurship & Business Development to our program. This open, insightful, and interactive session provided attendees resourceful information in investing in oil and gas sector, and was very well received.

23 technical papers were presented in five parallel sessions in the afternoon in addition to the Panel discussion. The technical papers covered a broad range of topics including Deepwater Exploration and Production, Unconventional plays, Engineering and HSE, as well as Downstream/Petrochemical.

We organized two dedicated sessions towards student paper contest which was sponsored by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), and eleven student papers were presented at the sessions. The student paper contest is a platform for Chinese graduate students to practice presentation skills and to receive constructive feedback. This is the fourth year CAPA hosts the session, and has been highly regarded by student members and academia.
**2014 Q4 Lunch & Learn**

Nov 8th - During CAPA’s Q4 Lunch and Learn on Nov. 8th, 2014, members and their families gathered at the conference room of East West Bank to get insightful advice and recommendations from Dr. Shengkun Yao and Mrs. Becky Schuett on preventing Flu, Ebola and taking care of the families on personal health, especially the young kids and the aged parents during this winter season. Apparently a good clean up with a thorough hand wash is the simplest yet most effective way to prevent those diseases. Dr. Yao also encouraged the attendants to balance their life and work by moderate exercise, healthy diet, and reduced stress level besides working hard as the first-generation immigrants in USA. Audiences also took advantage of this event and asked very detailed health-related questions that they may not have time to do so during a regular appointment with their family doctors.

**CAPA会见中石化勘探开发研究院代表团**

Nov. 5th, 2014-CAPA名誉董事、中国科学院院士、中石化勘探开发研究院院长金之均先生（中）代表中石化于11月5日在达拉斯举行的第五届世界页岩气峰会上领取“页岩油气国际先锋奖”，并于11月8日来休斯顿看望CAPA。CAPA 2014董事会朱宪怀主席和李玉董事参加了会见。安排这次会见活动有中石化休斯顿研发中心筹备组组长郑和容副院长和CAPA副会长马龙。

From left: 李玉(CAPA BOD), 金之均 (中石化勘探开发研究院院长), 朱宪怀 (CAPA BOD)
中国能源政策及中美在气候变暖方面的合作”的研讨会。这是清华大学校长首次到访休斯顿这个世界能源之都。出席的领导包括陈吉宁校长和杨斌副校长。发言的教授为齐晔，李政，郦金梁教授。朱宪怀博士（CAPA BOD），尚柱成博士（CAPA BOD），金虹博士（CAPA EC）代表CAPA应邀参加了此次研讨会。

当晚，CAPA 副会长马龙博士应邀参加了大休斯敦地区清华校友会举办的招待酒会。招待宴会地点在市中心五星级的四季酒店。参加活动的当地名流包括Rice University的校长David Leebron及其夫人孙月萍博士、美国知名生物化学家Rice University教授兼清华大学“千人计划”马剑鹏博士，前市议员关振鹏及夫人、美国百人会成员及国会立法顾问朱伯朝，知名律师邓隆隆博士、James Leavens，以及大型国企如中石化、中石油等驻休斯顿的负责人。

2014年12月11日中午，由校长陈吉宁带领的清华代表团在Brennan’s of Houston举办了主题为“中国能源政策及中美在气候变暖方面的合作”的研讨会。这是清华大学校长首次到访休斯顿这个世界能源之都。出席的领导包括陈吉宁校长和杨斌副校长。发言的教授为齐晔，李政，郦金梁教授。朱宪怀博士（CAPA BOD），尚柱成博士（CAPA BOD），金虹博士（CAPA EC）代表CAPA应邀参加了此次研讨会。

CAPA BOD Chairman Was Elected as Director at Large of the SEG Board

Dr. Xianhuai Zhu, Team Lead and Principal Research Geophysicist at ConocoPhillips, was elected as 2014-2015 Director at Large of the SEG Board with three years of commitment.

This photo with all SEG BOD members was taken during the SEG annual meeting in Denver in October 2014.
Jan. 24th, 2015 – The 2015 CAPA Annual Membership Meeting was successfully held at Ocean Palace Restaurant. More than 220 members and guests attended this year’s annual meeting.

CAPA Annual Membership Meeting has been one of the most important events for CAPA each year. It is a time for CAPA to take stock and look forward and also embark on leadership transition of the organization.

2014 CAPA President Dr. Tai Shi reported CAPA’s many achievements in the year of 2014, major events include annual picnic, OTC Dinner Reception, Rice campus visit, BP/CAPA career forum, and Technical Symposium. 2014 CAPA BOD Chairman Dr. Xianhuai Zhu reported CAPA Board of Directors (BOD) activities, including efforts of enhancing relationship with HBOD members at Sinopec and CNOOC, as well as associated societies such as SEG and EAGE. 2014 CAPA Treasurer Dr. Eddy Lee reported CAPA financial status – in good shape to as we enter a low-oil price environment and challenging year ahead. He also recognized many generous sponsors for their continued support.

2015 Executive Committee and Board of Directors members were introduced and voted during the election process. Outgoing President and BOD Chairman, and retiring BOD and EC members were recognized for their contributions to CAPA over the meeting.

The Crude Oil Price Prediction Result was also revealed and the winner, Xueying Xie, from Shell, was awarded. The Oil Trivia Game was always engaging and we had very active participation. Several rounds of prize drawing brought many friends pleasant surprise and memorable moments.

Newly elected 2015 CAPA President, Dr. Long Ma, looks forward to carrying on the baton and a productive year ahead. He outlined major events that the new EC team is currently planning on, especially the Global Chinese Petroleum and Petro-chemical Symposium (GCPPTS), which will be hosted by CAPA in Houston in late October time. He is confident that a team of capable, passionate, and dedicated volunteers will deliver and bring value-add activities to members, with the support and guidance of BOD, and with support of CAPA members and friends.
Elected 2015 CAPA Executive Committee

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李 怡 德  
V.P.

陈 家 杰  
Treasurer

张 世 晓  
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吴 琼  
Event

葛 家 豪  
Event

戴柏青  
Website

向 静  
Event

俞 立 凡  
Website

金 虹  
Lunch & Learn

董 珍 珍  
Newsletter

汪 昌  
Media

李 一 宁  
Membership

董 彦  
Membership

杨 晓 卓  
Training

许 晓 霞  
Training

严 梅 松  
Lunch & Learn

潘 翠 屏  
Career Forum

杨 梅  
Symposium

段 胜 楷  
Student

陈 剑 雄  
Student

张 立  
Student

陈 一  
Event

施 名 刚  
Event

王 淼  
Event

朱 新 发  
Event

朱 亚 平  
Training
In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened that Prof. Liang-Chi Shen (沈良璣教授), Professor Emeritus of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Houston, passed away peacefully Monday morning, September 22nd, in Houston, after a long illness for a number of years.

Prof. Shen was a founding member and the 1987 President of the Chinese American Petroleum Association (CAPA). He made significant contribution in chartering the direction of CAPA and helped to make engineering lecture hall at the University of Houston a de facto meeting place for numerous CAPA seminars and technical symposia for many years. He received a BS from National Taiwan University, and a PhD from Harvard University.

Professor Shen was a distinguished professor, an outstanding researcher, and a world-renowned scientist in electromagnetic wave theory. He established a well-logging research laboratory at the school for the oil and gas industry, and became a noted well-logging expert in petroleum exploration and production. CAPA members and friends will remember his legacy of great technical accomplishments, and his leadership and dedication to CAPA services.

Professor Shen’s memorial service took place on December 21st, 2014, well attended by his family, friends, colleagues, and students. We will remember Prof. Shen’s pioneering contributions to CAPA, and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Wei Liu, and his two sons, Michael and Eugene, and their families.

Xianhuai Zhu
2014 CAPA BOD Chairman
Tai-chang Shih
2014 CAPA President
Faces of CAPA

这些年来由于工作的原因离开了休斯敦，基本上没有太多的机会参与华人石油协会的活动，似乎是远离了这个大家庭，但实际上在内心深处一直惦念着、牵挂这个曾经为之服务的协会，并真挚地为它祝福着。

弹指一挥间，回想起来十几年前开始介入石油协会工作的时候，像我这样具有中国大陆背景的会员为数不多，因为大部分国内来的留学生基本参加美南专家协会或者各大石油院校的校友会。而来自台湾的很多学长都参加清一色具有台湾背景的美南建国会。华人石油协会因而成为具有自己特色的、包容大陆和台湾两地会员的、集两岸三地技术交流和石油石化行业情感交流于一体的协会组织。

我从1995年开始加入协会，直到2003年赴北京任职离开休斯敦，近十年的协会义工让我具有以下点点滴滴的回忆，有值得骄傲的也有值得遗憾的。在本人担任会长期间，

• 正式确定每年一次在中国大陆、北美和台湾轮流召开全球华人石油石化科技研讨会
• 正式成立美国华人石油协会名誉顾问团队
• 正式成立美国华人石油协会董事会和名誉董事会
• 策划并推动全球华人石油基金会提案

CAPA石油协会没有政治取向、不分台湾大陆背景、纯粹的石油技术交流，因此具有相当的包容性。本人当年致力于石油协会的工作正是看中这一巨大的优势。然而，在日常运作当中，不同教育背景、不同年龄阶段、不同学术领域等因素造成磕磕碰碰实在是不可避免。作为协会的老会员，甚至不谦虚地讲作为第一任董事会主席，非常寄希望新会员和新领导们秉承石油协会包容性的传统，相互谦让和支持，让石油协会更上一层楼。

2000年美国华人石油协会会长吴长林书