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Technical/Research

Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchanger workgroup nears completion

One year ago, members from Technical Section A - Facilities Design and Technical Section M - Operations & Maintenance formed an ad hoc committee to address recent industry failures in Brazed Aluminum Heat Exchangers (BAHX). This workgroup was tasked with researching causes of the failures and to identify recommendations to minimize future failures. Operating companies, engineering firms, and BAHX fabricators were all represented on the committee. The work of the committee culminated in GPA's first technical bulletin (TB). Being an official GPA document, the BAHX TB must first be approved via ballot before being publically released. Technical Section M will vote in late November, and we anticipate public release of the BAHX TB in early 2016.

2016 GPA Convention Updates

Registration and hotel availability

Online registration for the 2016 GPA Convention, along with GPA's room block at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, will open on Jan. 6. Please be aware that some GPA and GPSA member companies have been contacted by rooming services not affiliated with GPA, nor the hotel, regarding convention room reservations, and we want to make clear that attendees should always book convention registrations directly through the hotel to ensure you are receiving our group rate and that your information remains secure. Information about reserving rooms in GPA's block will be e-mailed to all on Jan. 6.

Dr. Loren Scott to provide keynote address

GPA is pleased to announce Dr. Loren Scott as our 2016 GPA Convention keynote speaker. Dr. Scott is president of Loren C. Scott & Associates, a 31-year old economic consulting firm whose clients include BellSouth, Capital One Financial, Entergy, ExxonMobil, J.P. Morgan Chase, Nucor, Sasol, and a number of others.

Scott is an energy specialist on the 32-member National Business Economic Issues Council (NBEIC), which meets quarterly to discuss issues of state, national and international interest. He also has been appointed to the Economic Advisory Board of the U.S. Council on Competitiveness, a group composed of the CEOs of the Fortune 100, top university presidents and presidents of three major unions.

Scott's career started at Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1969, where he spent the next 33 years. From 1983-1996, he was chairman of the Economics Department at LSU. During that time, its ranking among the 3,000 economics departments in the United States rose from 101st to 38th. He is presently professor emeritus at LSU and gives 50-70 speeches per year on the state of the economy.

Dustin Lynch announced as 2016 convention entertainer

GPSA has selected country artist Dustin Lynch as the 2016 convention entertainer. His self-titled debut album hit No. 1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart, making him the only new male artist to achieve such a feat that year. The album's lead single, "Cowboys and Angels," exceeded platinum sales status and ended the year as one of Billboard's Top 5 Country Songs of 2012. Since releasing "Cowboys and Angels," Lynch has launched on to the country music scene, fueled by his top 25-and-rising single "Hell Of A Night" and multi-week No. 1, gold-certified smash "Where It's At." For more about Dustin Lynch, visit www.dustinlynchmusic.com. GPSA couldn't make this party happen without our entertainment sponsors. Thanks to the following companies that have already committed to making this a great event:

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Advertising in the GPA Convention's Show Daily publication puts your message in front of all attendees Monday thru Wednesday, plus is sent electronically each of those days to GPA's entire midstream database of more than 10,000 names. That means even those not in attendance receive convention news and your display ads. The following space is available:

Inside Front Cover 10.75" x 16.5"

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Jr. Half Page Vertical 4.75" x 7.5"

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Convention sponsorship opportunities

GPA Convention sponsorship opportunities are available to put your company name in front of more than 2,000 midstream professionals. These sponsorships are given on a first-paid, first served basis.

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Thank you 2016 GPA Convention sponsors

We greatly appreciate the companies that have already stepped up to make the 2016 GPA Convention a success.

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Get recognized for environmental excellence: application deadline is Jan. 30

GPA members are encouraged to submit applications for the project-based Environmental Excellence Award, which acknowledges and honors companies' achievements in energy conservation and environmental support. The nomination process is open for companies to be considered for the 2015 award recognition at the GPA Convention, April 10 - 13, 2016, in New Orleans, and the application deadline is Jan. 30, 2016. At the convention, award winners will be able to display their projects so that other member companies may benefit from this knowledge and information.

Two award divisions exist:

- GPA member companies classified as 01 and 02 members will compete for the Division 1 award.
- All other GPA member companies, including international and associate members, will compete for the Division II award.

Targa Resources was honored with a 2014 Environmental Excellence Award for its Managing Reciprocating Rod Packing Emissions project. The initiative was part of an overall operational goal to reduce plant emissions, maintenance downtime and improve fuel efficiency. Oxy USA earned the 2014 award distinction for its Slaughter Gas Plant Sulfur Recovery Unit Shutdown project. The goal was a total elimination of emissions from the SRU during normal operation and periods of maintenance, startup and shutdown.

Contact [Matthew Hite](#) for more information.

[View details and download the application form](#)

State Government Affairs Updates

GPA makes statement on PA SB1044

The Pittsburg Post-Gazette recently contacted GPA for our position on PA SB1044, which would regulate rural pipelines in the state. A recent article in the publication covered the "web of pipelines" that traverses Pennsylvania's rural areas and stated that SB1044 would apply the kind of safety rules currently required in populated areas. The article also mentioned the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) expanding oversight, but since PHMSA had not acted, the author of the bill said Pennsylvania should establish safety standards for rural lines even though most midstream companies she spoke with said they were already following the standards required in the proposed legislation. GPA issued a statement saying the state rules are not necessary, and the association is concerned the bill "could not only negatively impact our members' midstream operations in Pennsylvania, but could also affect jobs, taxes and local revenues in the state."

GPA attends Oklahoma Governor's Energy Conference

Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin and the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment Michael Teague presented the 2015 Governor's Energy Conference in Oklahoma City. GPA Director of State Government Affairs Debbie Beaver attended the conference, which focused on workforce development, the landscape of energy in the state, seismicity, emerging technologies and practices, and water. About 500 people attended, including a number of legislators and regulators.

GPA monitors Seismicity Interim Study

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) and Oklahoma Geological Survey have been making presentations at various venues, including an interim hearing of House and Senate members of the legislature on induced seismicity in Oklahoma. As a result of recent seismic activity, the OCC has put in place a plan to change injection operations based on the distance from the center of recent earthquake activity. GPA has attended some of the presentations and is keeping close watch on the seismicity topic.

Chapter News

Appalachian Basin GPA Food Drive

On behalf of Range Resources and the Greater Washington County Food Bank (GWCFB), Appalachian Basin GPA (ABGPA) collected food and donations to support the 2,000 Turkeys Food Drive. Supporters could deliver their non-perishable food items and monetary donations by either dropping them off at Wood Group Mustang's office in Canonsburg, Pa., or by bringing them to the Nov. 17 ABGPA luncheon.

The ABGPA matched donations up to a certain level, and donations were delivered to GWCFB on Nov. 20.

GPA/GPSA Calendar

December

1 - 2 - GPA/GPSA Winter Board Meetings

[View details on events listed above](#)