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UPDATE: GPA RESTRUCTURE

Board discussions continued around GPA's expanded mission to represent the entire midstream business, including next steps for restructure of the association's dues and by-laws. Given member companies' diverse types of midstream assets, the recommendation is that dues assessment for 2011 be changed from using NGL equity production gallons to the more appropriate measure of company workhours.

Six membership classifications are proposed: four operating classes based on company size (size determined by total complement midstream workhours), and one each for international and associate members. Additional research funding will be included in the dues and becomes a more equitably shared mechanism to the benefit of every GPA member, regardless of size and classification.

The overall combined budget would allow the board to set priorities for all GPA spending, including research, LARAC and operating costs. The proposed structure would also allow GPA companies to clearly know their GPA dues in time each year for their own budget planning.

Currently, GPA membership dues provide approximately 45% of the association's operating budget. From our membership, production-based sources contribute more than 90% of GPA's research budget.

A change in the dues assessment process requires membership approval and a change to the by-laws. Please keep on top of this effort, and don't hesitate to contact the GPA office with questions.

GPA staff continues advocacy with state legislators and regulators

Jeff Applekamp, new Director of Government Affairs, has been actively meeting with key legislators and regulators throughout Oklahoma and has made some contacts in Texas. The Oklahoma Legislature meets every year and will be in session from February through May, 2010. Submission of draft legislation will begin next month and will continue through January, 2010. Jeff has maintained a working relationship with many of the

Oklahoma legislators and has been meeting with them to inform them of his new position with GPA. Jeff has also met with staff of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and will be scheduling meetings with the three commissioners in November. While in Austin during the fall GPA board meeting, Jeff met with contacts at the Texas Railroad Commission. Jeff will maintain a list of identified and tracked legislation throughout the session. If you have any questions or comments, contact Jeff: japplekamp@GPAglobal.org.

Climate Change legislative update

Johnny Dryer and Jeff Applekamp have been working closely with Hunton & Williams as the Kerry-Boxer bill advances in the U.S. Senate. Currently, the version of the Climate Change bill differs from the bill approved in the House. This is a common occurrence, and we will continue working with leadership to promote our positions in the language as the bill advances to the Senate floor. The different versions will then have to be reconciled into a final draft. We will be investigating the language changes throughout this process and will keep our members informed as changes develop. Hunton & Williams will provide us with weekly updates and will participate in regular conference calls with GPA staff and LARAC members. We will forward updates to all GPA members and desire your responses and input on this crucial matter. Please contact Jeff Applekamp if you have any questions: japplekamp@GPAglobal.org.

TECH TALK

GPA's Technical Committee and its sections held their annual fall meetings earlier this month in Dallas, Texas. Participation was strong, and we appreciate all who attended at a time when many companies are enforcing travel restrictions.

A key topic discussed at the main Technical Committee meeting was the EPA's greenhouse gases (GHG) mandatory reporting and the climate change bill currently in the Senate. As a result of these discussions, the Technical Committee has formed an ad hoc GHG workgroup chaired by Francis Foret, Targa Resources. This workgroup will schedule its first conference call soon to discuss its mission moving forward.

GPA's Technical Committee leadership changes hands

Carl Soderman, Toromont Energy Systems, chaired his last Technical Committee meeting in Dallas and has passed the reins to Sigbjorn Svenes, Statoil Hydro. Francis Foret, Targa Resources, has taken over as Vice Chair. GPA would like to thank Carl for his outstanding leadership and commitment while serving this committee.

GPA Technical Section activities

Technical Section A – Facilities Design

Jerry Gump, Applied Consultants, was named as Technical Section A's Vice Chair.

Section A is working to finish several open working items that include:

- Water Wash Systems Guidelines: These guidelines will cover the installation of a water wash system placed upstream of the amine unit. Once a final draft of the guideline is finished, the group plans to present to the GPSA Editorial Review Board for possible inclusion into the GPSA Data Book.
- Facilities Design Project Checklist: Revision is nearly complete.
- GPSA Data Book Example Spread Sheets: The spreadsheets, meant to further explain certain calculations from several chapters contained in the Data Book, are essentially complete and will soon be made available to member companies on the GPA web site.

Technical Section B – Analysis and Test Methods

Section B is working to revise eight of its standards, many of which will soon be ready for Technical Committee ballot. To learn more about these revisions, contact Kenny Wheat.

Technical Section C – Product Specifications

Section C is working to complete its Demethanized Mix (Y-Grade) Specification and hopes to have it out to committee ballot before the spring Technical Committee meetings.

The section is also reviewing Section 2 – Product Specifications of the GPSA Data Book to assist the GPSA Editorial Review Board in revising this section.

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Technical Section H – Product Measurement and Handling

Section H has been working on the following:

- GPA 8182 - Standard for Mass Measurement of Natural Gas Liquids has been revised and is being prepared for concurrent GPA Technical Committee and API Ballot. The ballot should be distributed some time in early November.
- GPA 8173 - Methods for Converting Mass Natural Gas Liquids and Vapor to Equivalent Liquid Volumes has been reviewed and reaffirmed by the section.

Technical Section M – Operations and Maintenance

Section M will once again be coordinating GPA's clay shoot in conjunction with the 2010 GPA Convention. The shoot will be held at Capital City Trap and Skeet Club in Austin, Texas, on March 21, 2010. A number of sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. Contact Kenny Wheat for more information: kwheat@GPAglobal.org.

Section M plans to develop an Operations and Maintenance Training Resources List to help member companies find training opportunities for their O&M personnel. Once completed, this list will be made available on the GPA website.

GPA's Research Committee updates

Subgroups 1 and 2 of the GPA Research Committee met recently, and the following summarizes just a portion of the work completed at the meeting:

- 061-2 – Rich Glycol and Loaded Amine: Awarded to University of Oldenburg
- 062 – Inhibitors/Salt Effects on Hydrates: Awarded jointly to Hydrafact (an extension of the Harriot Watt University in Edinburgh) and University of Wyoming
- 072 – Sulfur Species in 3-Phase Separators: Awarded to University of Oldenburg
- 074 – Effect of Gas Gravity, H₂S and Salinity on H₂O Content of Gas: Awarded to Alberta Sulfur Research
- 083 – Non Aromatic Hydrocarbons in TEG: Awarded to University of Oldenburg
- 084 – Commercial Propane/Water and Methanol Mutual Solubility –PERC Project: Awarded to Gas Technology Institute
- 085 – Freeze Valve Water Content Correlation – PERC Project: Awarded to Texas A&M Galveston

With the current issues facing the industry from the EPA's GHG reporting and the ensuing climate change legislation, the committee has committed to focusing a portion of their future projects on carbon capture and CO₂ sequestration.

Join us for the 89th Annual GPA Convention

Save the date to join 1,500 peers, customers and competitors for this global event, which will be held March 21-24, 2010 at the Hilton in downtown Austin, Texas. The program is quickly shaping up and will include our traditional mix of committee meetings, forums and other educational sessions that have proven beneficial to operators and suppliers for the past 88 years. Our 2010 theme, "Advocates in Action," will center on our call to action to represent the midstream industry.

The registration brochure should hit your mailbox in early December, but please note that it will look a little different than our traditional brochure. We will also alert you by e-mail when brochures have been mailed and when online registration is open. As always, don't hesitate to call GPA and GPSA for any assistance. Our experienced staff is ready to help!

GPA would like to welcome the following new member companies:

Butler Gas Processing
Hawk Field Services
Parwest Land Exploration
Pilot Energy Solutions
Sand Ridge Energy
Gas Processors, Inc.

AVPG "Call for Papers"

The Venezuelan Gas Processors Association (AVPG) announces the Call for Papers for its **"XIX International Gas Convention"** to be held in Caracas in May 2010.

This convention takes place every two years and is the most important event of the Venezuelan Natural Gas Industry. It covers technical and business aspects related with the natural gas industry. To this end, papers related with the following topics are required.

- **Exploration & Production (Emphasis On "Non-Associated Gas")**
- **Convergence With Other Industries & Businesses**
- **Handling & Compression**
- **Developing National & Export Markets**
- **Treatment & Processing**
- **Health, Safety & Environmental Aspects**
- **Transmission, Distribution & Marketing**
- **Legal, Regulatory & Fiscal Aspects**
- **Petrochemicals & Other Downstream Aspects**
- **Gas Projects Financing**
- **Gas Energy And Telecommunications Convergence**
- **New Technologies & Developments**
- **Gas Related Business Opportunities In Venezuela**

Please submit a 300-word abstract, including title and author(s) by **Nov. 30, 2009**. Complete company or institution name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers should be included in the abstracts. Papers selection will be made by **Jan. 31, 2010**. Final papers will be received until **Feb. 28, 2010**, and presentations will be received until **March 15, 2010**.

Please send abstracts or information requests to:

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CHAPTER NEWS

The North Texas GPA Annual Meeting and Clay Shoot will be held Nov. 4-5 in Dallas, Texas. For registration and program information please visit: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/chapters/northtexas/>

Permian Basin GPA is sponsoring a training and social event on Nov. 11. The training will consist of a short course titled "Amine Treating Boot Camp" followed by an exciting evening social event and Texas Hold'em tournament.

This provides industry professionals with an excellent way to enhance your learning and end with a fun networking activity, but also important to note: all proceeds from registration go toward scholarships for the future leaders of our industry, so please join us! Registration and more details can be found by visiting: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/chapters/permian/>.

Online publication orders

Please get in the habit of checking your membership status before purchasing GPA publications or the GPSA Engineering Data Book/CD Set. This is important because once our new online publication ordering system is in place, it will automatically charge your credit card as soon as your order is placed. This means that an incorrect membership selection will result in either additional charges or refunds to your credit card, which makes it confusing for you or your administrative assistants when expensing these items.



GPSA to provide matching funds to OSU IT Natural Gas Compression Program Scholarships

The Gas Processors Suppliers Association (GPSA) 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. The combined donation will allow the creation of an endowment that will serve to provide long-term funding to the benefit of the school and the students who enroll in this program. This funding will have a lasting effect on the students of the Natural Gas Compression Program and should help bring trained people into the midstream industry for years to come. A formal presentation of the GPSA gift is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. in Okmulgee, Okla.

Dates to Remember

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/

November

- 4 North Texas GPA Annual Sporting Clays
- 4 Joint GPAC/PJVA Conference, Westin Hotel
- 4 GPA-GCC Seminar "Gas Processing Reliability Through Effective Maintenance"
- 5 North Texas GPA Annual Meeting
- 11 Houston GPA Luncheon Meeting
- 11 Rocky Mountain GPA Luncheon Meeting

December

- 7-9 International Petroleum Conference (IPTC)
- 8 MidContinent GPA Christmas Party

March 2010

21-24 - 89th Annual GPA Convention

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