

## Shale Shaker Information for Authors

The Oklahoma City Geological Society publishes the Shale Shaker as its bi-monthly journal. Submissions accepted for publication will appear within six months after acceptance.

The Shale Shaker's editorial staff welcomes manuscripts and articles on the energy industry, the geology of the Mid-Continent region, and geoscience in general, including:

**Technical Articles:** Full manuscript submissions that present original research or new interpretations of technological applications or methods. These manuscripts should include detailed geologic information and data and must be supported by cited references. Online, peer-reviewed publications may be cited, but personal blogs and websites, including faculty websites, should not be used as references.

A thesis or dissertation may be published if the topic is pertinent and timely, but should be appropriately edited and condensed. The submitted manuscript should follow the format of the AAPG Bulletin. Contributors can find the AAPG style format at <http://www.aapg.org/publications/journals/bulletin/guidelines/manuscript-submission>.

**Industry Analyses:** Articles of general interest that present and analyze industry trends, highlight new plays, report on changing business climate, clarify new government regulations, or review current legislation. These articles may be submitted by authors throughout the industry and related fields, but should not promote a particular product or company.

**Opinion pieces:** Short, original pieces on topics related to the energy industry.

**Letters to the editor:** Comments on previously published articles, including alternate interpretations or conflicting opinions. The Shale Shaker should serve as a forum for discussion and opinion.

**Historical pieces:** Articles that present a historical perspective on exploration, people, towns, basins, or other topics of historical interest.

**Regular columns:** Short pieces are appropriate for existing columns, such as My Favorite Outcrop, Why I became a Geologist, Member Highlights, or Deep Digs.

**General Guidelines:** Submitted material must be original work and must not have been previously published. The journal does not classify thesis or dissertation material as previously published. Non-technical articles may include quotes or paraphrased material as long as credit is given to the original author.

The Shale Shaker Committee and staff will be responsible for layout, figure sizes, and appearance of all accepted material. Manuscripts are reviewed on the basis of quality of scientific content, technical accuracy and merit, interest to the readership, and timeliness. The Journal's staff may utilize additional reviewers with expertise relevant to the material submitted. Any submission that excessively promotes or advertises a particular product, vendor, or company may be rejected.

All materials should be submitted to the editor, who will assign committee members to assist the author with submission procedures and editing. The editor and committee members will gladly discuss article ideas with you prior to submission.

**How to submit:** All text materials must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document, in a double-spaced format. All figures, tables, photographs, and images should be submitted as separate files in TIF, JPEG, GIF, or PDF formats. Regardless of the format, these files should be at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi at size (2 to 10 inches printed width) and should not have been inserted into a Word document because of formatting issues. Figure captions should be submitted as a separate Microsoft Word document.

Please make all submissions to [editor@ocgs.org](mailto:editor@ocgs.org). If some files are too large for email submission, submit a low-resolution copy and request instructions for submitting the original file via Dropbox.

### **Specific Instructions for Technical Articles:**

**Format and Citation Style:** Organization, requirements, and reference style should follow that of the AAPG Bulletin, available online at <http://www.aapg.org/publications/journals/bulletin/guidelines/manuscript-submission>.

**Types of Citations:** Scientific journals, professional organization meetings and seminars, industry news publications, newspaper articles and government documents, either print or online. Trade journal citations should be used with caution.

**Online sources:** Online peer-reviewed publications may be cited, but blogs and personal websites, including faculty websites, should not be used as references. Such material may be cited, if necessary, as a personal communication with permission, including date.

### **Submission Procedure for Technical Articles:**

■ Text should be submitted in MS Word and should contain the article body only. Figure legends, works cited, and author's biography should be in separate MS Word files named accordingly.

■ Figures, tables and photographs submitted as separate PDF, TIFF, jpeg or other high-resolution files with the figure number or table number in the filename. Photographs should be treated as a figure. *Pertaining to figure resolution:* It is important for the figures or image files NOT to have ever been placed into a word document, as this permanently degrades the image quality.

■ Figures or photographs should be scanned at a minimum of 300 dpi at size (2 to 10 inches printed width). Maps and figures generated by commercial geological software or other mapping software should be submitted as a pdf, TIFF, or jpeg file, not in the original software's format.

■ Each figure or image should be individually and consecutively numbered as a figure and the article text should contain (Insert Figure X here) where the figure should be placed.

■ Figure captions should be submitted in a separate MS Word document and the caption should include the figure number.

■ After submission, the manuscript will be reviewed, edited as needed, and laid out for publication by the Shale Shaker Committee.

■ Prior to publication, the author(s) will receive the edited article for completeness and possible final edits.