

NAPE North America Chapter: Q1 2026 Report

(January – March 2026)

The first quarter of 2026 set a strong tone for the NAPE North America Chapter, reflecting a balanced focus on **technical excellence, young professional development, industry engagement, and community outreach**. Through a combination of in-person meetings, virtual sessions, and volunteer initiatives, the chapter continued to strengthen its impact within both the professional and local communities.

January Technical/Business Meeting (In-Person)

Title: *The Business Case for Pore Pressure Prediction: Planning Right, Early Detection, Optimizing Cost*

Date: January 16, 2026

Venue: Hilton Garden Inn, Katy, Texas

Speaker: Segun Adeniyi

Chairman: Taye Akewusola

Sponsor: Integral Petroserv Limited

The year commenced with a high-impact in-person technical session focused on the critical role of pore pressure prediction in drilling operations. The presentation emphasized how **early detection and accurate prediction** significantly reduce drilling risks, prevent well control incidents, and optimize operational costs. Key insights included integrating **seismic data, well logs, and real-time monitoring** to improve prediction accuracy, as well as case-based examples demonstrating how proactive planning enhances drilling efficiency. The session reinforced the importance of subsurface intelligence in achieving safer and more cost-effective operations, while also providing valuable networking opportunities during the post-event engagement.

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January Technical/Business Meeting (In Person)

The Business Case for Pore Pressure Prediction: Planning Right, Early Detection, Optimizing Cost

Segun Adeniyi
Pore Pressure Prediction Specialist
Speaker

Taye Akewusola
Managing Director, Integral Petroserv Limited
Chairman

Sponsor: Integral Petroserv Limited

5PM CST

HILTON GARDEN INN,
2409 Texmati Drive,
Katy, Texas 77494

Happy Hour Follows @ 6:30PM CST

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY, 2026

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Members of the NAPE North America Chapter at the January Technical / Business meeting

Meet & Greet with NAPE President

Date: February 9, 2026

Location: Houston, Texas

The chapter hosted an intimate meet-and-greet session with the NAPE 48th President, Mrs. Olajumoke Cecilia Ajayi, FNAPE, providing members with a unique opportunity to engage directly with leadership. The session fostered open dialogue on NAPE's vision, **strategic priorities, and opportunities for diaspora engagement**. Members discussed ways to strengthen collaboration between the North America Chapter and the broader NAPE community, and shared ideas for expanding programs, increasing membership participation, and enhancing global impact.



NAPE North America Chapter EXCO, NAPE President, with Chief and Mrs. Afolabi

Young Professionals Webinar

Title: *The Wealth Playbook for Young Professionals: Saving, Investing & Avoiding Common Money Traps*

Date: February 21, 2026

Format: Virtual

Speaker: Jacob Amao,

Recognizing the importance of financial literacy in career development, the Young Professionals group hosted a session focused on **wealth building and financial discipline**. The speaker provided practical guidance on **saving strategies, early investing, and avoiding common financial pitfalls**, while emphasizing the importance of aligning financial decisions with long-term career and life goals. This session broadened the scope of YP programming beyond technical skills, equipping attendees with tools for sustainable personal and professional growth.

The poster is for a webinar titled "The Wealth Playbook for Young Professionals: Saving, Investing & Avoiding Common Money Traps". It features the NAPE logo (National Association of Professional Engineers) and the North America Chapter logo. The speaker is Jacob Amao, an investment portfolio specialist. The date is February 21st, 2026, at 12 noon CST. A QR code and a link (https://bit.ly/NAYPFebWebinar) are provided for registration. The poster also lists the organizers: Olajumoke Cecilia Ajayi (President), Jumoke Akinpelu (Chapter Coordinator), and Yemi Afolabi (Chapter YP Representative).

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WEBINAR

The Wealth Playbook for Young Professionals:
Saving, Investing & Avoiding Common Money Traps

Date: 21st Feb, 2026
Time: 12 noon CST

<https://bit.ly/NAYPFebWebinar>

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Investment portfolio specialist

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Yemi Afolabi
Chapter YP Representative

Community Outreach: STEM Night with Houston Geological Society (HGS)

Date: February 26, 2026

Location: Nottingham Elementary School, Houston, Texas

In collaboration with the Houston Geological Society (HGS), NAPE North America members participated in a STEM outreach event aimed at inspiring young minds. Volunteers engaged with students and parents by showcasing **rocks, minerals, and geological processes**, explaining in simple terms how rocks are formed and why they matter. The event provided an

opportunity to **spark curiosity in geoscience among children**, promote STEM education, and demonstrate NAPE's commitment to community service. It also strengthened partnerships with local professional organizations.



Debbie Caperton (HGS) and Jumoke Akinpelu (FNAPE) with STEM Night participants



Steve Johansen (HGS), with STEM night participants



Debbie Caperton (HGS), Jumoke Akinpelu (FNAPE), Ebele Orhaghalum (NAPE) and Ifeyinwa -Jude-ofia (NAPE) at STEM Night event



Debbie Caperton (HGS) and Jumoke Akinpelu (FNAPE) with STEM Night participants

March Technical/Business Meeting

Title: *Intelligent Energy Transition: AI Applications Across Petroleum, Carbon Capture, and Sustainability*

Date: March 28, 2026

Format: Virtual (Zoom)

Speaker: Yogashri Pradhan (Chief Growth Officer, OPX AI)

The quarter concluded with a forward-looking technical session exploring the intersection of **artificial intelligence and energy transition**. The speaker highlighted how AI is transforming operations across petroleum, carbon capture, and sustainability initiatives. Key discussions included **AI-driven optimization in exploration and production, machine learning applications in emissions reduction, and the role of digital transformation in achieving energy transition goals**. Real-world case studies illustrated how data and AI are already delivering measurable impact across the energy value chain.



March Technical/Business Meeting

Intelligent Energy Transition: AI Applications Across Petroleum, Carbon Capture, and Sustainability



Speaker

Yogashri Pradhan
Chief Growth Officer,
OPX AI

Saturday,
28th March,
2026

**12 NOON CST
7PM WAT**

Venue
Zoom bit.ly/NorthAmericaTMMar2026

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Q1 2026 Summary & Impact

Q1 2026 demonstrated the chapter's ability to deliver **diverse, high-value programming** across multiple focus areas:

- **Technical Excellence:** Two strong technical sessions covering drilling optimization and AI-driven energy transition.
- **Professional Development:** YP programming expanded to include financial literacy and long-term career sustainability.
- **Leadership Engagement:** Direct interaction with NAPE leadership strengthened alignment and collaboration.
- **Community Impact:** Active participation in STEM outreach reinforced the chapter's commitment to giving back.
- **Member Engagement:** A mix of in-person and virtual events ensured broad participation and inclusivity.

Looking Ahead

Building on this momentum, the chapter aims to further expand its programming in 2026 by:

- Increasing **in-person technical engagements and networking events**
- Strengthening **YP mentorship and career development initiatives**
- Deepening **industry partnerships and sponsorship opportunities**
- Expanding **community outreach and STEM engagement efforts**

Conclusion

The first quarter of 2026 reflects a chapter that is not only growing but evolving, delivering value across technical, professional, and community dimensions. With continued commitment from leadership and members, NAPE North America is well-positioned for an even more impactful year ahead.