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New GPA and GPSA logos unveiled! A note from Mark Sutton

We hope you noticed GPA's new logo and the new look of this month's eBrief. Finding a new logo was a long and difficult process, but was necessary to keep GPA in touch with the fast-paced industry and better brand who we are as we take a more visible role in everything we do.

The logo process began in September 2007. Dollahon PR asked four graphic artists to create at least six designs for consideration. Most presented more than six, but none of the original designs immediately caught our attention. Nine months later, after numerous renditions, revisions and tweaks, we finally have a logo that we feel accurately represents our association and the direction in which we're headed. Because of our strong link to GPSA and the fact that our associations work closely together, we chose to maintain a similar look for the two organizations. The GPSA board of directors also approved their new logo during their board meeting.

We are working with Dollahon PR on a rollout plan for the new logos, so while you may notice some immediate changes like the new eBrief look, it may take some time for us to update other materials.

We are excited about the new visual identity for our associations. To me, it signals our momentum. Please be patient as we work to bring the new look into all of our communications.

Mark Sutton
GPA Executive Director





GPA and GPSA web sites to receive extreme makeovers

When we say “extreme,” we hope you interpret that as a complete overhaul, making the sites much easier for you to find the information you need, while also improving on visual appeal.

The GPA and GPSA board of directors approved funding to re-design each association's web site this week. Work will begin immediately to have both sites up and running in late fall so that GPA Convention information will be easy to find and online registration will be a simple process for attendees.

Xeal Precision Marketing out of Tulsa, Okla., has been contracted for the re-design project. Xeal has more than 10 years of experience in designing web sites for businesses, associations and ministries worldwide, with extensive expertise in web design, search engine optimization and web marketing.

The new, unified look for GPA, GPSA and GPA Global will all be housed under one web address, www.gpaglobal.org. The new site will feature automatic processing of credit card transactions, which means instant confirmations and receipts for the GPA Convention, chapter meetings and publication downloads. Additional opportunities may include online video and discussion blogs so members can interact in real-time.

Look for updates on the sites' progress in the future eBrief issues.

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs update

This month, Stuart McCalman, GPA director of government affairs, met with members of the Texas Railroad Commission and its staff as part of GPA's expanded effort to educate state policymakers on issues of GPA interest. GPA will also soon be meeting with members of the Oklahoma Legislature as part of this program. If you have any questions, please contact Stuart: smccalman@gasprocessors.com.

New PERC councilors appointed

The GPA board today approved the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Propane Education and Research Council:

Tom Redd, Prism Gas Systems
Bill McAdam, Aux Sable
John Ehlers

Redd is a new appointment, and McAdam was re-appointed to serve a partial term. Ehlers was appointed as a public member of the Council and has served on the Council in the past. The next meeting of the Council will take place in Washington, D.C., in July. For more information on PERC, visit www.propanecouncil.org.

2009 research budget approved

During the June meeting, GPA's board of directors approved the 2009 GPA Research Budget that will be sent out for ballot. Those receiving ballots this year will notice that, instead of proposing new projects, the Research Committee has instead proposed that funding for existing projects be raised. This will allow for projects completion in a shorter amount of time.

Program Committee selects 2009 GPA Convention theme

The Program Committee had its initial meeting earlier this week to put a framework in place for another successful GPA Convention. The group decided upon a theme for the 2009 event: “Enhancing Midstream's Voice.”

Committee chair Ajey Chandra says he is pleased with the effort and commitment of those agreeing to serve on the Program Committee. This is an important activity for the association.

The 2009 Convention schedule will include some new events mixed with successful past events. The committees will continue to meet and, as always, welcome your suggestions and participation. The 88th annual GPA

convention will be held March 8-11, 2009, at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas. Hotel and registration information will be available in November.

GPA promotes Kenny Wheat

Congratulations to Kenny Wheat, who was recently named director, technical services. Kenny now oversees and provides direction to all of GPA's technical and research activities, including committees, publications and standards. He joined GPA as associate director, technical services, in 2006.

"Kenny has brought a bright, fresh perspective to our association," said Mark Sutton, GPA executive director. "His contributions during the past 2 years have given us great confidence as he steps into this expanded role."

Rocky Mountain Chapter awards scholarships

GPA's Rocky Mountain Chapter recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five deserving community college students. The chapter also donated a set of GPSA Engineering Data Books to each college's library. This marked the first year for scholarships awarded by our Rocky Mountain Chapter.

Scholarship recipients from Colorado Mountain College (Glenwood, Colo.) were Ian Hess and Donna Nystrom. Recipients from Western Wyoming Community College (Rock Springs, Wyo.) were William Nettles, Thaeen Watkins and Brad Byerly.

Rocky Mountain GPA scholarships are awarded to community colleges and four-year universities within the Rocky Mountain region, including Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah.

Tech Talk

GPA 2145-09 ballot on hold

The progress of GPA 2145-09 is currently on hold due to questions concerning the inclusion of ethylene density values. A group plans to meet in July to resolve these concerns and get the documents approval process back on track.

GPA 2172-08 ballot update

GPA 2172-08 ballots from the GPA Technical Committee are due to be returned on June 28, and results will be communicated in July.

Fall Technical Committee meeting scheduled in Houston

The GPA Fall Technical Committee Meeting will be held Oct. 15-17 in Houston this year at the Hyatt Houston Post Oak. For the past several years the meeting has been held in Dallas, but high interest in the Houston meeting location is reason for the venue change.

GPA's School of Gas Chromatography, Aug. 4-8

If you have not registered for this year's school, submit your registration today! You may have missed "early bird" registration, but you haven't missed the chance to attend. To register, complete the registration form (<http://gasprocessors.com/PdfFiles/ChromoRegForm08.pdf>) and return to Judy London by fax (918) 493-3875. Although our room block at the hotel has been released, we can still assist with hotel accommodations. Cost of accommodations will, of course, be dependent upon location and availability.

Next year's school

If you'll miss this year's School of Gas Chromatography, mark your calendar for next year's tentative school dates, Aug. 3-7, 2009. Anyone that needs additional information or has questions about the School should contact Judy London or Kenny Wheat, (918) 493-3872.

Interesting facts about the GPA/GPSA Career Center

99 registered employers
153 registered job seekers
46 "searchable" resumes
128 average clicks per job posting
577 highest clicks on a job posting

Current Job Posting:

Sourcing Specialist, Sagebrush Pipeline Equipment Inc.

Job postings vary from week to week. Be sure to keep a watchful eye to see what's coming down the pipe at www.careers.gasprocessors.com. Questions about the Career Center? Contact Judy London or Kenny Wheat, (918) 493-3872.

Honoring T. "Lee" Hillburn

It is with regret we inform you of the recent passing of Mr. T. "Lee" Hillburn. Mr. Hillburn, a Phillips Petroleum Co. retiree, was heavily involved with GPA and served as a past chair of Technical Section H - Product Measurement and Handling.

GPA & GPSA new board member orientation

New GPA and GPSA board members went through an orientation at the summer board meetings to learn about both associations, current activities and expectations and responsibilities of being a board member.

"We strive to have better communication with members, and this orientation illustrates one way to help us achieve that goal," said Johnny Dreyer, GPA/GPSA director, industry affairs.

This session is offered each June, but new members wanting to better understand their roles/responsibilities between sessions may contact Johnny, jdreyer@gasprocessors.com.

GPA welcomes new association members

New members and their official representatives are:
Burns & McDonald, represented by Lindsay Blohn
Crestwood Midstream Partners, LP, represented by Joel Moxley
Synergy Services Inc., represented by Skip Normand

Celebrating 14 years with Ron Brunner

Close friends, family and co-workers gathered in celebration of Ron Brunner's recent retirement from GPA.

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 served as GPA's director, technical services, for 14 years, and will truly be missed by GPA staff and association members who have worked with him over the years.

GPA did send Ron home with some GPA Publications, which was really a special binder stamped with Ron's name and dates of service filled with all of the personal notes that poured in upon Ron's retirement announcement. View photos of Ron's retirement party: <http://public.fotki.com/gasprocessors/ronbrunner/>

Dates to remember

August 4-8 - GPA's 35th School of Gas Chromatography.
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>

July

7 - CGPA Stampede Breakfast, Calgary
16-17 - GPA Chapter Leadership Summit, Albuquerque

August

4-8 - GPA's 35th School of Gas Chromatography, Tulsa

September

10 - Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Meeting, Denver

October

7 - Houston GPA Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament, Kingwood

November

6 - North Texas GPA Annual Meeting, Dallas

March 2009

8-11 - 88th Annual GPA Convention, San Antonio

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