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Legislative & Regulatory Affairs update

While Congress gets ready for its summer recess and upcoming election cycle, GPA will begin to re-focus some of its advocacy efforts from the federal level to that of state legislatures and relevant state regulatory agencies.

As dictated by the previously approved GPA legislative strategic initiative, GPA will focus on Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. As part of this effort, GPA is creating a "standing committee" (tentatively being called the GPA State Issues Group) to consist of LARAC and EHS members who will meet on a scheduled basis to discuss current state issues facing the midstream industry and what, if any, response is needed.

Contact Stuart McCalman (smccalman@gasprocessors.com) for more information or to become a member of the group.

NGL Market Information Committee success story

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) had proposed that the EIA-811 (end-of-month inventories report) instructions be modified to so that "barrels in transit in tank cars" would be included in the report. We are pleased to announce that EIA has decided not include NGL tank cars in the change. The committee had verbally expressed concerns that tracking tank cars in transit would be time consuming and unreliable and could potentially contain incorrect data. The committee and EIA continue to work closely together to find mutually beneficial results.

Tech Talk

GPA 2172-08 has not yet passed – please turn in ballots

GPA 2172-08 has yet to pass the Technical Committee ballot. Without at least 60 percent of ballots returned for this standard, GPA cannot move forward with publishing the document. To date, there have been no negative ballots cast for GPA 2172-08; we simply have not received enough ballots to pass. If you have received a ballot for GPA 2172-08 and have not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible.

GPA 2145-09 set to be published

After an extensive review, GPA 2145-09 - Table of Physical Properties for Hydrocarbons and Other Compounds of Interest to the Natural Gas Industry, has been approved. The document is undergoing final editorial changes and will be available in August.

GPA Research Committee congratulates retiring and new chairmen

Congratulations to **Dave Bergman, BP**, on his recent retirement. Dave served on GPA's Research Committee for 27 years, nine of those years as committee chairman. It has been rumored that Dave's decision to retire had something to do with the PGA tour, but that has not been confirmed.

Arild Wilson, previously of Statoil Hydro and Dong Energy, has left the GPA research family for "greener pastures." Arild previously served as the Research Committee's Sub-Group 1 chairman.

Dave and Arild will be missed by the committee and the GPA family, and we wish them the best.

At the same time, we are excited about the following committee members who are stepping into new leadership roles.

Karl Gerdes, Chevron, will take over as Research Committee chairman. Karl previously served as chairman of the committee's Sub-Group 2.

Chris Root, DCP Midstream, will step in as Sub-Group 2's chairman.

Dan McCartney, Black and Veatch, will take over as Sub-Group 1's chairman.

We encourage you to congratulate these fine gentleman if you have the opportunity. GPA greatly values our committee members, and we also encourage anyone interested in serving in a leadership capacity to contact Johnny Dreyer, jdreyer@gasprocessors.com.

In Memory of Ron Brunner

Ronald Gene Brunner was born Oct. 10, 1947, in Carthage, MO. He had been fighting cancer for some time and passed peacefully in his Tulsa home on July 6, 2008.

Ron graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1970 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He spent 20 years working for Cities/Oxy in engineering construction and measurement and four years with Edeco Engineers working in refining, procurement and construction. Ron spent his last 14 years as GPA's director, technical services. He will truly be missed by GPA staff and association members who have worked with him over the years.

Ron's footprint on our industry was huge, as reflected in the great outpouring of condolences and comments we have received. His wife, Diana, would like to convey her thanks to everyone who responded.

Need a supply or service company?

GPA members are encouraged to visit the GPSA site: http://gpsa.gasprocessors.com/member_companies.html for a comprehensive listing of services offered and supplies sold. GPSA Member company representatives may contact Christine Simpson, csimpson@gasprocessors.com, to update their information.

Dates to remember

Sept. 1 - Deadline to submit abstracts to be considered as a speaker at next year's GPA Convention.

GPA Calendar

For event location and additional details about meetings listed below, visit: <http://www.gasprocessors.com/calendar.html>

August

4-8 – GPA's 35th School of Gas Chromatography
TBD - Rocky Mountain GPA Western Slope Meeting

September

3 - CGPA 20th Annual Northern Committee Golf Tournament
4 - CGPA 47th Annual Classic Golf Tournament
10 - Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting
11 - Rocky Mountain GPA Clay Shoot
18 - North Texas GPA 17th Annual Shrimp Boil
24-26 - GPA Europe 25th Annual Conference
TBD - Rocky Mountain GPA Southwest Wyoming Meeting

October

7 - Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament

November

5 - North Texas GPA Sporting Clays
6 - North Texas GPA Annual Meeting

March 2009

8-11 - 88th Annual GPA Convention

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