



## FEBRUARY 2010 eBrief Print Version

### Headlines

#### [GPA Membership Categories and Dues Restructure](#)

#### **Legislative & Regulatory Affairs News**

- [Subpart Triple K, Process Unit Definition](#)
- [Climate Change Update](#)

#### [GPA's 2010 Research Ballots Pass](#)

#### [GPA Technical Committee and Sections Gear Up for March Meetings](#)

#### **2010 GPA CONVENTION INFORMATION**

- [An Update on Lodging](#)
- [More Young Professionals Heading to 2010 GPA Convention](#)
- [Exclusive Training Opportunity for GPA Convention Registrants](#)
- [GPA Sporting Clays – Join the Fun](#)
- [Exclusive Training Opportunity for GPA Convention Registrants](#)
- [Convention Advertising Opportunity](#)

#### [Passing of Gustavo Inciarte](#)

#### **GPSA NEWS**

- [GPSA Members – Don't Forget to Update Your Company Information](#)

#### [GPA/GPSA Calendar](#)

---

#### **GPA Membership Categories and Dues Restructure**

GPA's Restructure Strategic Task Force has been working to finalize GPA's proposal for the new dues structure and association by-laws. The team is developing a set of guiding principles that they can use to finalize the by-laws and membership changes. These principles will be adopted at the March board of directors meeting, but please note that these changes do require membership approval. Last month, we asked GPA members to send in your Midstream Employee Workhours in conjunction with the request for company safety statistics. For those who haven't yet reported their company data, you will receive a reminder soon. Please either complete/return the forms or call Johnny Dreyer to discuss your questions or concerns: (918) 493-3872.

---

#### **Legislative & Regulatory Affairs News**

##### **Subpart Triple K, Process Unit Definition**

GPA members of the Environmental Subcommittee recently met with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) staff to discuss concerns with ODEQ's recent agency guidance and the proposed Leak Report form for NSPS Subpart Triple K. GPA provided ODEQ with written correspondence explaining our concern with their recent activities and potential enforcement. ODEQ staff was receptive to our concerns and assured us of their willingness to work with GPA, addressing concerns with the form and the implementation.

##### **Climate Change Update**

*Sen. John Kerry says those who think climate change legislation is dead for the year are "dead wrong"*

Climate Change activities have taken several changes in the recent months. Following the challenges Congress has faced in its attempts to advance a healthcare bill, followed by the lack of a strong U.S. commitment from Copenhagen, it was widely believed that Climate Change legislation would be dead for the 2010 legislative session. However, John Kerry, senior senator from Massachusetts, says not to count it out. The political climate itself has changed greatly with the recent election successes of Republican governors, and most recently, newly elected Republican Senator Scott Brown from Massachusetts.

Despite this surprise, what some may call a shocker, it appears President Obama and leaders in the House and Senate are still determined to push through a healthcare bill and follow that up with some version of a Climate Change / Cap and Trade bill this year.

The forecasts are strong for Republican successes in the November 2010 general elections, and that will likely be the strongest influence on just how active Democrat leadership will attempt to push these issues. GPA Director of Government Affairs Jeff Applekamp, and Hunton & Williams staff, continue to build relationships with key federal legislative leaders and staff, and impress upon them the needs of our members and our industry. While we are hopeful Climate Change / Cap and Trade legislation will die well before the November elections, we will continue to work hard explaining our concern and opposition to issues of a potential bill and working to defeat all measures that would harm our GPA member companies.

---

### **GPA's 2010 Research Ballots Pass**

We are pleased to announce that all ballots for the 2010 research budget have passed. Thanks to all member companies that submitted ballots for 2010. Without you, GPA's research program could not exist. Even though the budget has passed, companies with outstanding ballots are still encouraged to submit their ballot for 2010.

---

### **GPA Technical Committee and Sections Gear Up for March Meetings**

GPA technical activities are once again going strong this year. Below is a list of just a few topics to be discussed at this year's upcoming March meeting. Agendas for all technical meetings will hit members' inboxes very soon. If you or your company are not represented on the technical committee and/or its sections, please contact Kenny Wheat for information on getting involved.

#### **GPA Technical Section A – Facilities Design**

- GPA Facilities Design Training Resources List – Section A has tasked themselves with providing GPA members a comprehensive list of training resources.

#### **GPA Technical Section B – Analysis and Test Methods**

- True In Line Natural Gas Analyzer – A presentation of this new technology will be given to Section B in hope that the section can create a method around the technology to make it available to member companies. This technology claims to perform online, real-time analysis of natural gas streams. It also boasts the ability to not only perform compositional analysis, but also detect and measure water and contaminants all in one online analyzer package using infrared technology.

#### **GPA Technical Section C – Product Specifications**

- New GPA Demethanized Mix (Y-Grade) – Section C is working to complete this new specification to be used in contracts throughout the industry.

#### **GPA Technical Section H – Product Measurement and Handling**

- Common Pressure Base Conversions for GPA 2145 – Going along with the theme of providing more to our members, Section H is developing a spreadsheet to be used by users of **GPA 2145-09 – Table of Physical Properties for Hydrocarbons and Other Compounds of Interest in the Natural Gas Industry**, which will assist them with converting values to common pressure bases used in the industry.

#### **GPA Technical Section M – Operations and Maintenance**

- Section M will focus on GHG emissions through special presentations and roundtable discussions.

#### **GPA Technical Committee**

- GPA Task Force on EPA and GHG Rulings – This task force is being developed by the GPA Technical Committee to assist member companies in compliance issues surrounding EPA's GHG rulings.

---

### **School Of Gas Chromatography Registration to Open at GPA Convention**

Early Bird Registration for GPA's School of Gas Chromatography begins on March 21 at the GPA Convention in Austin and runs through July 9. Registration is taken on a first come, first served basis, and because the school

typically sells out and has a waiting list, we encourage people to register early. The school will be held in Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 9-13. It is geared toward operators, measurement technicians and engineers involved with chromatography. The schedule has a mix of lectures, demonstrations and hands on operation of the equipment. The school teaches basic gas and gas liquid chromatography with an introduction to extended analysis and portable chromatographs. Registration forms may be picked up at the Publications table in the Registration Area or requested by e-mail ([gpa@GPAglobal.org](mailto:gpa@GPAglobal.org)) after March 24. Early Bird Registration rates for GPA or GPSA members is \$475; \$725 for non-members. Questions about the class? Contact Judy London ([jlondon@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jlondon@GPAglobal.org)) or Kenny Wheat ([kwheat@GPAglobal.org](mailto:kwheat@GPAglobal.org)).

---

## 2010 GPA CONVENTION INFORMATION

Thank you to all those who have registered for the GPA Convention (nearly 1,200 registrants and counting!). Please keep an eye out for important convention-related information coming to your inbox soon. For those not yet registered, there is still time to register online or on-site. For complete information, use these quick links:

**Online Registration:** <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/register/>

**Registration List:** <http://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/registrations/>

**Schedule:** <http://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/soe>

**All Convention Information:** <http://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/2010/>

### An Update on Lodging

We have been alerted that the contracted GPA conference hotels are now sold out. For lodging arrangements, please contact **A Room With A View** for information on the designated GPA overflow hotel. They will secure the lowest available rates within walking distance of the Austin Hilton Hotel. **A Room With A View** can be reached at 1-800-780-4343. This is a FREE SERVICE for all GPA attendees.

Note that traditionally, we experience some sleeping room cancellations, which does free up some rooms at the convention hotels. If interested, we encourage you to keep trying to get a reservation at those hotels as we get closer to the convention.

### More Young Professionals Heading to 2010 GPA Convention

More than two years ago, GPA started its initiative to attract young talent to get involved in the association and its activities. More than 80 young professionals are registered for the convention program geared toward the group called, "Where Do You Fit In," proving a successful effort in a relatively short amount of time.

This year's event will kick off with a keynote address from Steve Malcolm, Williams president and CEO, followed by a panel of GPA Technical Committee section chairs who will share their insight on how young professionals can make the most of their GPA experience. Afterwards, the group is invited to attend an evening of networking and fun at the Iron Cactus in downtown Austin.

Although a ticket is required for the Sunday session, a new addition to this year's YP activities at the GPA Convention is open to registered attendees. On Monday, special training course sponsored by the GPA Young Professionals Committee called "Gas Gathering and Central Processing Operations: The Integration and Optimization," will be presented by John M. Campbell & Co.

### Exclusive Training Opportunity for GPA Convention Registrants

A few slots remain for the 1<sup>st</sup> EXCLUSIVE TRAINING COURSE FOR GPA CONVENTION REGISTRANTS. The training session, titled **New and Emerging Technologies in Gas Processing** will take place Wednesday afternoon (March 24) through noon on Friday, March 26. The course has been developed by John M. Campbell & Co. with Bob Hubbard serving as instructor.

The oil and gas industry continually renews itself through technological advances and developments. There are many important new and emerging technologies in the area of gas processing. The exploitation of natural gas resources in remote and environmentally challenging locations, the increased development of HP/HT reservoirs, and the production of gas containing significant quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> and sulfur compounds has necessitated advances in processes and equipment.

This course provides a quick review of existing gas processing technologies, introduce developing technologies that have been recently commercialized or are in the latter stage of development and discuss a "wish list" of potential technologies necessary to advance the business.

The \$995 fee includes GPA Convention registration as well as the exclusive three-day training course. If you have already registered for the convention and want to add the training, contact GPA at (918) 493-3872 or by e-mail to Judy London, [jlondon@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jlondon@GPAglobal.org).

**Topics to be discussed include:**

**Upstream: Gas Production and Gathering**

- Advances in separator design including compact separation
- Flow assurance including hydrate inhibition and slug mitigation
- Subsea processing including separation and compression

**Midstream: Gas Sweetening, Gas Dehydration and NGL Extraction**

- Acid gas removal
- Sulfur recovery including tail gas processes and acid gas injection
- Product treating

**Downstream: Gas Transportation and Conversion**

- Gas transmission and compression
- Advances in LNG
- Gas conversion including GTL and chemicals

**GPA Sporting Clays – Join the Fun**

We still have space available for more shooters, so if you've discovered you can be in Austin in time to participate, call Judy London, (918) 493-3872 or e-mail her at [jlondon@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jlondon@GPAglobal.org), and she will assist you in adding the Sporting Clays event to your registration. A big *THANK YOU* to GPA's Operations and Maintenance Committee (aka Technical Section M), the North Texas Chapter's Sporting Clays Committee and all our event sponsors listed below! We could not host this event without their assistance!

ABB Totalflow  
Applied Consultants  
Balon Valves  
Bowden Construction  
Buffalo Gap Instrumentation & Electrical Co.  
Caterpillar  
Crosstex Energy Services  
Dew Point Control  
Dollahon PR  
Elkhorn Construction  
Exterran  
Flexpipe Systems  
Prism Gas Systems  
Saulsbury Industries  
Sherry Laboratories  
Superior Pipeline  
Tranter

**Convention Advertising Opportunity**

Gas Processors Association (GPA) has endorsed Hart Energy Publishing to publish three daily newspapers showcasing the 89th Annual GPA Convention for the third-straight year.

GPA 2010 Convention News, a color tabloid, will be an ideal advertising vehicle to showcase products, services and messages for decision-makers in the midstream.

This daily newspaper will contain feature stories previewing the conference; a full conference program; a diagram of the layout of meeting facilities at the Hilton Austin; a summary of major new developments and industry trends from 2009, written by the editors of Gas Processors Report; other news, events and opinions of interest to GPA convention attendees and members; and abstracts of papers that will be presented at the convention.

Sponsorship, advertising and editorial contributions are being accepted now for GPA 2010 Convention News. For more information contact Lesley Hart, [lhart@hartenergy.com](mailto:lhart@hartenergy.com) or (713) 260-6462. For a rate card, click here: <http://www.worldfuels.com/downloads/Rate-Sheet-GPA-2010.pdf>.

---

**Passing of Gustavo Inciarte**

We regret to report that Gustavo Inciarte passed away Feb. 11. Gustavo was the first foreign director of GPA and the founder of the first foreign international chapter of GPA, known as Asociacion Venezolana De Procesadores De Gas (AVPG), GPA's Venezuelan Chapter.

Gustavo received the GPA Hanlon Award in 1995. He also served on the GPA Board from 1981-1983 and was the International Chair from 1982-1983.

Gustavo will be missed, and his achievements not forgotten.

---



### **GPSA Members – Don't Forget to Update Your Company Information**

All current GPSA members should have received an e-mail and link to update their company information for the new-and-improved GPSA online directory. We are still waiting on several members to update their information. Your current listing will not be retained nor listed in the new directory until you provide us with an update. If for some reason you did not receive the e-mail mentioned above, please contact Johnny Dreyer: [jdreyer@GPAglobal.org](mailto:jdreyer@GPAglobal.org).

### **GPA/GPSA Calendar**

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: [www.gpaglobal.org/calendar/](http://www.gpaglobal.org/calendar/)

#### **March**

- 2 MidContinent GPA Training (Tulsa, OK)
- 3 MidContinent GPA Training (Edmond, OK)
- 11 North Texas GPA YP Happy Hour
- 11 GPAC - Gathering System & Pumpjacks Practices Series
- 16 NTGPA YP Dallas Stars Game
- 21-24 89th Annual GPA Convention, Austin, TX

---

#### **Gas Processors Association**

[www.GPAglobal.org](http://www.GPAglobal.org)

6526 E. 60th Street, Tulsa, OK, USA 74145 | 918-493-3872 | Fax 918-493-3875 |

E-mail: [gpa@GPAglobal.org](mailto:gpa@GPAglobal.org)

---