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GPA Research Ballots overdue!

GPA research ballots were distributed to all GPA Official Representatives back in September with a return date no later than Oct. 31, 2007. Currently there are still some outstanding research ballots that are negatively impacting the overall program. (Remember each unreturned ballot counts as a negative vote on the entire research program.) If you are a GPA Official Representative and your company has not returned its 2008 Research Ballot we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the ballot package, please contact [Piper Penny](#). If you have questions regarding the program, please contact [Mark Sutton](#).

GPA to go to Washington, D.C. this month

As part of its continuing focus on legislative advocacy, GPA representatives are scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C., on Feb. 12-13 to meet with members of Congress, their staff and other industry leaders. Stuart McCalman, GPA Director of Government Affairs, and JR McPherson, chairman of GPA Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, will be meeting with lawmakers and other industry leaders to discuss current federal GPA issues and to further develop professional relationships. If you have any questions, please contact [Stuart McCalman](#).

GPA membership dues invoices reminder

Annual membership dues invoices were distributed to all GPA member companies in mid January. Please take a moment to process these invoices in a timely manner, and if you have any questions regarding the invoice, please contact [Piper Penny](#).

GPA Technical Committee representatives needed

GPA has long been recognized for its technical contributions to the midstream industry through its research program, technical standards and other documents from which GPA members have benefited over the years. As part of GPA's strategic plan, we have been working to reorganize and restructure our Technical Committee to focus on key areas that are most valuable to our members. Participation on this particular committee has declined in the past few years, and as this committee evolves, we want to ensure that your company is represented during such an

important time of transition. If you're interested in becoming part of this committee, contact [Kenny Wheat](#).

GPA safety statistics

The GPA Safety Subcommittee members want to give special thanks to the 49 companies that have submitted safety statistics for calendar year 2007. These statistics cover 14,460 operating personnel and encompass 36,900,003 work hours. Your continued participation is the reason that these statistics are meaningful for the gas processing industry for many reasons, including:

- demonstrate credible and defensible safety data that accurately represents our industry.
- provide an effective mechanism for directing future legislative and regulatory activities.
- assist member companies in benchmarking.
- determine winners of the GPA Company Safety Awards.

And the winner is ... please take time to review the company and individual facility safety award winners in the Annual Convention program. Special recognition and awards will be presented in various venues at the convention. Additionally, the winners will be published in post-convention news releases and eBrief newsletters.

Go to http://www.gasprocessors.com/safety_info.html for additional information on the awards including previous winners.

REMINDER!!! Today (Feb. 5) is the last day to save \$50 on GPA Convention registration

After this date, we will process additional registrations as time allows. Those registrants will receive the pre-printed information, but they will not receive the discounted rate.

Reasons to Pre-Register:

- Save \$50 from on-site registration fees
- Gain access to pre-prints of available papers BEFORE the convention. These papers will be available in Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf) for review/printing/downloading on our web site soon after the pre-registration deadline. Hard copies WILL NOT be made available at the convention.
- Avoid on-site registration lines

View [hospitality functions](#).

[See who's registered](#).

[Register now](#).

Space is limited – book your Convention hotel rooms soon

The Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center has a limited amount of sleeping rooms available and is already sold out on some nights. To make your reservations please call the hotel's Reservation Department toll free at 1-866-782-7897, or (817) 778-2000. To make hotel reservations online visit the [Gaylord Texan web site](#). Simply click "rates and reservations" then "book online." Type the group code of A-GPA08 to access our special rates. Please note: This is a click through system, please do not hit enter.

List of nearby hotels:

Comfort Inn DFW North (5 miles from Gaylord Texan, 1.5 miles from airport)

\$85/night, plus taxes (ask for the GPA group rate)

FREE SHUTTLE to/from Gaylord and the airport

5000 W. John Carpenter Freeway

Irving, TX

(972) 929-5757

Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center (2 miles from the Gaylord Texan)

\$259/night, plus taxes (rack rate)

FREE SHUTTLE to/from airport, \$3 shuttle leaves every half hour to Gaylord Texan

1800 State Highway 26

Grapevine, TX

(817) 481-8444

Embassy Suites (3 miles from Gaylord Texan)

\$269/night, plus taxes (rack rate)

FREE SHUTTLE to/from airport only

2401 Bass Pro Dr.

Grapevine, TX

Sponsorship opportunities still available for Annual Sporting Clays Event

Station Sponsorship opportunities (\$300 per station) are still available for this year's Annual Sporting Clays competition, a Sunday networking event at the Annual GPA Convention that continues to grow in popularity every year. The event will take place on March 2, beginning at 8 a.m. Station sponsorships will place your company in a high visibility/ high traffic area allowing for great networking opportunities. [Read more about Annual Sporting Clays sponsorship opportunities.](#)

Networking opportunity for young professionals

If you are a young professional or know a young professional in the midstream industry, there is still time to register for the GPA Unscripted session, another Sunday networking opportunity at the GPA Convention. While the event is intended for the 25-40-year-old audience, anyone interested in listening to an unscripted question and answers session about the future direction of GPA and the industry may sign up. Afterwards, session attendees have the option of joining their peers for a night of networking and laughs at the Addison Improv in downtown Dallas sponsored by Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent and DCP Midstream.

Board Members: If you have not yet given your free Convention pass to a young professional in your organization, please take the time to choose a deserving individual and give them the opportunity to join this great event.

Special thanks to Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent and DCP Midstream for their contributions toward the GPA Young Professionals Night at the Improv.

Take advantage of special GPA/GPSA Career Center offers

Take advantage of the GPA/GPSA Career Center's special convention pricing that starts Feb. 25, 2008 and is available through March 31. To take advantage of this special pricing, go to <http://careers.gasprocessors.com/hr>, register or sign in, and post job(s) using the following promotional code(s):

Members

Single, 30-Day Posting - \$ 50 – Promotional Code: 08CONV30MEM
Single, 90-Day Posting - \$100 – Promotional Code: 08CONV90MEM

Non-Members

Single, 30-Day Posting - \$150 – Promotional Code: 08CONV30NON
Single, 90-Day Posting - \$300 – Promotional Code: 08CONV90NON

Job opportunities

Don't wait! Register and upload your resume to our [Career Center](#) today – it's free! Many companies will take advantage of the special Convention pricing shown above and will be searching our job seeker resume database for the right candidate. It's quick, it's easy and it's a great way to get your information into employers' hands.

Current Career Center job postings
[Compressors Product Engineer](#) - Sundyne Corp.
[Major Accounts Manager](#) – New Products Sales – Caterpillar Inc.

Upcoming Events

February

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| 7 | Rocky Mountain GPA Chapter Luncheon Meeting |
| 8 | Rocky Mountain Chapter Ski Train Outing |
| 12 | Midcontinent Chapter Dinner Meeting |
| 13 | Houston Chapter Monthly Luncheon |
| 20-21 | GPA Europe Conference, Amsterdam |

[View all events on the GPA calendar.](#)

Dates to remember

Today, Feb. 5 - Last day to save \$50 on GPA Convention registration. [Register now.](#) If you need to cancel your GPA Convention registration, today is the last day to provide GPA with a written cancellation notice for a refund.

Feb. 25 - Special pricing begins on GPA/GPSA Career Center

March 2 - "Pre" Technical Committee meeting

Technical Committee Chairs should mark their calendars for the new Sunday meeting at this year's convention. This meeting will help section chairs better define what is deemed important to the Technical Committee. The meeting will be held Sunday, March 2, from 3-5 p.m. in the Ft. Worth 3 meeting room at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center.

March 2-5 - GPA Annual Convention, Grapevine, Texas

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