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Update on New Dues Structure

In March the GPA board of directors adopted a set of guiding principles that are being used to revise the dues structure and association by-laws. Major changes include membership dues classifications and the integration of the research and general operating budgets. The revisions will be reviewed and balloted to membership upon completion.

A strategic planning group led by GPA President Alan Armstrong, Williams Midstream, is leading the effort. Proposed membership classifications will use a company's operating midstream workhours (changed from gallons of NGLs produced), providing a more representative depiction of a midstream footprint. "NGLs produced" is too focused on the processing component of midstream.

GPA already receives midstream operating workhours from many member companies when they volunteer safety statistics each January. Other member companies don't participate in GPA's safety awards programs. In either case, GPA's Johnny Dreyer will work with members to verify their operating midstream workhours for dues assessment.

Additionally, the new dues structure proposes the integration of the research budget into the general operating budget. Research is a key component of GPA's mission, but at present is supported on a voluntary basis only with some GPA members participating and some not (some GPSA members voluntarily contribute, too). Under the new proposal, all GPA members share in the support of *ALL* GPA efforts, including research. There would also be corresponding changes to how the research project approval process works and the transition achieved.

The planning group emphasizes that the proposed dues structure is revenue neutral from GPA's budget standpoint. Likewise, they wanted to minimize the impact on a member company's costs by creating a similar investment scenario to current GPA support levels when membership dues and research contributions are combined. They've worked hard to satisfy all goals.

Should you have questions about the proposed changes, contact Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@GPAglobal.org, or (918) 493-3872.

2010-2011 GPA Officers

GPA would like to welcome its new officers that were elected by membership at the GPA Convention in March.

Alan Armstrong is GPA president. He is president of Williams' Midstream division and has been a GPA board member since 2002.

Michael Heim, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Targa Resources, is GPA president-elect. He has been involved in GPA matters since 2004, serving on the board and also with stints on the finance committee.

The association has three vice presidents: Tom O'Connor, Sharon Robinson and Terry Spencer.

O'Connor, president and CEO of DCP Midstream, is new to the board, but his company has been actively involved in GPA membership for many years.

Robinson is senior vice president of Copano Energy, LLC and president and COO, Oklahoma and Rocky Mountains. She has been a GPA board member for the past six years.

Spencer is executive vice president Natural Gas Liquids for ONEOK. He has been a board member since 2004 and has served as a GPA vice president previously.

The officers assumed their new responsibilities upon the conclusion of the 2010 GPA Convention held in Austin, Texas.

GPA Finance Committee Appointments

Newly elected President Alan Armstrong has appointed members to the GPA Finance Committee. Mary Ann Pearce, ConocoPhillips, will serve another term; new members are Terry McGill, Enbridge Partners, Bill Ordemann, Enterprise Products and John Mollenkopf, MarkWest Energy Partners.

We appreciate the participation of these individuals and their companies' support of GPA activities.

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs News

GPA Environmental Subcommittee Continues Working on EPA and TCEQ Issues

The GPA Environmental Subcommittee continues to work on crucial issues facing our industry. In Texas, GPA committee members crafted language addressing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) proposed changes to the Oil and Gas Permit By Rule (PBR). Committee leaders submitted GPA comments addressing our concerns to TCEQ prior to their established deadline.

Environmental Subcommittee members continue their work on EPA's Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting Rule, Subpart W, covering oil and natural gas systems. GPA members have prepared summaries of the effects of the rule and estimated costs that would be incurred with the implementation of this rule. Our partners at Hunton & Williams are working with the Environmental Subcommittee members to prepare our final version and are on schedule to submit to EPA prior to the deadline.

GPA Intervenes In New Mexico Gathering Case

GPA Executive and Finance Committee members approved limited intervention in the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Case: the Coalition of the San Juan Basin Natural Gas Producers/Shippers on Enterprise's gas transportation system. GPA members account for more than 90% of the natural gas liquid products produced in the United States from natural gas processing and gather a great majority of the natural gas that is produced in New Mexico. In our motion to intervene, GPA seeks to represent the general interests of its many members in the midstream industry. GPA seeks to intervene for the limited purpose of addressing the commission on the questions of whether gas gatherers and gas processors in New Mexico are public utilities under the laws of the state and whether the Commission has jurisdiction to set rates and charges for gas gatherers and gas processors.

GPA's intervention is consistent with the public interest and will not disrupt the proceeding, cause prejudice or hardship to existing parties or broaden the issues that have been raised.

GPA Team Gains Ground With Kerry – Lieberman Climate Change Draft Legislation

While we continue to evaluate the Natural Gas Liquid provisions of the draft language that was released last week, Jeff Applekamp reports the efforts of GPA staff, member company representatives and Hunton & Williams have resulted in portions of GPA proposed language, and our underlying concepts, included in the draft. Specifically, the draft defines the term "emissive natural gas liquids" as "odorized butane and propane." Moreover, our regulation concept was also incorporated, "... the owner of the emissive natural gas liquid when the liquid becomes merchantable."

This is an initial victory, but we still have much work to do. The draft still includes the prior definition of NGLs (i.e., all five purity products), as well as the point of regulation that was included in Kerry-Boxer: point of fractionation. At this point, it appears unlikely any final action will take place with this legislation this year. And with the results of the primary elections so far, we may see several new faces, and ideas, in Congress for next year.

We are currently filling vacancies on our Legislative and Regulatory Committee (LARAC), and our two LARAC subcommittees: Federal Issues and Targeted State Advocacy (TSASC). If you would like to serve on any these committees, or if you would like to have a representative from your company serve, please contact Jeff Applekamp, japplekamp@GPAglobal.org.

Oklahoma House Passes Natural Gas and Alternative Energy Legislation

The Oklahoma House of Representatives has passed HB 3028, legislation designed to boost Oklahoma's use of natural gas and wind energy. The bill, authored by Speaker of the House Chris Benge, establishes a goal for the state for a Renewable Portfolio Standard, and further states "... it is in the public interest to promote natural gas energy development in order to take advantage of our state's vast natural gas resources and its compatibility with wind energy." HB 3028 further encourages the use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles and provides for the development of CNG fueling stations within the state. HB 3028 passed 91-2 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and 46-0 in the Oklahoma Senate. It has now advanced to Governor Henry and we fully anticipate him signing it into law.

GPA Environmental Subcommittee to Discuss Year Two for Environmental Excellence Award

The GPA Environmental Excellence Award is a project-based award created to recognize achievements in energy conservation and environmental support. The first-ever Environmental Excellence Award was presented to Enogex for the company's Wetumka Gas Processing Facility Emissions Reduction Project. The project resulted in a facility-wide criteria pollutant emissions reduction of 40% and a formaldehyde emissions reduction of 55%. GPA's Environmental Subcommittee will meet next month to review the initial award year and make any necessary changes or improvements for 2011. Any changes, plus information on how and when to apply, will be communicated in future eBriefs.

It's Almost Complete! Final GPA/GPSA Web Site Enhancements to Go Live in June

Ever since the GPA and GPSA web sites took on a new look in December of 2008, we've continued working hard behind the scenes to make some BIG improvements to our member registration and publications areas with one goal in mind: to make GPAglobal.org *the* go-to resource for GPA and GPSA members alike. Enhancements include:

A state-of-the-art Publications area, featuring:

- Order history for members who log in when they order

- The ability to order multiple documents at one time (and members eligible for free downloads no longer have to enter payment information to access those documents)
- A new and improved search tool that ensures you can find exactly what you're looking for, with ease
- Secure and easy-to-use checkout system

Individual member registrations

Before, every GPA and GPSA member company had only one assigned username and password for all employees to log in to the members-only areas. With the new system, individuals will set up their own usernames and passwords, and most users who register with a company e-mail address will be instantly verified as a GPA or GPSA member.

For example, let's say that a ConocoPhillips employee wants to view members-only information and order publications. Before, that employee had to either locate the ConocoPhillips GPA Official Representative or call the GPA office to obtain the login information. After June 7, that employee may register with his or her company-assigned e-mail address [quest.user@conocophillips.com](mailto:guest.user@conocophillips.com), and he or she will automatically be recognized as a GPA member - no phone calls or questions required. Individuals registering with an e-mail address other than a company-assigned e-mail (for example user@yahoo.com, user@hotmail.com, etc.) can still register as a GPA or GPSA member - it just won't be an instant verification.

All web site users must register on their own and create their own unique username and password. If you forget your username or password, you can retrieve that from the web site by entering your e-mail address that you used to register. The process will be quick, easy and will not require a phone call to the GPA/GPSA offices.

Of course, with change comes questions, and we will do our best to provide as much information as possible about the new system before it goes live the second week of June. Please watch your inbox for more information coming next week.

CHAPTER NEWS

GPA Chapter Leadership Meeting Reminder

GPA chapter leaders should be reminded that our summer meeting will be held once again at the Sandia Resort in Albuquerque, NM, July 14-15. Please note that room reservations must be made by June 14.

The Chapter Leadership Initiative has been successful and instrumental in idea exchange, which has led to some great improvements to the chapters. If you are new to a leadership role within your chapter, we strongly encourage your participation.

We have also opened this meeting up to our sister organizations such as GPA Canada and the Venezuelan Gas Processors Association. Additionally, if you are interested in starting a new chapter in such areas as the Haynesville Shale or Marcellus Shale, you are also strongly encouraged to attend. Contact Kenny Wheat for meeting details, kwheat@gpaglobal.org.

Permian Basin GPA Holds Successful Annual Meeting

GPA's Permian Basin chapter recently wrapped up a successful meeting held in mid-May. With more than 80 in attendance, the leadership of this once-struggling chapter can take credit for another great meeting that kicked off with "eye opening" remarks from the opening speaker, followed by six informative presentations. We're also pleased to mention that they hosted a great golf outing the next day where the wild west-Texas winds were surprisingly not that wild.

Papers presented at this meeting will be linked to the GPA web site and distributed to attendees soon.

GPA Europe Confirmed as Official Partner of Gastech 2011

GPA Europe has been confirmed as official partner of Gastech 2011. Gastech is known as the most significant global gas exhibition for the international gas marketplace, and as partners of Gastech, GPA Europe recommends the event as an ideal platform for GPA members to meet, network and forge new business relationships with producers, utilities, energy companies and EPC contractors throughout the world.

The conference will be held in Amsterdam March 21-24, 2011. GPA Europe will be running a full day of workshop sessions (technical papers and knowledge sessions) on March 23, 2011, and members are invited to submit titles and abstracts for this event to admin@gpaeurope.com.

TECH TALK

GPA 8182 – Standard of the Mass Measurement of Natural Gas Liquids Ballot Extended

Due to slow ballot responses to the GPA 8182 Ballot in Technical Section H – Product Measurement and Handling, the balloting due date has been extended to May 28. If you are a member of Section H and have not yet completed your ballot, please do so as soon as possible. Members should be reminded that it is GPA's policy to obtain a 60% return rate on its technical ballots. Once passed through Section H, the ballot will then move on to the Technical Committee. Please note that this ballot is for members of Section H only. If you are a member of Section H and did not receive a link to the ballot, contact Kenny Wheat, kwheat@GPAglobal.org.

GPA 2261 – Method of Analysis for Natural Gas and Similar Gas Mixtures by Gas Chromatography to be Included in MMS Regulations

The United States Department of Interior Mineral Management Service (MMS) has recently requested a reference of GPA 2261 to include in its revision of 30 CFR § 250.1200 Subpart L – Oil and Gas Production Measurement, Surface Commingling, and Security.

GPA 2261 will give the MMS a comprehensive insight of the GPA practices that are used by the industry to ensure proper analysis of natural gas. Currently, MMS incorporates a number of API, ASME and ASTM, plus other industry standards, into its regulations; this process is preferred over a rule making whenever possible.

The legal effect of incorporation by reference is that the material is treated as if it were published in the Federal Register. This material, like any other properly issued regulation, then has the force and effect of federal law i.e., MMS would hold operators/lessees accountable for complying with the documents incorporated by reference in MMS regulations.

It is unknown at this time if the MMS will be requesting other GPA standards in the future, but GPA is pleased to be included in such an important government regulation. Kudos to Section B for developing and maintaining such an important document to the industry.

Save the Date– GPA Technical Committee Meeting Reminder

October 13-14, Dallas, Texas

GPA's Chromatography School is Filling Up Fast

GPA's School of Gas Chromatography has been a sell-out for the past several years, so if you plan to attend or send students from your company, now is the time to register.

Remember, the cost to attend GPA's School of Gas Chromatography is minimal when compared to the cost of a mistake made during analysis or loss of a customer due to inaccurate charges. Proper training ensures employees can efficiently and effectively do their jobs.

This school will be held at the University of Tulsa (Okla.) Aug. 9 – 13. It will be taught by instructors who work in the industry and understand our business. Cost per person, if registered by July 9, is \$475 for members and \$725 for non-members.

Visit www.GPAglobal.org/chromo for more information or to download a registration form. Contact Judy London, jlondon@GPAglobal.org or Kenny Wheat, kwheat@GPAglobal.org for more information.

GPA Partners with John M. Campbell for Training in the Marcellus Shale Area

GPA is now providing opportunities for information exchange outside our traditional geographic areas. We are holding a **Southpointe Midstream Training Luncheon** June 16, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg, PA. The luncheon will provide information on the value of GPA/GPSA services and training surrounding these topics (includes technical and non-technical aspects):

- Industry overview and terminology
- Gas processing fundamentals
- Markets gas contracts and specifications
- Gas transportation options
- Fractionation and stabilization

Lunch and training will be \$40 (\$50 onsite) and you can follow this link to register for the luncheon and training.

Contact Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@GPAglobal.org, if you have suggestions for "information exchange" activities in other areas.

GPA Call For Papers

GPA invites you to share your expertise with more than 1,500 industry peers at the 2011 GPA Convention, the premier midstream industry event bringing professionals together each year to meet, share and learn. The 90th annual GPA Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 3-6, 2011.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

All authors who send a 200-250 word abstract to GPA by **Sept. 1, 2010**, will be considered as a potential presenter at next year's convention. Abstracts submitted early will be given priority consideration. Presentations will cover topics in gas processing, gas gathering, fractionation, storage and transportation. For those with pertinent papers not matching the descriptions below, we encourage you to go ahead and send in your abstract by the deadline for consideration.

REQUESTED TOPICS

- International developments
- Legislative and regulatory impacts
- Safety
- Product quality and specifications
- Operational and maintenance issues
- Business issues
- Technical developments
- Marketing and downstream issues
- Applications of thermodynamics and phase equilibria
- Shared practices
- LNG
- Computer technology

E-mail your abstract to [Johnny Dreyer](mailto:Johnny.Dreyer) for consideration.

GPA Europe Call for Papers

GPA Europe is again offering a cutting-edge conference program for 2010 - 2011. If you would like to present a paper at one of the meetings listed below, please submit a title and brief abstract (100 – 200 words) as soon as possible.

GPA Europe meetings provide a forum on neutral ground where the users, contractors, consultants and specialists can meet together to receive and discuss relevant technical papers and network informally with their peers. Benefits to be gained by speaking include:

- Extensive promotional and pre-show coverage of their participation as part of the GPA Europe Conference marketing campaign, including email, direct mail, press releases, website and on-site
- Positioning of the speaker and organization alongside the most respected and knowledgeable representatives of the industry
- Face-to-face contact with an audience of senior level managers and engineers

Papers on any relevant aspect, technical or commercial, are requested and contributions from both operating companies and suppliers will be particularly welcome. We also encourage papers from younger engineers that may qualify them for the prestigious Aungier Award.

All submitted papers will be reviewed by the Program Committee, and paper selections will be communicated in good time to enable preparation of the paper.

Abstracts and other information should be sent to:

GPA Europe
10 Shetland Way, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 2UD
e-mail: admin@gpaeurope.com
fax: 01252 786260

GPA Europe Conference Schedule

September 22-24, 2010
Lisbon Portugal – 27th Annual Conference

November 25, 2010
London UK – CO2 Capture and Sequestration + AGM

February 23-25, 2011
Amsterdam, Netherlands – Operations, Maintenance, Reliability and Safety

March 23, 2011
Amsterdam, Netherlands – Gastech: GPAE Theatre Sessions in Exhibition Hall

May 25-27, 2011
Copenhagen, Denmark – Impurity Removal Technologies (including O2, Hg, COS, mercaptans)

September 21-23, 2011
Prague, Czech Republic – 28th Annual Conference

November 2011
Gas Processing Technologies in a GTL Environment + AGM



2010-2011 GPSA Officers

GPSA has announced its new officers that will lead its 350-member organization into 2011.

Chris Lindenberg is GPSA president. He is owner and president of Western Filter Co. (Tulsa, Okla.). Lindenberg has been actively involved in GPSA and Gas Processors Association (GPA) activities for nearly three decades.

Jim Marcotte, central and western regional manager of Daniel Measurement and Control, is first vice president. He has been involved in GPSA at both the regional and national levels.

Second vice-president is Jerry Bullin, president of Bryan Research and Engineering. Bullin has been part of GPSA activities for more than 30 years.

The association's new treasurer is Robert Huebel, vice president and general manager of CB&I Randall Gas Technologies. Huebel has served on the Board since 1998.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new GPSA officers.

GPA/GPSA Calendar

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

June

3 - GPAC Fuel Gas Best Management Practices Series
16 - GPA and John M. Campbell & Co. Southpointe Midstream Training Luncheon
16 - RMGPA Second Chapter Lunch
17 - RMGPA Golf Tournament
23-25 - GPA & GPSA Board Meetings

July

14-16 - Chapter Leadership Meeting

August

9-13 - GPA School of Gas Chromatography

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