

## JANUARY 2008 eBrief Print Version

Happy New Year! As we enter 2008, I hope you will take time to reflect on the good things we accomplished last year as an association. We have made tremendous progress in all areas of GPA's strategic initiatives. This progress would not have been possible without the capabilities and commitment of GPA's committee volunteers. I want to let you know how much I value your support of GPA and thank you for your continued attention to our industry.

I'm very excited about what the future holds for our association. While we will also have our share of challenges, with your help, I am confident we will succeed. I hope that this first eBrief of 2008 finds you re-charged and ready to make it another successful year.

Gene Thomas  
GPA President



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### **Advocacy ballot passes resoundingly**

The GPA ballot package requesting an increase in membership dues to fund enhanced state and federal advocacy efforts was distributed to GPA membership in late November; the ballot closed on Dec. 20, 2007. Final results were resoundingly in favor of the increased advocacy proposal, with 94 percent of the votes approving the dues increase. Beginning this month, GPA dues invoices will be distributed and will reflect the dues increase. Anyone with questions, please contact [Mark Sutton](#). (Please note: the dues increase will only affect domestic GPA members, not international GPA members or GPSA membership dues.)

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### **GPA brings Hunton & Williams on board**

As part of GPA's long-range strategic planning efforts, our Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee (LARAC) Strategic Task Force submitted specific recommendations to elevate GPA's visibility and involvement in state and federal issues. GPA's Executive Committee interviewed five different Washington, D.C. firms to assist with advocacy representation, and we are pleased to announce the addition of Hunton & Williams to lead GPA in our advocacy efforts.

Hunton & Williams staff members designated to work on GPA's behalf have served in senior positions in the White House, Congress and all relevant federal agencies on a bipartisan basis. Their vast experience and expertise, plus a sterling reputation for representation, will ensure that GPA's voice remains heard in all relevant government corridors. For questions regarding GPA's federal, legislative or regulatory activities, contact [Stuart McCalman](#), GPA director of government affairs.

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### **GPA recognizes Natural Gas STARS**

GPA extends congratulations to its Natural Gas STAR partners recently recognized for their efforts and achievements of outstanding performance during the 2007 Awards Luncheon at the program's annual implementation workshop. Recognition is based on methane emission reductions achieved, implementation of a variety of technologies and practices, and support of program activities, initiatives, and outreach.

- Production Partner of the Year: **EnCana Oil & Gas Inc.**
- Processing Partner of the Year: **Enbridge Energy Partners Inc.**
- Transmission Partner of the Year: **Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.**
- Distribution Partner of the Year: **Alliant Energy**
- Continuing Excellence - 5 Years: **Northern Natural Gas Co.**
- Continuing Excellence - 10 Years: **Consumers Energy; Southwest Gas Corp.**
- Continuing Excellence - 12 Years: **Chevron Corp.; Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co.**
- Implementation Manager of the Year: **Scott Mason, EnCana Oil & Gas Inc.**
- Rookie of the Year: **Southwestern Energy Co.**

[View all Natural Gas STAR Program accomplishments and results for 2007.](#)

The Natural Gas STAR Program, a voluntary partnership between the Environmental Protection Agency and the oil and gas industry, is designed to cost effectively reduce methane emissions. **Natural Gas STAR** plays an important role in GPA's mission of "expanding of technological knowledge" and "assimilating best practices," and 31 GPA member companies participate in the program. [Learn how to get involved.](#)

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### **Houston GPA Chapter announces scholarship recipients**

The Houston Chapter GPA Scholarship Committee is pleased to report the names of the recipients of the HGPA/GPSA scholarships for 2007-2008. Congratulations to:

#### **Lamar University**

Keith Dolch  
Breanne King

#### **Rice University**

Sean McCudden  
Page Sigman

#### **Texas A&M**

David Bilhartz  
Jessica Jamieson

#### **University of Houston**

Rodrigo Feliu  
Dong Phung  
Joao Paulo De Almeida Poupard  
Ruqiat Shifatu

#### **University of Texas**

Alex Tripp  
Nancy Wallace

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee for working with their respective universities to coordinate the selection process. Many thanks to the HGPA, members, sponsors and the GPSA for their continued generous support of the HGPA Scholarship program.

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### **Tech talk**

#### **Section A - Facilities Design**

Section A is considering surveying member companies to solicit spreadsheet-based calculations based on the GPSA Engineering Data Book. After collection, these calculations could be packaged and distributed to interested member companies.

### **Section B - Analysis and Test Methods**

Section B will have *GPA-2286: Tentative Method of Extended Analysis for Natural Gas and Similar Gaseous Mixtures by Temperature Programmed Gas Chromatography*, ready for ballot soon pending the revision of *GPA 2172, Method for Calculation of Gross Heating Value, Relative Density and Compressibility of Natural Gas Mixtures from Compositional Analysis*.

### **Section C - Product Specifications**

Upcoming changes have been proposed for ballot of *GPA 2140: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Specifications and Test Methods*. Proposed changes include: (1) add an alternative vapor pressure ASTM Method D6897, and (2) add an alternative ASTM Sulfur Test Method D6667.

### **Section H - Product Measurement and Handling**

Section H has recommended that *GPA 8195-95: Tentative Standard for Converting Net Vapor Space Volumes to Equivalent Liquid Volumes*, undergo review. This standard is linked to both GPA 2145 and 8173 along with the physical property tables of the GPSA Engineering Data Book. With release of the new TP-27 and TP-15, coupled with the new Rail Car Volume Calculations standard, along with any changes proposed for GPA 8173, now is the appropriate time for a comprehensive revision. A workgroup has been formed with updates to come.

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

Section M has decided to try a new March meeting format with hopes of encouraging more participation and providing a better forum for generating new ideas to assist the industry's operations and maintenance sector.

GPA staff has recently returned from ASTM's D02-H meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., to represent GPA's interests on this subcommittee. ASTM is working to develop three new residual matter (non-volatile residue) methods to accompany the D-2158 ASTM method, which is referenced in GPA-2140, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Specifications and Test Methods.

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### **Calling Young Professionals**

GPA's member companies are devoted to attracting, training and retaining our industry's future, and that's why we developed a new session for our 2008 convention geared specifically toward the midstream industry's next generation. The session, called "GPA Unscripted," was developed for young professionals (ages 25-40), with the help of young professionals, to ensure that it will fit their professional development needs and interests.

The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual GPA Convention has a multitude of opportunities for all levels, from first-year engineers to seasoned industry professionals. Read more about the GPA Unscripted session and all others, and register online by visiting [GPA Convention Information](#).

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### **Publication information**

The GPA Publications CD contains most available Standards and Technical Papers, along with some miscellaneous manuals, in .pdf format. GPA members and non-members may order the Publications CD, but only GPA members receive a discounted price. For more information and an order form, [click here](#).

GPA members who log on to the GPA web site may access most GPA publications in .pdf format online. If you need your company's login information, contact [Judy London](#).

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **January**

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| 9   | Houston Chapter Monthly Luncheon              |
| 22  | Environmental Subcommittee Meeting, Denver    |
| TBD | North Texas Chapter Training Meeting/Luncheon |

#### **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            |

### Dates to Remember

**Today, Jan. 4** - Last day to receive \$100 off on GPA Convention registration. Deadline to register for guaranteed hospitality space.

**Feb. 5** - Last day to receive \$50 off on GPA Convention registration. Hotel reservations deadline for discounted rates at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center.

**Aug. 4-8** – Dates set for GPA's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual School of Gas Chromatography held in Tulsa, Okla.

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