Walt Lynn – Biography (last updated 1/12/04)

Walt Lynn received a bachelor's degree (with high honors) in geology and geophysics from Princeton University in 1973, completed his master's degree in geophysics while studying at the Oceanography Department at Oregon State University in 1975, and received his Ph.D. degree in geophysics from Stanford University in 1979. Walt's association with exploration and reservoir seismic technology began while working as a research assistant under the auspices of the Stanford Exploration Project. Upon completing his doctorate, he moved to Houston and began an 11-year sojourn with the R&D group of Western Geophysical. During that time, he and his colleagues made significant contributions to numerous technology breakthroughs and advances, particularly in seismic imaging, velocity analysis, and noise identification and suppression. Walt left Western in early 1991 to be an independent consultant, but was soon convinced to return to the corporate world as senior vice president of Technology with Grant-Tensor in mid-1991. In 1993, he joined Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) when the data processing part of Grant Tensor were purchased by PGS. In 1994, Walt became president of PGS Tensor and ran and grew PGS's worldwide dataprocessing operations. From 1999 through 2002, Walt was senior vice president Technical Marketing for PGS Corporate. He served as President of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists – an international society composed of nearly 18,000 members – from 2001 to 2002. He is currently Chief Operating Officer for Lynn Inc., specializing in multi-azimuth, multi-component 3-D seismic acquisition, processing and interpretation. Walt is also a member of NSG, EAGE, ASEG, GSH, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi.