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How did it get to be October already! It is so hard to imagine that this year is almost over and before long Christmas will be arriving. Time does indeed fly!

September was a month that we really don’t want to happen again. We were getting ready for our 2021 ADDC Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Members of the Southeast Region were working hard to ensure that we all had a great time – finally being able to get together for an “in-person” after nearly two years.

But alas, other plans were in store for us! First, Hurricane Ida and then Nicholas decided to head straight for New Orleans, just before convention was to begin. The Board had to make the decision to cancel the Convention. This was indeed a hard decision to come to, but it was the only decision that we could make – we had to put the safety of the Membership first and foremost.

The Crown Astor Hotel was wonderful to work with. They are working on refunding the deposit that the Association made and completely released us of all obligations under the contract. Since I had visited the Hotel, I can tell you that it is a beautiful hotel and the staff is wonderful. If you get to New Orleans, at least go by and see this amazing hotel.

With the Convention cancelled, business of the Association needed to still take place. On Saturday, September 25th a Virtual Convention Business Meeting was held. We had 30 clubs represented on the call. There were approximately 60 members logged into the call, with some clubs having several members together for the meeting.

The Election of Officers was held and it is my honor to introduce the 2022 ADDC Board of Directors:

Philana Thompson, President

Barbara Pappas, President-Elect

Wendy Sparks, Secretary

Heather Woods, Treasurer

Sam Thomas, Northeast Region Director

Jamie Sabata, Central Region Director

Kathy Martin, Southeast Region Director

 Ingrid Burton, West Region Director

And, I will serve as the Immediate Past President

Congratulations to each of you. You will continue to move our Association forward in 2022.

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**Board of Directors**

PRESIDENT

**Evelyn Green**

GBC Minerals, Ltd

PRESIDENT ELECT

**Philana Thompson**

Merrion Oil & Gas Corp

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**Connie Bass**

New Tex Trucking

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WEST REGION DIRECTOR

**Heather Woods**

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 All of the proposed Amendments passed. Please read the Rules Committee Report from the Convention. There is one (1) item that was presented to the Clubs on the meeting. There will be a mail ballot taken on a proposal for a Student Membership item, regarding the cost of such Membership. Club Presidents are asked to bring this before their Membership and to be voted on as a Club.

 The First Place Winners in the AIMEE Awards were announced on the call. Club Presidents were sent a list of all of the entries in each category and a list of the Winners! It wasn’t the same as being able to present these well-deserved awards for the hard work that you, the Members, put into our Association. By sharing your knowledge with other members at meetings, seminars, having or possibly hosting a field trip, the name of the Association of Desk and Derrick continues to be acknowledged.

 Now, we will look forward to being in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for our 2022 Annual Convention. I am anticipating a great time, returning to Pittsburgh for another convention.

 With the new Board announced, Philana Thompson is looking for volunteers for Region Representatives for various Committees in 2022. Contact Philana and she will be able to tell you what committees, Standing and Special that might still need your help. This is a great way to get more involved within the Association and learn about each committee.

 The 2021 Board of Directors continues to serve you for the next three (3) months. If there is something that You, need or want to have brought before the Board and/or the membership, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board. We are here to serve each of you.

I want to thank you to each of you that were a part of our Virtual Convention Business Meeting. I appreciate you giving of your time on a Saturday to accomplish what we needed to handle. It was a “new” way of having a Convention and I hope we never have to do this again. That being said, we knew it could be done – just one step at a time. Seeing so many beautiful smiling faces made my job much easier. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Many hugs to all of you and thank you,

Evelyn

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

Oscar Wilde