

# Rowan's Paul Kelly named 2000 Contractor of the Year

**LONGTIME GOVERNMENT** affairs stalwart **Paul L. Kelly** of **Rowan Companies** was named the 2000 IADC Contractor of the Year. Mr. Kelly received the award during the **Reed-Hycalog** luncheon at the IADC Board of Directors and General Membership Conference on 22 Feb in New Orleans.

Mr. Kelly said he pursues his government-affairs work "for the love of the game" and pledged "a lot more playing time".

He urged drilling contractors to participate in IADC activities that support the entire industry.

"[I] encourage all of you to involve your management in these activities," he said. "While it may seem difficult in times of volatile oil and gas prices, it is vital that we all participate."

Mr. Kelly, Senior Vice President-Special Projects for Rowan, has championed industry's interests on the government-affairs front since the 1970s. It was a heady time, the memory of the Santa Barbara oil spill firmly imprinted in the minds of the public and politicians, Mr. Kelly was a leader in the effort by the E&P and oilfield-service business to counterbalance knee-jerk reactions to spawn unnecessary environmental regulations and to promote the industry's interests. Mr. Kelly chaired the IADC Government Affairs Committee throughout the '70s.

He was a key player in the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978, remembers **US Sen John Breaux**, D-La.

Mr. Kelly has served on the IADC Board of Directors since the '70s and energetically pursued numerous items on the industry agenda. In December, he completed 7 years of service on the **US Coast Guard's National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC)**.

His work on NOSAC was recognized with a public service commendation.

In addition, for nearly 20 years, Mr. Kelly has represented the drilling and service/supply industries on the **Secretary of the Interior's OCS Policy Committee**. He chaired a subcommittee that produced a landmark study of the federal OCS oil and gas program. The 1993 report, "The Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Program: Moving Beyond Conflict to



**Paul Kelly named Contractor of the Year: Paul Kelly of Rowan Companies, left, the 2000 IADC Contractor of the Year, says he pursues the industry's government-affairs agenda "for the love of the game". His efforts on behalf of drilling contractors date to the '70s. John Deane, President of Reed-Hycalog, presented the award.**

Consensus", recommended to Secretary of the Interior **Bruce Babbitt** that the OCS program be revitalized.

During 1993-94, Mr. Kelly served on the **National Petroleum Council's Subcommittee on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990**, which produced a report for **US Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary**.

Most recently, Mr. Kelly served on the **NPC Coordinating Subcommittee** that prepared a study on US natural-gas supply, demand and distribution through 2015.

Mr. Kelly also chaired the Program Committee for the 1998 IADC/SPE Drilling Conference.

Mr. Kelly joined Rowan in 1982. From 1985-87, he served as Managing Director of London-based **British American Offshore Ltd**, Rowan's North Sea operating subsidiary. During that time, he became very involved in government affairs in the United Kingdom.

He gives great credit to Rowan for its commitment to IADC, noting that several Rowan people are heavily involved in the Association's committee work.

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pany," Mr. Kelly said. "[Rowan Chairman/CEO] **Bob Palmer** is of course a former Chairman of IADC and a previous recipient of this award. [Rowan Executive Vice President] **Bob Croyle** is currently a member of the Executive Committee. And yesterday you heard reports on committee activities and issues that involve people like **Bill Person**, **Bill Hedrick**, **Bob Shetti** and **Victor Fleming**.

"I wish to share this honor with all the Rowan people involved in IADC."

Mr. Kelly's career in the oilfield began in 1969, when he joined **Zapata Off-shore Co** as the company's first in-house counsel. Mr. Kelly helped take Zapata public.

Prior to Zapata, Mr. Kelly worked at the Houston law firm **Fulbright & Jaworski**.

A native of Salem, Mass, Mr. Kelly holds a BA in political science from **Yale University** and earned his law degree from **Yale Law School**.

Reed-Hycalog, the drill bits segment of **Schlumberger Oilfield Services**, donated a \$3,500 scholarship in Mr. Kelly's name to Yale, the school of his choice. ■