

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

**Dear esteemed members of the GSH,**

As we approach the upcoming election for our new board of directors, I urge each of you to actively participate and cast your vote. The GSH Nominating Committee has selected a strong slate of candidates who have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to the GSH and its mission. These candidates have diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives that will enrich our society and help us face the challenges and opportunities ahead. **Nominations for write-in candidates for any office will close on March 19, 2021.** Write-ins must be active members and meet requirements specified in the bylaws. The GSH officers election will take place in April 2021.

Our society's future vitality and success depend on the leadership we choose. Your vote matters - let's make it count for the betterment of our society.

Katie Baker  
GSH President



**René Mott**  
(Enervest, Ltd.)

GSH Candidate for  
**President-elect**  
2024-2025

René Mott graduated from Texas A&M with a B.S. in geophysics in 1982 and the University of Texas at Dallas with a master's degree in sedimentology in 1996.

She is a Senior Geophysical Advisor consulting on onshore assets with an integrated team of engineers and geologists. Rene's specialties include stratigraphic and structural interpretations, with close attention how to effectively utilize the waveform's characteristics and rock qualities to find or enhance production. Over her career, she has been involved in the many stages of numerous development projects, conventional and

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**Tony LaPierre**  
(RPS)

GSH Candidate for  
**President-elect**  
2024-2025

Tony LaPierre is the Technical Director of Seismic Operations and Site Investigations at RPS, a Tetra Tech company. With 35 years of experience a Master of Applied Science Civil Engineering and Bachelor (Hons) Geology degrees he manages large and complex geophysics projects in support of E&P, CCUS, and Offshore Renewables. His introduction to the GSH occurred when new to Houston, participating in the MS150 cycling event. Over the past decade, Tony has contributed by chairing and sponsoring GSH social events, including St Arnold and Karbach icebreakers. More recently,

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**Dmitry Kulakov**  
(SLB)

GSH Candidate for  
**1st VP-elect**  
2024-2025

Dmitry has 14 years of experience in the Oil and Gas industry. He received a BS degree in Exploration Geophysics from Gubkin University in 2009. In 2011 he graduated from dual-diploma Reservoir Geoscience and Engineering program holding a MS degree from IFP-School (Paris, France) and Gubkin University. He is an active member of SEG, and GSH.

In 2011 Dmitry joined SLB in Houston Texas, where he is currently holding a position of Data Scientist. His main area of expertise lays in geophysical data and workflows automation. Prior to this he

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**Kurang Mehta**  
(Kosmos Energy)

GSH Candidate for  
**1st VP-elect**  
2024-2025

Kurang Mehta is an accomplished geophysicist with experience in various geologic settings. He generates value towards integrated subsurface characterization by providing high-quality seismic interpretation products. Always curious and eager to learn, resilient under pressure, takes personal accountability to ensure timely delivery of commitments, and willing to support colleagues while working in a team towards a common goal. He has worked for Shell and Ecopetrol-America in the past, and is currently employed by Kosmos Energy. When he is not interpreting seismic, he is busy as an active SEG member. For the

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**Paul Vincent**  
(Chevron)

GSH Candidate for  
**2nd VP-elect**  
2024-2025

Paul has worked as a technical geophysicist at Chevron since 2005. He started his career in the company's Technical Center planning seismic surveys and managing data processing projects in the North Sea, Angola, Gulf of Mexico, and Venezuela. He predicted rock properties from seismic offshore Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, and Colombia. For the last decade he has influenced exploration and development drilling programs in business units worldwide working onshore Kurdistan, offshore Suriname, and nearshore Nigeria. He is currently the Geophysical Coordinator for Chevron Mid-Continent (Permian Basin)

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**John Asma**  
(Z-Terra)

GSH Candidate for  
**2nd VP-elect**  
2024-2025

Over 40 years of sales and operations management experience in Seismic Data Processing and software development. Long time member of the GSH. Interested in promoting the Society for networking, technical collaboration and information transfer for the betterment of the oil and gas industry. The GSH Social Events are important for all of these reasons and for generation of much needed revenue for the Society. Currently Vice President of Business Development for Z-Terra, Inc. since 2017. Started in seismic in 1979 with Gulf Coast Geodata after several years in the field. Became Coordinator of Acquisition and Processing.

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**Whitney Schultz**  
(OXY)

GSH Candidate for  
**Secretary-elect**  
2024-2025

Whitney Schultz is a geophysicist at Oxy. Her first role was with the Delaware Basin team developing unconventional reservoirs. She is currently part of the International Exploration team where she has been maturing new conventional prospects within the UAE.

Whitney has a B.S. and M.S. in geophysics from the Colorado School of Mines. Her research with the Reservoir Characterization Project focused on multicomponent geophone and DAS VSP. She processed various surveys and analyzed the resulting image quality and the merits and limitations of specific

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**Andrew Pomroy**  
(Ecopetrol America)

GSH Candidate for  
**Secretary-elect**  
2024-2025

Andrew is a geophysicist with 15 years of experience in the industry working in both the operator and contractor/service provider space. He is currently the lead development geophysicist for the K2 field in deepwater GoM at Ecopetrol America LLC and has previously held a variety of roles at BP, Geoteric, and BHP. Through his time in his various positions he has developed a strong skill set and proclivity for seismic interpretation and analysis using cutting edge technologies for quick and efficient interrogation of 3D volumes and computed attributes. He holds a Professional Masters in Petroleum Reservoir Systems from Colorado School

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**Arpita Bathija**  
(Aramco Americas)

GSH Candidate for  
**Treasurer-elect**  
2024-2025

Arpita is a drilling research scientist at Aramco Americas working on wellbore stability issues using digital rock physics on oil-well cement. She is experienced in rock physics, petrophysics, exploration and production earth science, technical geophysics, and laboratory measurements. Previously, she worked as a geoscientist at Chevron in well planning for exploration and production of deep-water offshore wells in Gulf of Mexico and Angola. She received her PhD in Geophysics from Colorado School of Mines on rock physics study of shales and sandstones. She received her M.S. in Geophysics from Stanford University

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**Stephanie Suarez**  
(Ikon Science)

GSH Candidate for  
**Treasurer-elect**  
2024-2025

Prior to joining Ikon Science, Stephanie worked as a Graduate Researcher & NSF Graduate Research fellow at the University of Houston. In this role, she was responsible for utilizing geochemical techniques in petrology and geochronology to examine Martian meteorites to better understand the nature and timing of magmatism on Mars. Stephanie holds an M.Sc in Geology (Ph.D. in progress) from the University of Houston and a B.Sc in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin.

In her spare time, Stephanie likes to bike, garden, hike, kayak, and travel. She also

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**Shane Quimby**  
(Borehole Seismic)

GSH Candidate for  
**Communications  
Director-elect**  
2024-2025

Shane Quimby works in Business Development at Borehole Seismic, LLC, supporting Microseismic Monitoring, Fiber Optic Distributed Acoustic Sensing, and VSP acquisition and processing.

Over his 28-year career, he has worked in various fields focused on seismic technology, including land and marine seismic, and passive seismic methods including microseismic and induced seismicity monitoring. His work has taken him to a wide range of locations across the globe, including London, Mumbai, and Buenos Aires. Shane received a B.S. in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Missouri - Science and

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**Cucha Lopez**  
(ExxonMobil)

GSH Candidate for  
**Communications**  
**Director-elect**  
2024-2025

Cucha Lopez got a bachelor of Science degree from Simon Bolivar University and a MsC in Geophysics/Reservoir Characterization from Colorado School of Mines. She started working for ExxonMobil in 2010 as a Geophysical Application Specialist. Her specialty areas are Rock Physics, Spectral Decomposition and Seismic Inversion. In August of 2023, she joined ExxonMobil Unconventionals division further expanding her knowledge in Geomechanics.

Cucha enjoys teaching and mentoring, helping others elevate their understanding and appreciation for Geophysics as much as she enjoys traveling and dancing salsa.

**René Mott** bio continued from page 1

unconventional wells, feasibility studies for CCUS, and oil and gas discoveries. Her publications cover a wide range of subjects, including seismic characteristics, reservoir characterization, risk reduction, workflow interpretation, and visualization.

She is an active member in SEG and GSH acting as the Treasurer for 2021–2023, the Office Chair for 2022–2024, a volunteer for the museum, outreach, and a writer for the GSH Journal conducting interviews with geoscientists worldwide.

Rene's other interests include real estate, outdoor activities, fabric art with friends, volunteering at the Mesa Food Pantry, and church-related activities.

**Dmitry Kulakov** bio continued from Page 1

worked as Senior Earth Modeling Geoscientist and supported production teams globally with his experience in velocity modeling. He developed and managed an internal FWI training program in SLB, and authored numerous abstracts for SEG. Dmitry volunteered for the GSH in 2017 as GSH Journal Assistant editor and took on the Editor BoD role in 2017 & 2018.

**Paul Vincent** bio continued from page 1

Business Unit. Paul has a B.Sc. in Mathematics and a M.Sc. in Geophysics from The University of Kansas, where he learned to respect near-surface seismic complexities from Don Steeples. Paul hopes to give back to a community that has supported him throughout his career if elected to the Board of Directors of the Geophysical Society of Houston.

**Tony LaPierre** bio continued from page 1

he was elected to the GSH Board as 2nd VP 2022-2023. In 2023, Tony presented on Geohazards and Offshore Floating Wind at the 2023 GSH Survey Design Web Symposium. His time with the GSH has helped make Houston home and he offers his candidacy for the position of President to continue to contribute to the GSH community during the ongoing energy transition.

**Kurang Mehta** bio continued from Page 1

SEG, he has been the focal point for the “Time-Lapse seismic” section of the IMAGE conference since 2020, a guest editor for the TLE special section on Carbon Management (Nov 2023), and is currently the chair of the Students and Early Career (SEC) committee. He was a co-organizer of the GSH Fall Forum in 2023 and is currently membership chair for the GSH.

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Then got into sales shortly thereafter. My longest tenure was with Geotrace from 1991 to 2009 where we built a very productive seismic processing company centered around early adaptation of PSTM to merge data sets, and Reservoir Services.

Graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1977 with a major in Economics and minor in Geology. Played football (undefeated 1974) and was a member of the College Senate. Graduated from the University of Houston in 1982 with an MBA Finance. Enjoy fishing, hunting, golf, college sports, especially football, the Astros and reading. Have four children, six nieces and nephews and five grandchildren.



**Whitney Schultz** bio continued from page 2

survey designs.

In December 2023, Whitney received her MBA from the University of Houston with certificates in Economics of the Energy Value Chain and Leadership. She now wants to contribute more to GSH and leverage her experience to encourage more early career participation and interaction with experienced members. In her spare time, Whitney enjoys exercising, crafting, reading, and spending time with her friends and family.

**Andrew Pomroy** bio continued from page 2

of Mines and a B.S. in Geology from the University of California at Davis. He's been a member of SEG since 2007 and an active GSH member since 2017.

He has a passion for people which leads him to seek out and foster strong working relationships and fuels his enthusiasm for teamwork, mentoring, and coaching. In his personal life Andrew enjoys playing volleyball and spending time with his wife and two sons, ages 2 and 4.

**Arpita Bathija** bio continued from Page 2

in 2000. She also received her M.S. and B.S. in Exploration Geophysics in 1996 from IIT Kharagpur, India.

She served as an editorial board member of the SEG journal "The Leading Edge" from 2020-2023. She has served on many committees in SEG and SPE professional societies. She is currently serving in the Rock Physics Special Interest Group of GSH, providing a platform for networking of rock physicists. She would like to take the geophysics community of Houston to better heights with more time and dedication.

**Stephanie Suarez** bio continued from Page 2

enjoys participating in K-12 outreach through motivational speaking, personal mentoring, and scientific demonstrations.

**Shane Quimby** bio continued from page 2

Technology in 1995, and a Master of Jurisprudence in Energy Law from the University of Tulsa in 2020. Shane is a long-time member of the GSH. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his daughter Regan, reading, following financial markets, and taking frequent golf trips with his friends, to the occasional chagrin of his wife, Leslie.

She enjoys immersing herself in creative hobbies like painting, beading, knitting, and crocheting. Gardening, travelling, and watching movies are also her favorite pastimes with friends and family.

