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CONVENTION

Register by Feb. 8 to Save \$200 on GPA Midstream Convention Registration

Whether you're interested in one of the three conference tracks (technical, commercial and advocacy), getting more involved in a committee, or the networking aspect alone, the GPA Midstream Convention has an outstanding lineup of sessions and activities planned with midstream in mind. [Take a look at the full 2019 schedule](#) to see what your industry peers in the Program Committee have put together.

A 4-hour Sour Gas and Sulfur Symposium has been added to the schedule on Wednesday, April 17, providing additional opportunities for continuing education credits.

Online registration opened earlier this month, and there's still time to benefit from the early bird discount. Take a look at all registration deadlines below:

Early Bird Registration Rates (by Feb. 8)

GPA Midstream and GPSA Members - \$735
Non-Members - \$1,135

Advance Registration Rates (by April 5)

GPA Midstream and GPSA Members - \$835
Non-Members - \$1,235

On-Site Registration Rates (after April 5)

GPA Midstream and GPSA Members - \$935
Non-Members - \$1,335

Visit our [convention registration page](#) for detailed information about how to register online.

We couldn't make this event happen without our convention sponsors. We would like to recognize the [companies that support the GPA Midstream Convention](#). Interested in seeing your name or logo on this list? Contact [Crystal Myers](#) for more information about event sponsorships.

DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

Environmental Excellence Award Application Period Closes Jan. 30

As a reminder, Jan. 30 is the last day that GPA Midstream is accepting applications for the GPA Midstream Environmental Excellence Awards from both GPA Midstream and GPSA member companies. Winners will be recognized at the GPA Midstream Convention in April during the Center Stage Luncheon and will have an opportunity to give a presentation about their projects. [Download the application \(.docx\) explaining categories and criteria.](#) Contact [Matthew Hite](#) with questions.

Award for Energy Conservation Application Deadline is Feb. 15

GPA Midstream is taking applications from GPA Midstream and GPSA member companies for an award to be presented during the 2019 GPA Midstream Convention in April. The Award for Energy Conservation recognizes companies demonstrating initiative and/or leadership in implementing energy conservation programs and projects in midstream sector activities. For GPSA companies, the award recognizes successful, innovative energy conservation projects or products. The winner(s) will be determined by an independent panel comprised of GPA Midstream Facility Design, Operations & Maintenance Committee members.

The criteria used to evaluate applications may generally include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Innovative solutions to reduce energy consumption - Does the project contribute new information on how to conserve energy? Is it a new concept or process? Has it ever been executed successfully before? Is it the first time for a GPA Midstream member? Is it a creative solution to a problem? Does it tackle a difficult task? Is it effective?
- Public impact - Does it make a significant contribution to reducing energy consumption? Does it reduce energy costs for consumers?
- Measurable - Can its reduction in energy consumption be measured? Is the measure specific? Is there a significant energy consumption reduction? How is the reduction accomplished?
- Educational - Does the project promote public awareness or education? Does it include employee training or technology transfer? Does it include "how to" guidelines/brochures/videos? Does it encourage other energy conservation efforts? Are employees involved in development and implementation? Does it serve as a model for other efforts? Are people participating?
- Cooperative effort - Does this project involve a cooperative effort between multiple entities or organizations (city/state government, industries, civic groups, schools, citizens, associations)?
- Exceptional - Does it go significantly beyond legal requirements? Does the project demonstrate public benefits? How does it impact social needs?

Applications must be received by Feb. 15 for consideration. Contact [Martin Erne](#) with questions.

To apply, [view requirements, criteria and the application.](#)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

GPA Midstream Collects Safety Statistics

The GPA Midstream Safety Committee recently asked for assistance from member companies to compile annual midstream industry safety and vehicle statistics. This collection of data is incredibly important because it provides safety and vehicle benchmarking for all GPA Midstream members, and information specific to individual companies will be kept confidential as always. The data also will be used to determine

safety award winners and recognize them, along with facilities reaching significant safety milestones, at the GPA Midstream Convention in April.

A form was recently emailed to GPA Midstream Official Representatives and those that have recently submitted safety statistics on behalf of the member companies. If you feel you should have received this form but have not, contact [Johnny Dreyer](#).

GPA Midstream and the Safety Committee acknowledge the time and effort that providing this information takes and would like to thank the companies and their employees that make time to provide us with this important information.

Midstream Industry Loses True Legend, Teacher

GPA Midstream would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of John J. McKetta Jr. He passed away on Jan. 15 at the age of 103. In addition to shaping the minds of young adults at the University of Texas at Austin, McKetta was known as an authority in the world of thermodynamic properties of hydrocarbons. He authored 87 books, served as energy advisor to five U.S. presidents and was a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

In 2012, GPA Midstream presented McKetta with the Donald L. Katz Award. The honor recognizes excellence in engineering and accomplishments in gas processing research. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers also named McKetta one of the "50 Chemical Engineers of the Foundation Age."

Honoring the Life of a Great Midstream Leader

GPA Midstream is saddened to report that John A. Sheffield, instructor and consultant for Petroskills/John M. Campbell, passed away on Jan. 30.

Sheffield was active for many years in GPA Europe activities and received a GPA Midstream Citation for Service award at the 2010 convention for his involvement in and service to GPA Europe. The Citation for Service honors individuals whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty in providing leadership and volunteer service to the association and the industry. Sheffield lived up to that honor long after he received the award in 2010. In fact, his paper "Small Scale LNG: This is the Future for the LNG Business" was selected to be presented in the Worldwide Developments Breakfast and Forum at the 2019 GPA Midstream Convention. Kindra Snow-McGregor, Petroskills/John M. Campbell, will present the paper in his honor at the upcoming conference.

We are thankful for his impact on and contributions to the industry and extend our condolences to his friends and family.

Data Collected for Future Awards

GPSA presents awards to its member companies in part to encourage safety programs. GPSA official representatives should have received forms this month to deliver safety data to GPSA in the form of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable data and company-specific backup information. Company-specific information is kept confidential; only the award winners will be announced.

GPSA member companies are diverse, so we segregate them into similar groups/classifications depending on the submissions received. GPSA Safety Committee members will decide how many awards are given based on the number of participants per division. Potential groups/classifications are:

- Pure engineering
- Engineering/construction
- Manufacturing Oriented
- Service Oriented

- Some combination of the above

A "Most Improved" award may also be given. If you are the official representative for a GPSA member company and did not receive information about GPSA safety awards, contact [Johnny Dreyer](#).

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Washington Shutdown Update

The longest federal government shutdown in history has come to an end. The solution is a three-week fix, during which time, it's hoped Congress can solve the impasse over border wall funding before we are faced with another shutdown. Federal agencies will also be open during this time. Any business with the federal government should be done during this time should another shutdown occur when the three weeks are up. As the old saying goes, when the sun's out, make hay.

At this point in 2019, we have basically lost a full month of federal work. This means deadlines for comments and rules, permits, public meetings and such will be postponed by at least a month. We are also looking at another potential shutdown in a couple of weeks if Congress and the White House can't come to an agreement on border wall funding. Although this issue is fairly divisive, it can spill over to other areas and cause disruptions while dealing with the federal government, if another shutdown occurs.

For the Trump administration, this means an even shorter time frame to finish its agenda prior to the 2020 election. Expect to see continued delays while interacting with the federal government.

January GPAC/LPAC Meeting Postponed Due to Government Shutdown

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) was set to host a meeting the second week of January for the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC) and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC) in Washington, D.C. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the gathering line provisions of the proposed rule, "Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines," policy issues and matters concerning pipeline safety. Due to the partial federal government shutdown and its ramifications, PHMSA announced the meeting has been postponed. It's hoped during the three-week period the federal government is reopened, PHMSA can make progress on rescheduling the meeting.

GPA Midstream has worked diligently for months to prepare for this meeting and for the proposed rule. This is a priority issue for us. We will continue to provide updates on the status and schedule of the meeting, as information becomes available.

Please reach out to [Matthew Hite](#) to learn more about the meeting or with any questions.

Session Begins in Texas and New Mexico

New Mexico began its 60-day legislative session on Jan. 15 and members went straight to work. Rep. Brian Egolf (D – Santa Fe) was re-elected as speaker of the house. Rep. James Townsend (R – Eddy) will serve as the new house minority leader replacing Rep. Nate Gentry (R – Bernalillo). No changes were made in Senate leadership. Sen. Mary Kay Papen (D – Doña Ana) was reelected as president pro tempore and Sen. Stuart Ingle (R – Chaves) was reelected as Senate minority leader.

Committee assignments were released the second day of session, and the House Energy Committee held its first meeting on the third day. Last year, the House Energy

Committee was made up of six Democrats and six Republicans. This year, Democrats hold the majority with eight Democrats and five Republicans. The Senate Conservation Committee remains mostly the same as last year with six Democrats and three Republicans. However, Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (D – Bernalillo) replaces Sen. Cisco McSorley (D – Bernalillo) who resigned to work in Gov. Lujan Grisham’s administration. Freshman Sen. Sedillo Lopez will serve as vice chair of Senate Conservation.

The Texas legislature gaveled in the 86th session on Jan. 8. Rep. Dennis Bonnen (R – Angleton) was unanimously elected as the new Speaker of the House. Rep. Dustin Burrows (R – Lubbock) will serve as chair of the House Republican Caucus and Rep. Chris Turner (D – Arlington) was re-elected as chair by the House Democratic Caucus. Republicans came in with a smaller majority in the House with 83 Republicans and 67 Democrats. The Senate holds a GOP supermajority with 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats. The supermajority for consideration of bills in the Senate is 19 members.

RESEARCH/TECHNICAL

Newly Created Committee has Successful Meeting in Tulsa, Okla.

The newly created Fall Technical Program Committee met at GPA Midstream headquarters on Jan. 22 to work on a sturdy schedule for GPA Midstream’s fall technical meetings. These meetings link up networking opportunities and technical paper presentations with the more traditional committee meetings.

The meetings are scheduled for Oct. 22 – 24, and a location will be announced soon. The committee will seek out presentations in the areas of analysis, test methods and product specifications; facility design, operations and maintenance; measurement and quantity determination; and pipeline design, operation and maintenance. Presentations will be solicited through a call for papers process, which will be announced soon as well. We look forward to communicating more about the meetings in the coming months.

GPA Midstream Offers Valuable "Introduction to Midstream" Training Course

GPA Midstream’s three-day Introduction to Midstream training course has benefitted many member company employees new or not familiar with the midstream industry since its inception three years ago, and in September, Jasper Ventures was the first company to hold a private training course specifically for its employees in Whitehouse, Texas. GPA Midstream recently concluded its second private “Introduction to Midstream” course for 20 additional Jasper Ventures employees earlier this month.

GPA Midstream hosts one Introduction to Midstream training course each year that is open to all, regardless of membership. The next open course is scheduled for Sept. 17 – 19 in Plano, Texas.

[Learn more about the course and register for the next one here.](#)

For more information about setting up private training for your company, contact [Johnny Dreyer](#).

Registration Underway For March Training Course

The GPSA Engineering Data Book has been relied upon by industry professionals since 1935. GPA Midstream is offering a Data Book training course in March designed to equip engineers, operators and plant personnel with the fundamentals they need to put this important industry resource to use. The five-day training course scheduled for March 25

– 29 in Denver is open to all, but registration is limited to 25 students, so we encourage those interested to register early.

Class times:

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit <https://gpamidstream.org/training/data-book>.

CHAPTERS

APPALACHIAN BASIN

Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Q1 Speaker Luncheon

Join our Appalachian Basin chapter for their Q1 2019 Speaker Luncheon on Feb. 12. The event will be held at Bella Sera. Jerry James, Artex Oil Co., will speak about How Appalachia's Natural Gas Past Can Help Shape the Future.

On-site registration fees:

\$50 - members

\$70 - non-members

For more information or to register, visit [Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream](#).

PERMIAN BASIN

Permian Basin GPA Midstream Winter Training

Our Permian Basin chapter is excited to announce registration is now open for the Q1 Training Program. Introduction to Liquid Pipeline Design takes place Feb. 12 at the Petroleum Museum Auditorium in Midland.

A social event will follow at the [Blue Door](#).

Attendance Fees:

\$50 per person

For more information or to register, visit [Permian Basin GPA Midstream](#).

HOUSTON

Houston GPA Midstream Morning Training & Luncheon

The Houston GPA Midstream chapter will be hosting a morning training session titled "Separations, Refrigeration and Moderate Recovery Gas Plant Designs" on Feb. 13 from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Houston Racquet Club. The session provides an overview of the gas processing industry and is recommended for those new to the industry, people proficient in a particular area and anybody needing a refresher course.

Training Fees:

\$195 - members

\$230 - non-members

For more information or to register, visit [Houston GPA Midstream](#).

GPA Midstream/GPSA Calendar

January

12 - Appalachian Basin GPA Midstream Q1 Speaker Lunch

12 - Permian Basin GPA Midstream Winter Training

13 - Houston GPA Midstream Morning Training & Luncheon

[Learn more about the events listed above.](#)

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