

Foundation to Honor Pickens, Shelton

Two longtime geologists who have in their own ways made enormous contributions to geology and the support of geosciences will be honored with awards by the AAPG Foundation.

They are:

✓ Legendary explorationist and philanthropist **T. Boone Pickens**, who is this year's recipient of the Weeks Memorial Medal, the Foundation's highest award.

✓ Digital data pioneer **John W. Shelton**, who will be presented with this year's Chairman's Award.

Both awards will be presented in Denver during the AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition. Pickens

will receive his award at the All-Convention Luncheon (where he also will be the keynote speaker), and Shelton will receive his honors during the Foundation's Chairmen's Reception.

The L. Austin Weeks Memorial Medal, established last year, is given in recognition for extraordinary philanthropy and service directed to advance the mission of the AAPG Foundation. It



Pickens



Shelton

honors the late L. Austin Weeks, whose philanthropic legacy set an exemplary standard.

Pickens, a Foundation Trustee Associate since 1979, last year pledged \$9.4 million to the Foundation's

Meeting Challenges Assuring Success Campaign, designated to produce digital GIS products through Oklahoma State University's geology and geography department. It is

available to professionals and the public via AAPG's intranet database.

Shelton, who recently stepped down as chief editor of AAPG's online e-magazine *Search and Discovery* (see February EXPLORER), serves the Foundation as a Trustee Associate and Member of the Corporation.

A pioneer in the digital geology world, Shelton is recognized for his dedication and leadership in advancing efforts to provide AAPG Digital Products to geoscientists and to faculty and students at universities worldwide.

He also is a past AAPG Elected Editor and vice president. □