



Benjamin Burke

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Why I'm running for the 1st Vice President-Elect position on the RMAG Board of Directors

I'm excited to bring my background in research and peer-reviewed publishing to the 1st Vice President-elect position at RMAG—a position that overseeing the society's publications. As a member of the board, I think that I can bring my professional experience and organizational ability to bear to helping to maintain and strengthen RMAG during my term.

What does membership in RMAG mean to me?

RMAG membership means learning, networking, colleagues, friends, rigorous seminars, luncheon talks, seminars, and field trips. The Society has been and continue to be a preeminent place to learn through my career, as well as to maintain and grow my professional network.

Where I want to see RMAG in 5 years

I want to see RMAG as THE professional society in Denver for developing professional geoscience networks for local geologists. Parallel with that, maintaining outstanding publications is another key outward goal. From an internal governance perspective, I'd like to see RMAG is a very strong financial position.

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

I started my career in environmental consulting with Woodard & Curran, Inc., in New England and

transitioned to oil & gas after earning my PhD in geochemistry and geomorphology at Dartmouth College. After school, I hired on with ExxonMobil in Houston, I worked the deep offshore of Nigeria. While in Houston, I earned an MBA at Texas A&M University. I transitioned to the US onshore with a move from Houston to Denver to join Noble Energy in 2011. There, I planned and steered wells as an operations geologist in the DJ Basin, then transitioned to starting and running the production geoscience practice within Noble's Base Subsurface Team. Leaving Noble in 2014, I worked the Williston and East Texas Gulf Coast for Fidelity Exploration & Production in late 2014 into 2015. In mid 2015, I transitioned to Fifth Creek Energy as their geologist involved in all aspects of business development, planning, operations, and communication. Following the growth and merger of Fifth Creek with Bill Barrett Corporation, I transitioned to the merged entity, HighPoint Resources, as the geoscience manager where I continue to focus on the DJ Basin of Colorado and SE Wyoming. I have no previous board of directors experience.

Tell us something fun and interesting about yourself.

I'm an avid cyclist, bike commuting from my home in Littleton when my schedule and the weather allows. I'm the father of three children, Lars, 6, Lauren, 8, and Emma, 10. My wife, Kimberly, a recovering attorney, is pursuing a career in interior design. In college, I was a Nordic ski athlete, but now on most weekends in the winter, I'm downhill skiing with my girls. Some say I like trains.