



Gulf Coast Section

# Society of Petroleum Engineers – Gulf Coast Section

## Fact Sheet

**About SPE** The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is a non-profit professional association of more than 124,000 dues-paying members from 135 countries working in the oil and gas exploration and production industry.

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**Gulf Coast Section** The SPE Gulf Coast Section (SPE-GCS), established in 1935, is the largest of the Society of Petroleum Engineers' 197 sections with more than 17,000 members in the 29-county area surrounding Houston, Texas. SPE-GCS provides a forum for oil and gas professionals to exchange technical knowledge, develop their careers, and network with other local SPE members.

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**Our Mission** The SPE-GCS enhances technical knowledge among our members through local study group meetings and conferences, promotes professional development and networking in our industry, supports local education initiatives, and performs community service in the Greater Houston area.

**Office Hours:**  
0830 to 1700  
Monday through Friday

**Our Members** About 1/3 of SPE-GCS members work at oil companies, 1/3 work at oilfield service companies, and 1/3 work at other oil-related companies and academia or are retired. About 24% of our local members are under age 35 (our Young Professionals), and we have more than 2000 Student Members in four local university Student Chapters.

**Resources:**  
GCS Connect – monthly newsletter  
Website – [www.spegcs.org](http://www.spegcs.org)  
- Monthly e-newsletters  
- Calendar of events  
- Network with other members  
- Find ways to volunteer

**Support of Education** Each year, the Gulf Coast Section awards over \$350,000 in scholarships to Houston area students who are pursuing science and engineering majors in college. We also try to get internships for them, host career fairs, judge science fairs, volunteer in local schools, fund the CHASE program at UH for master algebra teachers, and support our four Student Chapters at HCC, UH, Rice, and Texas A&M. Financial support comes from our tournaments and events.

**Knowledge Sharing:**  
16 Study Groups and  
26 Committees

**Governance** SPE-GCS is a volunteer organization run by a Board of Directors, with Committees and Study Groups for various topics. SPE is a non-profit educational and charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, which means that donations to support our organization are tax-deductible.

**Annual Tournaments:**  
Golf, Tennis, Sporting Clays,  
Casino Night with Texas Hold 'Em Poker,  
OilSim Challenge

**Organizational Structure:**  
21 Board Members  
Annual Budget: \$1.8 million  
See our website for leadership team and opportunities to volunteer:  
[www.spegcs.org](http://www.spegcs.org)