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The SPE Distinguished Service Award recognizes contributions to the Society that exhibit such exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action as to set them apart from other contributions.

Dear SPE:

I am extremely pleased that **James Daniel "Danny" Bell**, after receiving a Regional Service Award last year, is now under consideration for a Distinguished Service Award. With almost 30 years of membership in the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and service to the Society both locally and nationally since 1985, I think it is obvious that Danny is long overdue for the type of recognition that these awards represent. His service to SPE has been long and diverse, both geographically and in scope, and I believe he has exhibited the exceptional devotion required to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Danny has served on the boards of four different sections:

- 1) West Central Texas – Program Chair
- 2) Michigan – Membership Chair and Continuing Education Chair
- 3) Oklahoma City – Membership Chair and Program Chair
- 4) Dallas – Technology Transfer Officer and Webmaster (10 years and counting), Publication Mentor, Newsletter Chairman (ongoing), Chairperson-Elect, Chairperson and currently Former Chairperson

Additionally, he has served on the National Membership Committee and National Environmental, Health & Safety Committee.

After finishing his term as Dallas Section Chairperson in August 2008, Danny has stayed involved as Former Chair, and continues serving as Technology Transfer Officer, Newsletter Chair and Webmaster.

I have been privileged to work with Danny on the SPE Dallas Section board since 2001, and have witnessed his dedication and contributions first-hand during that time. I am honored to endorse Danny Bell for a Distinguished Service Award.

Sincerely,



David S. Hamilton
2008-09 Chairman-Elect
SPE Dallas Section