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GPA Membership Rules and Categories Revisions

Things change and the midstream industry knows that as well as any. Keeping up with the times is why the task force being led by GPA president-elect Alan Armstrong, Williams, was formed to review and revise our association's membership rules and categories. The group has already introduced a new mission statement as part of that focus. Also on their agenda is a hard look at the GPA dues structure and the way the association currently funds its research projects. The two items are dealt with separately now, but is that the right way to do it since every member company benefits from research whether they are voluntarily funding projects annually or not?

It's a good question to ask since the new GPA mission statement clearly specifies that "conducting industry research" is a GPA function. So the task force is exploring options that would equitably assess dues to all companies so that each shares in full membership funding and benefits. A possibility under study is an all-inclusive dues structure based on "workhours" instead of "NGL gallons produced" as the criteria in determining a company's size for dues assessment. Doing so would cause dues increases for some and reductions for others. Of course, nothing changes for 2010, but all Official Representatives should keep abreast of the task force's efforts in this matter in order to keep their respective companies informed.

TECH TALK

Technical Section B makes progress on several revisions

GPA's Technical Section B – Analysis and Test Methods met for two days in Tulsa, Okla., prior to the GPA School of Gas Chromatography and made great progress on several standards revisions. Most notably, the revisions to ***GPA 2261 – Method of Analysis for Natural Gas and Similar Gaseous Mixtures by Gas Chromatography***, are near completion. We expect this document to go to subcommittee ballot before the fall Technical Committee meetings. Several other revisions were dependent upon completion of GPA 2261. A list of the subsequent revisions is as follows:

GPA 2286 - Tentative Method of Extended Analysis for Natural Gas and Similar Gaseous Mixtures by Temperature Programmed Gas Chromatography

GPA 2177 - Analysis of Natural Gas Liquid Mixtures Containing Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide by Gas Chromatography

GPA 2103 - Tentative Method for the Analysis of Natural Gas Condensate Mixtures Containing Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide by Gas Chromatography

GPA 2186 - Method for the Extended Analysis of Hydrocarbon Liquid Mixtures Containing Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide by Temperature Programmed Gas Chromatography

GPA 2198 - Selection, Preparation, Validation, Care and Storage of Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Reference Standard Blends

Another Successful GPA School of Gas Chromatography

Congratulations to Technical Section B – Analysis and Test Methods for hosting another successful GPA School of Gas Chromatography. Every spot was full with more than 80 students in attendance, and the school wouldn't be possible without the countless hours given by our volunteers from Technical Section B, the instructors and the vendors who supplied the equipment. And a big thanks to all the companies that allowed you to participate.

THANK YOU!

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M&D Controls Inc.
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Scientex, LLC
Scientific Marketing
Sherry Labs
Shimadzu Scientific Instruments
Supelco, Inc.
Total Systems and Controls
Varian Instruments
Welker Inc.

Next year's school has been scheduled for Aug. 9-13, 2010, and registration will open in March at the 2010 GPA Convention.

Fall 2009 GPA Research Meeting

GPA's research committees will meet jointly outside of Tulsa, Okla., next month to discuss several topics relating to GPA's cooperative industry research program. Several research projects have outstanding requests for proposal at this time. Meeting dates are Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, and the group hopes to have researchers chosen for these projects by meeting's end.

Mark Your Calendars - GPA Technical Committee Meetings

GPA's Technical Sections A, B, C, H and M will meet on Oct. 7, followed by the main Technical Committee meeting on Oct. 8 at the Wyndham, Dallas Love Field Hotel. Meeting agendas will be distributed in mid-September.

GPA Research Brochure and Ballots Coming Soon

The 2010 GPA Research Brochure and ballots will be mailed in mid-September. We kindly ask GPA Official Representatives to review the information and turn your ballots in by the Oct. 30 deadline.

Safety and Pipeline Safety Subcommittees to Discuss GPA Safety Statistics

Both the Safety and Pipeline Safety Subcommittees have a history of successfully working together to assist member companies and enhance the midstream industry. Their efforts will continue with the groups' combined fall meeting on Oct. 6 in Irving, Texas, which will be hosted by Pioneer Natural Resources.

Although many issues will be discussed, an agenda highlight focuses on how to make the GPA Safety Statistics more useable to member companies. Each January, member companies report safety data for operator workhours and total company workhours. GPA is very specific in what should be reported in the "operating workhours" category, we do not, however, define "total company" workhours. As a result, each company reports its data differently, usually depending on how that company is organized.

One idea to be discussed is to define the total hours to represent total company hours devoted to midstream operations, which would allow for a true benchmark of the final statistics. All GPA members should strive to have a representative on this committee. Contact Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@GPAglobal.org, to inquire of your company's representation or to add someone to either subcommittee's roster.

Nominations Open for GPA Awards

Please submit nominations for the Awards that will be presented at the 2010 GPA Convention. Nominations should be received by Nov. 20.

The GPA Awards program is one of the most visible means by which the Association meets an obligation "to more fully develop the gas producing and processing industry." These awards are also tangible, public evidence of appreciation by the industry, the Association, and industry colleagues to those individuals who have contributed significantly to the advancement and development of the light hydrocarbons industry.

The award categories are shown below. A full description, along with past award winners can be found at: <http://gpaglobal.org/awards/>.

The **Hanlon Award** is GPA's most prestigious recognition and highest honor of the gas processing industry. It is conferred to individuals whose career includes prominent achievement and outstanding contributions to the gas

processing industry. Such contributions may include, but is not limited to, technical services, business accomplishment, education, research, or other outstanding leadership that has materially advanced the welfare of the gas processing industry. Prior recipients have included engineers, research scientists, business leaders, educators, journalists, and virtually every other discipline associated with the industry.

The **Katz Award** recognizes outstanding accomplishments in gas processing research and technology, and for excellence in engineering education.

A **Citation for Service** recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the gas processing industry - usually through the GPA organization or its committees. It is a mechanism through which leadership and dedicated service to the Association and the industry can be recognized, even though such service may have been confined to the team effort of committee work, rather than outstanding individual achievement.

A **Recognition Award** is bestowed to individuals whose careers include a long association with the gas processing industry. It awards those whose business careers and relationships have been marked by the integrity and cooperative spirit that is characteristic of the gas processing fraternity. While the Citation for Service Award is for service to the association, the Recognition Award looks at service beyond the association.

The **Committee Leader of the Year Award** recognizes outstanding leadership of a GPA committee or subcommittee and which has led to the advancement of the gas processing industry during the previous year.

The **Committee Volunteer of the Year Award** recognizes outstanding committee participation and significant contributions to the advancement of the gas processing industry during the previous year.

Please provide the nominee's biographical information and a detailed summary of the achievements and/or industry contributions appropriate for the particular award category. Nominations should be sent to:

GPA Awards Committee
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mail: 6526 E. 60th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

2009 International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC)

GPA is a sponsoring society of this event and through our International Steering Committee, has been diligently working to complete the gas processing sessions of the program. The event will be held Dec. 7-9 at the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel, Doha, Qatar.

Looking at the 2008 event gives you a perspective of what to expect: It was hosted by PETRONAS, Malaysia's national petroleum corporation, and proved to be a record breaker, achieving the event's highest attendance to date with 7,568 participants from 57 countries. Attendees enjoyed a high-impact technical program consisting of more than 150 papers and 110 poster presentations, a plenary and four panel sessions drawing from 220 to 380 attendees per session.

Under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, the fourth IPTC will have as its theme "World Energy Challenges: Endurance and Commitment." Registration is now open and full information can be found at: <http://www.iptcnet.org/2009/>.

Join a GPA chapter!

GPA has chapter organizations that serve their respective geographic areas. The chapters have their own governing board of directors and offer numerous opportunities for local midstream company representatives to interact for the betterment of the individuals, the companies and the midstream industry. Learn more about a chapter near you:

Houston GPA - <http://www.houstongpa.org/>
MidContinent (Oklahoma City and Tulsa) - <http://gpaglobal.org/chapters/midcontinent/>
North Texas - <http://gpaglobal.org/chapters/northtexas/>
Permian Basin - <http://gpaglobal.org/chapters/permian/>
Rocky Mountain (Denver) - <http://gpaglobal.org/chapters/rocky/>

GPA Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

As you're working on your 2010 budget, GPA reminds you of the opportunity to host a hospitality to market your company and products at the 2010 GPA Convention in Austin, Texas, March 21-24, 2010. Vendor night, golf,

sporting clays and Tuesday night party sponsorships are also available. All convention-related material will be made available in November, including sponsorship commitment applications.

Environmental Excellence Award Deadline is Sept. 1

GPA's new Environmental Excellence Award is a project-based award created to honor companies' achievements in energy conservation and environmental support. The self-nomination process is now open for companies to be considered for the 2010 award recognition at the GPA Convention, where they will be able to demonstrate their projects so that other member companies may benefit. The application deadline is Sept. 1. Complete details, along with the application form, are available at: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/awards/enviromental/>

Call For Papers Deadline is Sept. 1

GPA invites you to share your expertise with more than 1,500 industry peers at the 2010 GPA Convention, which will be held in Austin, Texas, March 21-24, 2010. All authors who send a 200-250 word abstract to GPA by Sept. 1 will be considered as a potential presenter at next year's Convention. Presentations will cover topics in gas processing, gas gathering, fractionation, storage and transportation. For more information, visit: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/2010/#call>

GPA Europe Annual Conference Reminder

The GPAE 26th Annual Conference is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 in Venice, Italy. Nearly 20 technical papers will be presented over one and a half days. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.gpaeurope.com/GPAEuropeEvents.asp>

Passing of David Roach

David Roach, a 1980 GPA Recognition Award recipient and MAPCO employee at that time, passed away in late July. We greatly appreciate his contributions to the association.



GPSA and New Orleans GPA Partner with OSUIT

The Gas Processors Suppliers Association and the New Orleans GPA chapter (now disbanded) have agreed in principle to partner with the Pete Bartlett family to provide matching funds to Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (Okmulgee) for scholarships in its Natural Gas Compression Technicians Program. Early details indicate that the total endowment will be in the range of \$168,000. These funds will allow the university to award several scholarships per year to students in the program. This funding will have a lasting effect on the students of the Natural Gas Compression Program and should help provide quality trained people into the midstream industry for years to come. Industry kudos go to Jim Marcotte of the New Orleans GPA chapter, to the Bartlett family and to GPSA – nice work!

Dates to Remember

Sept. 1 - GPA's new Environmental Excellence Award application deadline. See details: www.GPAglobal.org/award_env_excellence.php.

Sept. 1 - Call For Papers deadline.

Oct. 30 - Research Ballots due.

Nov. 20 – GPA Award Nominations deadline.

GPA/GPSA Calendar

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: www.gpaglobal.org/calendar/

September

9 - Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting
10 - Rocky Mountain GPA Sporting Clays Tournament
17 - Houston GPA Annual Shrimp Boil
17 - MidContinent GPA Fall Membership Meeting
17 - North Texas GPA Annual Shrimp Boil
23 - GPA Europe Annual Conference

October

13 - Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Scholarship Golf Tournament

November

5 - North Texas GPA Annual Meeting

March 2010

21-24 - 89th Annual GPA Convention

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