

Elements of an Author Biography for Addition to an SPE Technical Paper

The following is a guideline for composing an author biography for addition to an SPE peer-reviewed paper. While it is not mandatory, all authors mentioned in the byline should have a short biography listed after the conclusion of the paper, and these biographies should follow the order of authors as presented in the byline.

The minimum length for an author biography is two lines, and we recommend the following order for the content, as applicable to each individual author.

1. **Name and Affiliation.** Begin the biography by stating the full name of the author, followed by job title and company name.

Bold the author's name only. Do not capitalize specific job titles or generalized job duties.

Examples: **Joe N. Johnstone** is a reservoir engineer with Depco in Houston.

Robert Jones is director, resource management at OGI Company in Norman, Oklahoma.

Use the author's last name or an appropriate pronoun in all subsequent references to the author after initial use of the full name in the opening line.

2. **Research Interests.** Provide the author's main area of study or a brief list of research areas of interest.
3. **Academic Credentials.** The wording here is specific, using the verb "holds" for advanced degrees. Do not capitalize areas of study or academic disciplines.

Examples: Jones holds a BS degree in chemistry from Stanford University.

Smith holds a BS degree in physics from Hendrix College, an MSc degree in chemistry from Bristol University, and a PhD degree in geothermal engineering from Richland College.

Aziz holds MS and PhD degrees from the University of Southern South Dakota, both in petroleum engineering.

4. **SPE Membership.**

General Format and Order of Elements.

<Author 1-full name> is a <title> at <company>. <His/Her> research interests include <list research>. <Author's last name> holds a <list degree> in <list discipline> from <list college/university>.

Example Biographies:

John P. Doe is vice-president of research and development with Acme Engineering. His current research interests include history matching, optimization, proxy modeling, geomechanics, geochemistry, and phase-behavior calculations. Doe holds a PhD degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Alberta. He is a member of SPE.

Joan P. Jones is a staff engineer at Acme Engineering. Her research interests include theoretical geomechanics, water-soluble polymers, and acid-corrosion inhibitors. Jones holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering and an MS degree in chemical and petroleum engineering, all from the University of Calgary. She is a member of SPE.