

# Atwood Oceanics' John Irwin to lead IADC into 21st Century

**IADC WILL ENTER** the new millennium with under the leadership of 2 seasoned drilling contractors—**John R Irwin**, the 2000 IADC Chairman, and **Thomas P Richards**, the Vice Chairman-elect. Rounding out the leadership cadre is **C Stedman Garber Jr**, who will serve as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to the election of Regional and Division Vice Presidents, IADC President **Dr Lee Hunt** and Senior Vice President-Government Affairs **Brian T Petty** were reelected.

Mr Irwin is President and Chief Executive Officer of **Atwood Oceanics Inc**. He joined Atwood Oceanics in 1979, initially serving as Vice President-Operations. From 1980-92, Mr Irwin was the company's Executive Vice President. He was elected to his current position and named to the Atwood Oceanics Board of Directors in November 1992. Mr Irwin's career in the oil and gas and natural resource industries began in 1970 and includes resident assignments in the US, Europe, Southeast Asia, West Africa and the Middle East.

He received masters degrees in engineering science from **Melbourne University** and in industrial administration from **Purdue University**. Mr Irwin also completed the Advanced Management Program at **Harvard Business School**.

Mr Irwin has served in a variety of key IADC positions, including Vice Chairman (1999), Secretary-Treasurer (1998) and 2 terms as IADC Regional Vice President-International (1995-96). He has also served on the IADC Executive Committee.

## THOMAS P RICHARDS

Mr Richards is President and Chief Executive Officer of **Grey Wolf Inc**. Mr Richards joined Grey Wolf's predecessor, **DI Industries**, September 1996.

From September 1990 until September 1996, Mr Richards was a Senior Vice President with **Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc**, with responsibility for Worldwide Operations, Domestic Operations and Land Operations.

Mr Richards joined Diamond Offshore in

September 1990 when the company, then called **Diamond M Offshore**, purchased substantially all the land-drilling assets of **Penrod Drilling Corp**, for which he was Vice President-Land.

From February 1974 until December 1988, Mr Richards owned and served as President and Chief Executive Officer of

and Chief Operating Officer of **Santa Fe International**.

Prior to joining Santa Fe, Mr Garber served with **Getty Oil Co** from 1977 to 1984, where his last position was Treasurer. From 1972 until 1977, he was Vice President of Corporate Finance for **Blyth Eastman Dillion & Co**.

A native of Cincinnati, Mr Garber received a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the **United States Naval Academy** in 1965. While attending Annapolis, Mr Garber and his crew

## IADC officers for 2000



IADC Chairman: John Irwin, Atwood Oceanics



Vice Chairman: Thomas P Richards, Grey Wolf



Secretary-Treasurer: C Stedman Garber Jr, Santa Fe Int'l

**Richards Drilling Co**, a land drilling contractor based in Bay City, Texas.

He is a graduate of **Texas A&M University** with a degree in marketing.

Mr Richards served as IADC Secretary-Treasurer during 1999 and on the IADC Executive Committee.

## C STEDMAN GARBER JR

Mr Garber is President and Chief Executive Officer of **Santa Fe International Corp**. He is only the 4th person to serve as President of Santa Fe since the company was founded in 1946. He was named President in 1995 and became CEO effective 1 Jan, 1998.

Mr Garber joined Santa Fe in 1984 as Vice President of Planning and Acquisitions, and in 1989 was appointed President of Santa Fe Minerals Inc. In 1991 he was named Executive Vice President

won 2 **National Intercollegiate Rowing Association** championships. In fulfilling his subsequent Navy obligation, Mr Garber saw duty in Vietnam.

After 5 years of naval service, he attended the **University of California at Los Angeles**, where he earned an MBA in finance in 1972.

Mr Garber is a Director of the **International Association of Drilling Contractors** and past Chairman of IADC subsidiary **Drilling Contractor Publications Inc**, publisher of IADC's official magazine *Drilling Contractor*, the *Annual IADC Membership Directory* and the newsletter "Drill Bits". He also sits on the IADC Executive Committee.

Mr Garber and his wife **Robin** have 4 children.

## DR LEE HUNT

IADC President Hunt joined IADC in



In recognition of his 15 years of service to IADC, 1999 IADC Chairman Bernie W Stewart presented IADC President Dr Lee Hunt with a plaque during the '99 IADC Annual Meeting.

1984 and became its President in 1990. He previously served as Manager for State Government Affairs, Environmental Affairs and Human Resources.

Dr Hunt holds a PhD in political science from **Northwestern University** and received his law degree from **South Texas College of Law**. Before joining IADC, Dr Hunt was a training coordinator for **National Supply Co**, operated his own management company and was a professor of political science at **Wayne State University** and the **University of Houston**.

#### **BRIAN T PETTY**

IADC Senior Vice President-Government Affairs Petty is based in Washington with global responsibilities. Mr Petty joined IADC in 1983 as Manager of Government Affairs. A native of Texas, Mr Petty holds a law degree from **Georgetown University** and an MA in literature from the **University of Virginia**. Prior to joining IADC, he served in Washington as the State of Texas Energy Counsel. He previously practiced law with New York firm of **Mudge Rose Guthrie & Alexander**, then headed up the Houston office of the international investment banking firm **Warburg Paribas Becker**. Mr Petty is currently Vice Chairman of the **Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Capital Goods for Trade Policy Matters**, which counsels the **US Department of Commerce** and the **US Trade Representative**.

#### **VICE PRESIDENTS**

The Association also elected 3 Divisional Vice Presidents and 5 Regional VPs:

- **Ed S Jacob III**, Grey Wolf, Vice President-Land Division;

- **Marion Woolie**, **Global Marine Drilling**, Vice President-Offshore Division;

- **Ken LeSuer**, **Halliburton**, Vice President-Drilling Services Division;

- **Gérard Godde**, **Pride International**, Regional Vice President-Europe;

- **Mohammed Al-Barwani**, **MB Petroleum Services**, Regional Vice President-International;

- **Rodney Meisetschlaeger**, **R&B Falcon Offshore Division**, Regional Vice President-Eastern US;

- **Morrison Plaisance**, **Diamond Offshore Drilling**, Regional Vice President-Central US;

- **Mike Nuss**, **Caza Drilling**, Regional Vice President-Western US. ■