



Daniel Bassett

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Why I'm running for the 2nd Vice President-Elect position on the RMAG Board of Directors

I would love the opportunity to give back to RMAG and the community. I got my first job in the Oil & Gas industry from meeting people on an RMAG field trip, and the schedule of lectures, events and field trips keep me excited to learn new things and meet new people. I would cherish the opportunity give back to RMAG, and to contribute to such a historic association. My passion for geology, excitement for our community, and past experiences with other geologic associations make me a well-suited candidate to help drive the future of RMAG.

What does membership in RMAG mean to me?

To me, RMAG represents scientific excellence, education, and community. The scientific excellence of the past and present RMAG community is impressive. From our luncheon lectures to short courses and publications, RMAG continues to provide fundamental and pioneering science that is beneficial to industry and academia alike. Even though some of us are out of school, we are always geoscience students. RMAG's conferences, short courses, and lecture series are a wonderful source of continuing education. But none of this would be possible without RMAG's members. Our shared passion for studying the earth unites us in a way beyond age, politics, gender, or race. The connections built through RMAG are infinite and evergreen.

Where I want to see RMAG in 5 years

The geologic community is going through exciting times! The exponential growth in technology, the coming of the "Great Crew Change," and the increased emphasis in STEM education requires that RMAG effectively embraces and grows with the opportunities ahead of us. As a member of the RMAG Board of Directors, I want to help RMAG enlist some of those budding geoscientists and promote the adoption of effective technologies. Currently, only 14% of RMAG members are below the age of 45. By continually engaging students and young professionals, we continue to grow the RMAG community, and exploit the unique science of geology because all ages and experience levels can learn from each other. Knowledge sharing is a two-way street, and I would like to see

RMAG leverage new technologies to promote, capture, and share the amazing work from all our members.

Brief description of your geological background, and any previous board of director's experience

My personal journey as a geologist began when I was just a kid. As a child, my grandmother, who was a geologist, would take me hiking and explain the beauty of the rock formations. My parents and parents' friends are all avid outdoor enthusiasts, and each outdoor vacation was punctuated with geology lectures. Even as a kid, the idea of understanding the world around us intrigued me. I grew-up in Colorado, and went to Fort Lewis College in Durango, where I double majored in geology & skiing (ha!). After receiving my BS, we moved to Tulsa, OK where I worked for Samson Resources as an exploration geologist while pursuing my MS in Geology from Oklahoma State University. In 2012, I joined SM Energy and in 2015, I was transferred back to Denver. I am currently a Sr. Geologist with SM Energy working the Midland Basin. I have been a member of the Four Corners Geologic Society, Tulsa Geological Society, GSA, AAPG, SEPM, and RMAG. I currently sit on the AAPG Academic Liaison Committee and the RMAG On the Rocks Committee.

Tell us something fun and interesting about yourself.

In my spare time, I'm still a geologist. My family (wife - Julianne, and kids - Everett 9 yo & Mara 6 yo) spends almost every weekend and vacation doing something relating to the outdoors. We are avid hikers, bikers, and skiers and enjoy exploring the mountains and desert. One of my goals as a parent is to instill a deep love and respect for the earth. We discuss everything from rocks, to animals, to plants, and discuss current and past sciences that aim to understand the world around us. That's also my view of how I'd like to contribute to RMAG; promote scientific curiosity by providing engaging opportunities, preserving the knowledge of new and past interpretations, and make them easily accessible to all our members. As RMAG continues to grow and change, I would like the opportunity to help RMAG continue to be a source of technical information and community for all our members. Thank you.