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### **Only 30 spots remain open for the 2012 GPA School of Gas Chromatography**

This intensive one-week school is one of the best available worldwide. It will be held Aug. 6 – 10 at the University of Tulsa, Okla. The school is directed toward chromatograph operators, measurement technicians and engineers involved in chromatography and is also beneficial to lab technicians. GPA/GPSA membership is not required for enrollment, but members do receive registration discounts. Registration is open and available on a first come, first served basis. Since GPA announced that registration was open in early March, only 30 spots out of the 100 offered remain. If you plan to attend, we recommend that you register as soon as possible because the remaining openings will fill quickly (the school has sold out for the past several years).

Registering now also saves \$100 per person!

#### **Early Bird Registration - by or before July 11**

\$525 U.S. Dollars - GPA / GPSA Member

\$800 U.S. Dollars - Non-Member

#### **Standard Registration - on or after July 12**

\$625 U.S. Dollars - GPA/GPSA Member

\$900 U.S. Dollars - Non-Member

For more information about the school and registration, visit <https://www.gpaglobal.org/chromo/>.

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### **GPA committee leadership changes**

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of this association, and we're grateful for all who have selflessly donated their time to GPA. As the following individuals have completed their leadership terms, please join us in recognizing and thanking them for their service:

Matt Norton, Crestwood Midstream, who served as Pipeline Safety Committee Chair  
Bill Marks, AmeriGas Propane, who served as NGL Market Information Committee Chair

Cody Milburn, Energy Transfer, who served as Safety Committee Chair  
Sigbjorn Svenes, Statoil, who served as Technical Committee Chair  
Kevin Lawlor, Samson Resources, who served as Technical Section A Chair  
David Courtney, ConocoPhillips, who served as Technical Section H Chair  
Mike Spinks, Enterprise, who served as Technical Section M Chair  
Erin Minter, Williams, who served as Technical Section M Vice Chair  
Scott Southard, Martin Midstream, who served as Program Committee Chair  
And now, please join us in welcoming the following individuals who have committed to leading their respective committees:

Alice Ratliffe, Pipeline Safety Committee Chair  
Kathy DeYoung, Copano, Pipeline Safety Committee Vice Chair  
Bruce Gillick, MarkWest Energy Partners, Safety Committee Chair  
Marty Summers, Devon Energy, Safety Committee Vice Chair  
Francis Foret, Targa Resources, Technical Committee Chair  
Alan Dove, Enogex, Technical Committee Vice Chair  
Jerry Gump, Applied Consultants, Technical Section A Chair  
Chip Burkett, AKA Energy, Technical Section A Vice Chair  
Dean Graves, Devon, Technical Section H Chair  
Steve Pudlewski, Enterprise, Technical Section M Chair  
Ronnie Donaldson, Williams, Technical Section M Vice Chair  
Bill Ward, Superior Pipeline, Program Committee Chair  
Paul Brewer, Enogex, Program Committee Vice Chair

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## Chapter News

The Permian Basin Chapter Annual Meeting was held May 3, and the chapter would like to extend a big thank you to the Program Committee:

Jeff Stake, Nalco, Chair  
Earl Richardson, XTO Energy, Vice Chair  
Quentin Mendenhall, DCP Midstream, Secretary  
Chris Villegas, Allied Equipment, Treasurer  
Tom McIlvain, Apache Corp., Scholarship  
Jerome Geggelman, Targa Resources, Event Manager  
Robert Hale, Kinder Morgan, Extracurricular

Chapter scholarship recipients were announced at the meeting. Congratulations to the following students:

Aide Ponce - Texas Tech University  
Roberta Afrifa - Texas Tech University  
Joshua Loera, New Mexico State University  
Torrie Sewell, New Mexico State University  
Melanie Del Bosque, University of Texas Permian Basin  
Elaine Nguyen, University of Texas Permian Basin

We would also like to thank the meeting's speakers for taking the time to make their presentations:

Keynote speaker Matt Marshall, BENTEK Energy  
Cory Hendrick, Bryan Research and Engineering  
Don Lambert, Miratech

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## GPA industry experts review NFPA 56, hope to persuade changes

As reported in previous eBrief issues, NFPA 56 was developed in response to a serious natural gas explosion that occurred while natural gas piping systems in a power generating facility were being cleaned and prepared for service.

The standard grew from initially addressing that specific purpose to becoming a standard that encompasses several other industries, including the midstream industry.

Following discussions that took place at the Technical Committee meetings held during the GPA Convention in New Orleans, La., last month, volunteers met for two days by conference call to review NFPA 56 in its entirety.

Going line by line, the group spent several hours discussing what the language meant for the midstream industry and how GPA should best approach commenting on the language. With this information in hand, a smaller workgroup will meet to draft responses for each issue identified.

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### **GPA celebrates Environmental Excellence**

Each year in conjunction with the GPA Convention, GPA presents Environmental Excellence Awards. The awards recognize companies demonstrating initiative and/or leadership in managing their environmental affairs in midstream activities. The judging criteria used to evaluate applications may include, but are not limited to: innovative solutions to an environmental problem, environmental impact, measurable contribution to environmental quality, educational value, cooperative effort, exceptional significance and sustainability.

Two categories are available, one for GPA member companies located within the United States and another for international member companies, each based on level of operational work hours. Winners are determined by an independent panel appointed by the GPA board of directors.

This year our United States division winner was DCP Midstream, for a project at its Northrup Booster in Ochiltree County, Texas, to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) flash emissions from two condensate tanks. Among the efforts of the project, a vapor recovery unit (VRU) with an innovative control scheme was employed to capture more than 53 tons per year of VOC emissions. This project increased DCP's understanding of how innovative instrumentation can be used to improve effectiveness of commonly utilized control devices. DCP has presented this to GPA members so all may benefit from such innovation.

Our international division winner was Bahrain National Gas Co., for its Banagas Emissions Reduction Project. This project was initiated as an obligation to the company's corporate social responsibility policy of continuously improving the environment. This was accomplished by reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) levels in the exhaust emissions of five gas turbines in a phased manner, upgrading the combustion chambers of the gas turbine by installing "Lean Head End" (LHE) Combustion liners. The initial phase of the project was completed with the installation of LHE liners in one of the five gas turbines and resulted in a 40 percent reduction of NOx levels in the turbine exhaust emission.

GPA congratulates DCP Midstream and Bahrain National Gas Co. for not only winning the Environmental Excellence Award, but for taking the initiative on these projects, improving our environment and for sharing their actions so that all GPA member companies may benefit from this knowledge.

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### **GPA seeks demographic data**

As it's been said, "there's strength in numbers." Those who attended the 2012 GPA Convention in New Orleans, La., saw it firsthand. We were fortunate to have U.S. Senator David Vitter, U.S. Representative Steve Scalise, mayor of New Orleans Mitch Landrieu, and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal attend the convention. None of these leaders were previously familiar with GPA, but when we informed them of our operations, that more than 2,100 professionals had registered, and 534 companies and 23 countries would be represented, each leader was impressed and decided to make time to attend our event.

On that same thought, it is essential that we gather demographic information about our members. GPA frequently receives inquiries from legislators and regulators concerning the financial impact of our midstream operations to a community, a legislative district or a state. GPA staff is working with our leaders and member companies to compile this information. We will soon be contacting all of our members in this effort, and we hope you will help us with this important endeavor.

If you have questions about this effort, please contact GPA Director of Government Affairs Jeff Applekamp, [japplekamp@GPAglobal.org](mailto:japplekamp@GPAglobal.org).

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## **Enterprise hosted advocacy leaders at Neptune plant tour**

Every year, the GPA Convention draws many people eager to learn new details and information about our industry, whether new to the industry or a seasoned professional. The 2012 conference brought members and guests from far and wide to learn about new regulations, practices, opportunities and technical data.

Following the convention, Mike Spinks, director operations of East Gulf Coast Plants, Enterprise Products, and David Rogers, plant manager of Calumet and Neptune Gas Plants, Enterprise Products, hosted leaders from the GPA advocacy team on a tour of their impressive Neptune Plant near Centerville, La. Real-hand experiences at GPA member company facilities help our advocacy team as they deliver the message of our operations and high standards of quality and safety. We would like to thank Mike and Dave for a tremendous learning experience.

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### **2012 – 2013 GPA Officers**

President Mike Heim, Targa Resources

President-Elect Joel Moxley, Crestwood Midstream

Vice President John Mollenkopf, Markwest Energy Partners

Vice President Bill Ordemann, Enterprise Products

Vice President Terry McGill, Enbridge Energy

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### **2012 – 2013 GPSA Officers**

President Jerry Bullin, Bryan Research and Engineering

1st Vice President Bob Huebel, CB&I Randall Gas Technologies

2nd Vice President David Bardeen, Ariel Corporation

Treasurer Sean Sullivan, Elkhorn Holdings

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**Congratulations to the following award recipients recognized at the 2012 GPA Convention last month.**

#### **GPA Safety Awards**

##### **UNITED STATES FACILITIES**

###### **Division I (more than 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Enogex

2nd Devon

###### **Division II (100,000 - 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Southwestern Midstream

2nd ConocoPhillips

###### **Division III (less than 100,000 Workhours)**

1st EnCana Oil & Gas

2nd PB Energy Storage Services

##### **INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES**

###### **Division I (more than 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Bahrain National Gas Co.

2nd Hess Oil & Gas Pangkah Ltd., Indonesia

###### **Division II (100,000 - 500,000 Workhours)**

1st Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd.

2nd Hess (Thailand) Ltd.

###### **Division III (less than 100,000 Workhours)**

1st Procesadora de Gas Pariñas S.A.C

**GPA President's Award for Safety Improvement**

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.  
Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent  
Carrera Gas  
Chevron North American Exploration and Production  
ConocoPhillips  
Crestwood Midstream Partners  
Crosstex Energy Services  
Devon  
EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)  
Enogex  
Mustang Fuel Corp.  
Saudi Aramco  
Targa Resources

**GPSA Safety Award**

Ambitech Engineering  
Gly-Tech Services  
Ref-Chem L.P.  
S&B Engineers and Constructors

**GPSA Safety Improvement Award**

Johnson Screens

**EPA Natural Gas Star Program 2011 Gathering and Processing Partner of the Year**

Targa Resources

**GPA Environmental Excellence Awards**

DCP Midstream  
Bahrain National Gas Co.

**Katz Award**

Dr. John McKetta

**Citation for Service Award**

Alan Armstrong, The Williams Companies  
Bob Dunn, Prism Gas Systems

**Recognition Award**

Warren True, Oil & Gas Journal  
Kim Janzen, EOG Resources

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

Alan Dove, OGE/Enogex  
Lynn Reed, ONEOK

**Leadership Award**

Brian Price, Black & Veatch  
Evan Hanson, Williams

**Exceptional Paper Award*****Gas Plant in a Bottle***

Scott A. Miller, John D. Wilkinson, Hank M. Hudson, Joe T. Lynch, Steve J. Munden and Kyle T. Cuellar, Ortloff Engineers; and Andrew F. Johnke and W. Larry Lewis, SME Products

***Shale Gas Production***

Rusty Braziel, RBN Energy

***The Fast and the Furious – Bringing 1.5 BCF of Treating Capacity Online in the Haynesville Shale***

W.G. "Trey" Brown and Adam Baxter, S-Con; and Martina Sittler, CenterPoint Energy Field Services

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## **GPA/GPSA Calendar**

### **May**

- 18 MidContinent GPA Clay Shoot
- 23-25 GPAE Annual Conference
- 24 North Texas GPA Spring Meeting and Annual Golf Tournament

### **June**

- 1 GPAC Northern Committee 24th Annual Golf Tournament
- 6 MCGPAYP 2nd Quarter Lunch and Learn
- 7 Rocky Mountain GPA Chapter Lunch
- 8 Rocky Mountain GPA Annual Golf Tournament
- 8 North Texas GPA Lunch and Learn
- 11-13 Venezuela Chapter XX Convencion Internacional Del Gas