ASSOCIATION NEWS

**GPA Midstream, GPSA announce 2019 – 2020 officers**

The GPA Midstream Association and GPSA recently announced officers elected to lead the respective organizations. The officers were confirmed at the 98th annual GPA Midstream Convention.

GPA Midstream officers are elected to one-year terms. Bill Ward, senior vice president of commercial activity, Superior Pipeline Co., will lead GPA Midstream as chairman of the board.

John Poarch, senior vice president of engineering services, Williams, will serve as chairman-elect.

The membership confirmed three vice chairmen: Andy Giffhorn, vice president, midstream commercial and business development, Phillips 66; Robert Mitchell, vice president, Carrera Gas Co.; and Terry Spencer, president and CEO, ONEOK.

GPSA officers are appointed by the association’s board of directors and serve one-year terms.

The 2019 – 2020 GPSA officers are:

- President Gary Farr, business development, Cummins
- First Vice President Mark Ruff, president and CEO, Catalytic Combustion Corp.
- Second Vice President David Smoot, senior sales manager, Baker Hughes, a GE company
- Treasurer Carlos Conerly, president, natural gas and refining division, Linde Engineering North America Inc.

The officers assumed their new responsibilities upon conclusion of the GPA Midstream Convention earlier this month.
Call for Papers opens for new GPA Midstream Fall Technical Conference

GPA Midstream’s technical committees and workgroups are actively engaged year-round to ensure the technical information that companies use to make important operating decisions remains accurate. As a service to the industry, GPA Midstream is expanding its joint technical meetings by launching our first-ever GPA Midstream Fall Technical Conference, Oct. 21 – 23 in Oklahoma City, where our committees will meet face to face to accomplish important industry work. With the expanded program, we will also offer educational sessions and networking opportunities at an incredibly modest cost for those that attend. Just like our annual convention, this conference is being planned by your industry peers, so topics will be relevant and timely.

This conference will feature one 3.5-hour educational session dedicated to each of the following categories:

- Analysis, test methods and product specifications
- Facility design, operations and maintenance
- Measurement and quantity determination
- Pipeline design, operation and maintenance

To learn more about the conference or submit an abstract for consideration, visit https://gpamidstream.org/education/fall-technical-conference.

46th GPA Midstream School of Gas Chromatography registration opens

Registration is open for the 45th GPA Midstream School of Gas Chromatography, scheduled for Aug. 12 - 16, at the University of Tulsa (Oklahoma).

GPA Midstream’s Analysis, Test Methods and Product Specifications committee manages, directs and conducts the annual school focused on benefiting chromatograph operators, measurement technicians and engineers involved with these analytical techniques. The instruction covers basic gas and gas liquid chromatography with an introduction to extended analysis.

All of the reference materials needed for the school are included in the registration fee and are for the students to keep. Early bird registration by July 11 costs $700 for GPA Midstream and GPSA members, and $1,000 for non-members. Standard registration rates apply after July 11, costing $100 more for each group.

The 5-day school consists of a combination of lectures, demonstrations and chromatograph operation, with an emphasis being placed on hands-on machine demonstration and operation. Both natural gas and natural gas liquid samples are analyzed.

The instructors and vendors whom make the school happen are technicians, chemists and product specialists that teach these classes on a 100 percent voluntary basis. On
average, each instructor has more than 20 years of industry experience.

To learn more and to register, visit [www.GPAmidstream.org/education/gas-chromatography-school](http://www.GPAmidstream.org/education/gas-chromatography-school).

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## CONVENTION

Nearly 2,400 midstream professionals joined us in San Antonio in mid-April for the 2019 GPA Midstream Convention. We have made one last request for copies of speakers’ papers and presentations and expect to issue our resulting convention proceedings within the next 2 weeks. For those that attended, please keep an eye on your inbox for the proceedings, which include copies of the presentations and a final registration list.

GPA Midstream and GPSA genuinely appreciate our volunteers’ participation in association activities and also appreciate those that register for and attend our GPA Midstream Convention. We are highly protective of the e-mails that we capture and do not sell our e-mail distribution lists, nor do we make e-mail addresses available as part of our convention registration lists. Thank you for your support of our event and your involvement in our associations.

The next convention will be held in New Orleans, April 19 – 22, 2020. For all future dates and locations through 2026, visit [https://GPAmidstreamconvention.org/future-dates](https://GPAmidstreamconvention.org/future-dates).

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## INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

### Safety Award Recipients

A number of GPA Midstream and GPSA companies were honored at the GPA Midstream Convention earlier this month. The GPA Midstream Safety Awards Program recognizes member companies for outstanding safety performance in comparison among similar companies within the association’s membership.

The four GPA Midstream safety award divisions are determined by a range of midstream operational workhours, ranging from less than 50,000 to more than one million, for both United States and international companies.

The top two entries in each division are selected according to lowest total cases incidence rate (TCR), lowest fatalities plus lost workdays incidence rate (LTR) and highest number of workhours reported.

The GPA Midstream safety award recipients for their 2018 performances are:

**Division 1 (1 million or more midstream operational workhours)**
Division 2 (200,000 – 999,999 midstream operational workhours)
U.S. First Place: Phillips 66 Co.
U.S. Second Place: Momentum Midstream
International First Place: Phoenix Park Gas Processors Ltd.

Division 3 (50,000 – 199,999 midstream operational workhours)
U.S. First Place: Azure Midstream
U.S. Second Place: Red Cedar Gathering

Division 4 (less than 50,000 midstream operational workhours)
U.S. First Place: M5 Louisiana Gathering
U.S. Second Place: Carrera Gas Companies

Chairman’s Award for Safety Improvement
GPA Midstream also recognized two companies with a Chairman’s Award for Safety Improvement for 2018 for excellence in displaying continuous improvement by reducing the number of recordable accidents: Meritage Midstream and ONEOK.

GPSA Safety Awards
GPSA safety awards are based on each company’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration records and a three-year history of active programs promoting safety and displaying safety improvement.

GPA awarded the following member companies for outstanding 2018 safety records:

AECOM
Audubon Companies
Compressor Engineering Corporation
Kahuna USA
Mangan Inc.
NTACT Operations
Saulsbury Industries
Wood

Lifetime Achievement Award
The association’s Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Francis Foret, senior vice president of operations, Targa Resources. Foret has served GPA Midstream in several capacities throughout his career, contributing invaluable technical expertise to a number of the association’s committees.
Donald L. Katz Award
The Katz Award, one of GPA Midstream’s highest honors, was presented to D. John Morgan, Dr. Larry Lilly and Robert A. Hubbard. The three were recognized for outstanding accomplishments and contributions in engineering education, a foundation of the Katz Award criteria.

Citations for Service
Citation for Service awards were presented to Joe Landes, executive vice president, SPL, Inc., and Robert Mitchell, vice president, Carrera Gas Co., for their leadership and significant contributions to GPA Midstream and the industry.

Recognition Awards
Jon Jasper, chairman, Jasper Ventures, and Scott Neil, vice president of engineering, DCP Midstream, received a GPA Midstream Recognition Award for outstanding service to the association and the midstream industry.

Committee Leaders of the Year
The following individuals were singled out for the generous volunteering of their time, expertise and knowledge in leading GPA Midstream committee efforts in 2018.

Jerry Gump, Linde Engineering North America
Elizabeth Hawkins, Targa Resources
Jaron Hill, Tapstone Energy
Adrienne Sandoval

Volunteers of the Year
The following also were cited for exceptional association volunteer committee work.

Ricardo Aguiar, Movilab
Diego Cristancho, Dow
Aaron Doughty, Phillips 66
Christina Eckart, DCP Midstream
Jimmie Hammontree, Williams
Patrick Jacobs, EnLink Midstream
Barry Keys, Midcoast Energy
Jena Resnick, Antero Resources
Jessica Tyo, Flow-Cal

CEO Award for Company Service
GPA Midstream presented DCP Midstream with its CEO Award for Company Service in
recognition of the company’s outstanding support to the association and the midstream industry.

It was noted during the award presentation that DCP’s involvement touches every aspect of the association, including leadership, committees, affiliated chapters and the GPA Midstream School of Gas Chromatography.

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**Award for Energy Conservation**

GPA Midstream honored ONEOK with the Award for Energy Conservation. It was the first time for the award, and ONEOK earned the honor for an energy load shedding program that was implemented to reduce energy consumption across its operating system.

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**Environmental Excellence Award**

GPA Midstream presented MPLX with the Environmental Excellence Award in recognition of the company’s outstanding initiative and leadership in environmental affairs for implementing the ZEVAC system, an alternative to using a flare. The company deployed it as a portable system for pigging operations in Ohio where significant reductions in emissions have already been achieved.

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**CHAPTERS**

**APPALACHIAN BASIN**

**Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Q2 Speaker Luncheon**

On May 14, join Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream for its Q2 Speaker Luncheon featuring guest Loyd Guillot, SNC-Lavalin senior business development manager, midstream - oil & gas, presenting “One Size Fits Most – How Every Project is Different, Yet the Same.”

The chapter will also recognize its outgoing board members and welcome its incoming board of directors for 2019 – 2021.

The luncheon will be held at Bella Sera in Canonsburg, Pa., from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration is $50 for members and $70 for non-members, and online pre-registration will close at noon on May 13. Although attendees may pay on-site, the chapter appreciates early registrations to help with seating and food and beverage arrangements.

For more information and to register, visit the [Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream website](#).
HOUSTON

Houston GPA Midstream Morning Training and Luncheon
Join Houston GPA Midstream on May 8 at 7:45 a.m. for the last of four break-out sessions of the popular, "Overview of Gas Processing" series. The training will provide an overview of gas dehydration by both TEG and mol sieve processes, in addition to treating for gas contaminants such as CO2, H2S and sulfurs. The price for this half-day training, including the noon luncheon, is $195 for members and $230 for non-members.

For more information or to register visit the Houston GPA Midstream website.

MIDCONTINENT

MidContinental GPA Midstream Annual Conference
MidContinental GPA Midstream is hosting its annual Conference at Tulsa’s River Spirit Resort on May 9 from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Technical and commercial speakers have joined the lineup. The price to attend is $50 for members and $100 for non-members.

MidContinental GPA Midstream Spring Sporting Clays
MCGPA Midstream will host its spring sporting clays event on May 17 at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie, Okla., from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost to participate as a single shooter is $150; a 5-person team is $750.

For more information or to register for either event, visit the MidContinental GPA Midstream website.

PERMIAN BASIN

Permian Basin GPA Midstream Annual Meeting
The 2019 Permian Basin GPA Midstream Annual Meeting will be held on May 2 at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

Sign-in will open at 10 a.m., followed by a keynote presentation by Tracee Bentley, Permian Strategic Partnership. Technical presentations include “Gas Turbine Compression” by Mike Clay, and “Produced Water Treating,” by Steve Coffee.

The registration cost is $75.

Permian Basin GPA Midstream Shrimp Boil
The Permian Basin GPA Midstream chapter’s 2019 shrimp boil is set for May 2 at the Willows from 5:30 – 9 p.m. This is a free event for industry professionals and their guests. Join the rest of the Permian Basin chapter for an evening of food, beverages,
networking, and the always-popular raffle prizes.

Permian Basin GPA Midstream Scholarship Golf Tournament
The annual Permian Basin GPA Midstream Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on May 3 at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland, Texas. This event is full but does have a waiting list. If you would like to register and be placed on the waiting list, you will be notified as space becomes available.

For more information or to register for any of the above events, visit the Permian Basin GPA Midstream website.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream DJ Basin Midstream Exposition
On May 9, Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream is co-hosting the DJ Basin Midstream Exposition to provide an overview of current and planned midstream infrastructure & services in the DJ Basin with presentations from local organizations.

The event will be held at the Banquet Hall at Riverside Library and Cultural Center in Evans, Colo., from 7 a.m. – noon. The event is free, but registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit the Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream website.

GPA Midstream/GPSA Calendar

May
2 – Permian Basin GPA Midstream Annual Meeting
2 – Permian Basin GPA Midstream Shrimp Boil
3 – Permian Basin GPA Midstream Scholarship Golf Tournament
8 – Houston GPA Midstream Morning Training & Luncheon
9 – MidContinent GPA Midstream 2019 Conference
9 – Rocky Mountain GPA Midstream DJ Basin Midstream Exposition
14 – GPA Europe Young Professional Training
14 – Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Q2 Speaker Luncheon
15 – GPA Europe Spring Conference
17 – MidContinent GPA Midstream Sporting Clays

Learn more about the events listed above.