

THE A. I. LEVORSEN MEMORIAL AWARD

The following information is supplied to assist you in the selection of a recipient of the A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award at your Section's meeting. This award has been given for the best paper at AAPG Sectional meetings since 1967. The cooperation and assistance of all AAPG Sections in the establishment and successful continuance of this Award is sincerely appreciated.

1. Judging Committee – Your Section will undoubtedly wish to appoint a committee to handle judging of the papers at your meeting. According to custom, each of the societies comprising the section appoints one judge. They may also appoint sufficient alternates so that one representative from each society can hear every paper.
2. Grading Cards – About one month prior to the Section meeting, Headquarters will deliver a copy of the grading card to the Sections/Regions Manager for the designated Awards Chairman or to the General Chairman of the meeting if no Awards Chairman has been named. Use of the grading cards by all judges gives a consistent evaluation of the papers. Headquarters will also supply a reprint of the Levorsen biography to be furnished to each judge for background information about the award.
3. Compiling Results – Immediately following the meeting, the judges should meet, compile the results of the judging, and announce the winner. A form for reporting the name of the winner and other information will be supplied by Headquarters. Copies of the completed form will be distributed by Headquarters, however, the Section will probably wish to report this information to local newspapers, society newsletters, and publish the name of the winner in their Section newsletter. The Levorsen Award Committee Chairman, R. Garvin Berry, Jr. will send a congratulations letter to the winner of the Section meeting and will send a congratulations letter and certificate to the co-authors.
4. Multiple Authors – The person giving the paper will be considered the winner and will be the recipient of the Levorsen plaque. Co-authors are named in awards records and receive a paper certificate.
5. Presentation of Plaque – The winner will receive his or her plaque at the next annual meeting of the Section. Co-Authors receive their certificates by mail after the Section meeting. If the Section does not meet annually, or if the next annual meeting of the Section is a joint meeting with the AAPG national convention, arrangements can be made for presentation of the Levorsen plaque at some other time convenient to the Section.

NOTE: The winner may be notified at once.

Items delivered to AAPG Sections/Regions Manager before the Section meeting:

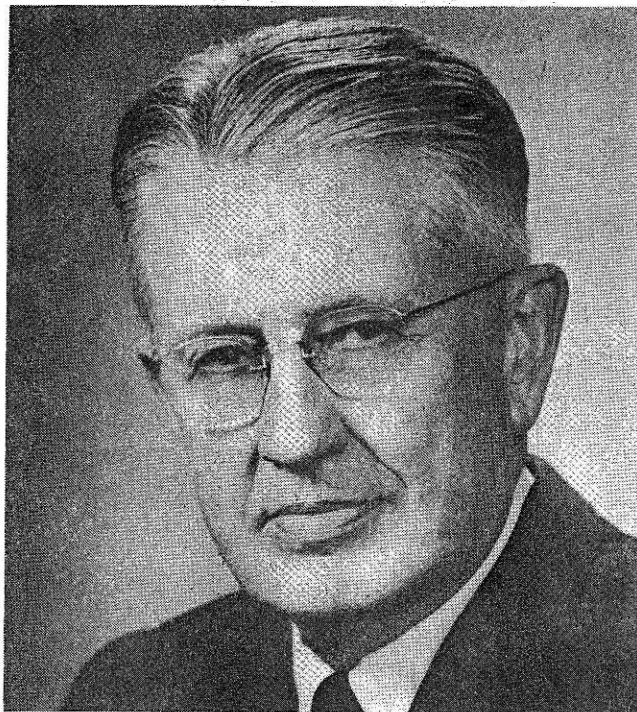
1. Levorsen Award Plaque for the previous Section Meeting Levorsen Award winner
2. Book: "The Geology of Petroleum" for the previous Section meeting Levorsen Award winner
3. Score card that can be copied and used by the Sections Levorsen Committee
4. Blank Levorsen Award form to be completed and returned to Headquarters for processing

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The A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award was established as the result of contributions from many individuals and societies who wished to contribute to a lasting memorial to Dr. A. I. Levorsen. This award is given at the section and regional meetings of The American Association of Petroleum Geologists for the best paper, with particular emphasis on creative thinking toward new ideas in exploration. The papers are judged by committees established for each meeting and are presented through the local A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award Committee.

For the benefit of those who follow in future years and who were not acquainted with Dr. Levorsen, a following short synopsis of his career and a selected bibliography are presented:

Arville Irving Levorsen was born on July 5, 1894, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and passed away July 16, 1965, at his summer home near Ely, Minnesota. He attended school in Minnesota and received his Mining Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1917. He had received an honorary doctorate degree from the

Colorado School of Mines in 1942 and, in 1947, his alma mater honored him with a degree of Doctor of Science.

During the years 1919 to 1930, Levorsen served as geologist with the Greenwood Oil Company, district geologist for the Gypsy Oil Company, and chief geologist for the Philmack and Independent Oil Companies. From 1930 to 1934 he was a consulting geologist in Tulsa. From 1934 to 1936 he was chief geologist for Tidewater Oil Company from which position he resigned to become a consultant again in Tulsa and remained as such until 1945 when he became chairman, and later dean, of the School of Mineral Sciences at Stanford University. In 1951 he again returned to Tulsa as a consultant. Much of Levorsen's consulting work in the later years of his life was done for foreign governments including Brazil, India, Australia, and France.

Levorsen made many significant contributions during his life to the field of petroleum geology and, in recognition of these contributions, he received the Sidney Powers Award in 1948 from The American Association of Petroleum Geologists. In 1963 he received the Outstanding Oklahoma Oilman Award. He was the only geologist with the distinction of having served as president of the three outstanding geological organizations in America—The American Association of Petroleum Geologists, The Geological Society of America, and the American Geological Institute.

Levorsen was thought of primarily as a creative petroleum geologist. He was the author of many papers on petroleum geology and an early paper, "Convergence Studies" (1927), reflected his interest in factors other than anticlines for the accumulation of petroleum. His study of the "Greater Seminole District" (1929) devotes only a single page to structure, but discusses stratigraphy for three pages. In his 1933 paper entitled "Studies in Paleogeology," Levorsen showed an early interest in a technique that he labeled "the keenest tool in the geologist's kit."

Levorsen was the author of two widely used textbooks, "Geology of Petroleum" (1953—1st

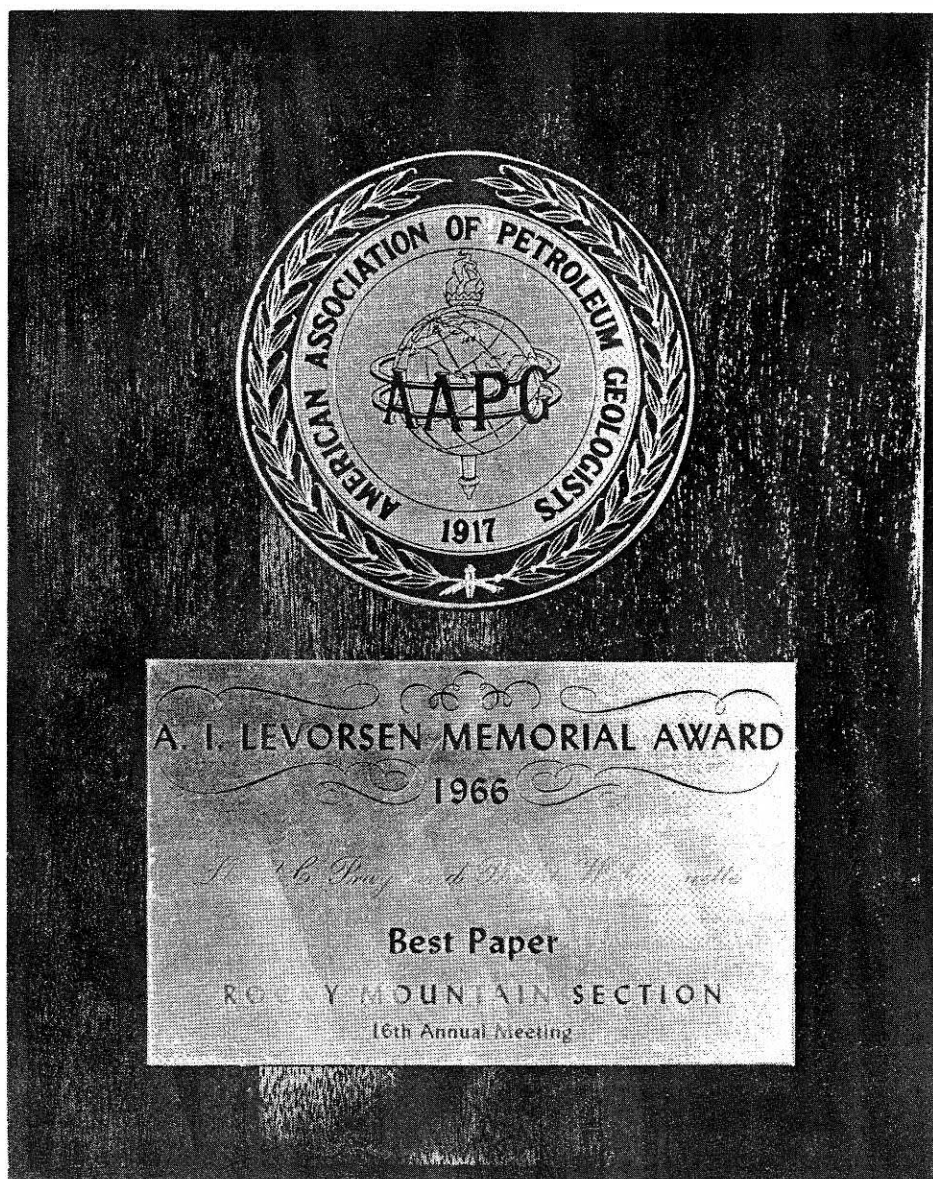


Photo of A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award plaque.

edition; 1967-2nd edition) and "Paleogeologic Maps" (1960).

Levorsen was in great demand as a speaker at geologic conventions as well as before independent oil producers and fellow geologists throughout the country. His enthusiasm and ability to communicate his ideas on the occurrence of oil and to stimulate men's ideas to concentrate their efforts on new creative ideas toward oil finding made him a speaker who was constantly in demand.

Presenting the Sidney Powers Medal to Levorsen in 1948, Arthur E. Brainerd said, "His influence will long be felt and when these times are history the name of Arville Irving Levorsen will stand high among the geologists of all time."

The Award established by The American Association of Petroleum Geologists, which you have now received for the best paper at this section or regional meeting, not only serves as an honor to you for the creative ideas that you have contributed to the profession, but also continues to perpetuate the memory of a man who contributed so much to the field of petroleum geology and one who was loved and respected by all who came in contact with him.

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The AAPG Foundation received a contribution from Bob Levorsen, son of A. I. Levorsen, to be used for plaque award improvements to the A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award originally designed in 1966.



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(Sample of A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award plaque)



A.I. Levorsen Memorial Award Score Card

Speaker (Full Name): _____

Title of Paper: _____

	A (31-33) Excellent	B (27-30) Good	C (23-26) Fair	D (Less than 23) Poor
Creative Thinking				
Organization				
Delivery				
Visual Aids				

Grade: _____
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Judge's Name: _____



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TO: Awards Chairmen or General Chairmen of AAPG Section Meetings

FROM: R. Garvin Berry, Jr., Chairman, AAPG Levorsen Award Committee

RE: Levorsen Award

(Note: An electronic version of this form may be obtained by contacting Janice Scott, jscott@aapg.org)

The AAPG Levorsen Award is provided for each AAPG Section meeting at no expense to the Section. This Award was established to encourage high-quality presentations at the Sectional meeting level.

Please note that only the presenter of the winning paper receives the award, and the co-author(s) receive certificates.

It is essential that all the information below is provided and accurate, as this information is the basis for my letter to the winner and co-authors, for publicity and ordering the award plaque, etc.

Please return this form to: Janice Scott, AAPG, P. O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101-0979, E-Mail: jscott@aapg.org or Fax: (918) 560-2626

—Please Type—

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Location of Meeting:	Winner's name <u>as it is to appear on the Levorsen Award plaque:</u>	
Address:		
Phone Number:	Fax Number:	
E-mail Address:		
Title of Winning Paper <u>as it is to appear on the Levorsen Award plaque:</u>		
<u>Name(s)</u> (as it is to appear on the award) and <u>addresses</u> of co-authors, if any:		
Date and location of the section's next meeting:		
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