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GPA hires director of technical services

GPA welcomes Debbie Beaver as our new director of technical services. Debbie has worked for The Williams Companies for the past 27 years, most recently in a government affairs role, which required familiarity with the midstream industry's concepts, practices and procedures. Her organizational, analytical and research skills, along with her ability to lead and communicate effectively, make her an ideal fit for the director of technical services position.

In the position, Debbie will work closely with the Technical Committee and its sections, coordinate the annual GPA School of Gas Chromatography, lead GPA research initiatives and serve as the GPSA Editorial Review Board liaison.

Please help us welcome Debbie to GPA staff: dbeaver@GPAGlobal.org.

GPSA Directors Ballot due

On Feb. 6, the 2013 GPSA Directors Ballot was electronically distributed to all GPSA member companies. All GPSA Official Representatives should complete their ballots and submit via the link provided; the electronic process requires just a few minutes of your time to complete the ballot. The ballot closing date is March 6; ballots received after that date will not be counted. Please take a moment to participate in this important association activity and help select GPSA's 2013-2014 leadership.

GPA 2013 Nominating Committee

The 2013 GPA Nominating Committee will soon be appointed by GPA President Mike Heim, Targa Resources. As specified in the GPA bylaws, the Nominating Committee is made up of five Official Representatives of GPA member companies. Its duties are to 1) nominate individuals to serve as president, president-elect and GPA's three vice presidents, and 2) select the companies that will be nominated to serve on the board of directors. Each of these nominations will be up for approval at the annual meeting of the membership on April 9 in San Antonio, Texas. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to GPA staff.

GPA State Coordinators begin 2013 legislative sessions

With the start of every new year, those engaged in the legislative arena look forward to the start of a new legislative session. 2013 will be an especially busy year for the GPA State Coordinators. GPA State Coordinators are employees of our member companies who are engaged in legislative activities within their states. They actively monitor legislation within their states and inform our Legislative Committee of issues that may impact GPA member companies and the midstream industry.

GPA State Coordinators are:

Colorado – Bret Fox, DCP

Kansas – Mitch Urban, ONEOK
Louisiana – Elizabeth Hawkins, Targa Resources
New Mexico – Delbert Fore, Enterprise
North Dakota – Beth Claude, Enbridge
Oklahoma – Danny Nixon, ONEOK
Pennsylvania – Mark Hager, The Williams Companies
Texas – Beth Claude, Enbridge
Wyoming – Dallas Scholes, The Williams Companies

We appreciate the efforts of these individuals and thank these member companies for encouraging participation in leadership roles. Serving in this capacity provides value to the company, to GPA and to the industry.

2013 GPA Convention updates

Registration

With less than 7 weeks to go, more than 1,300 midstream professionals have registered for the 2013 GPA Convention. Interested in seeing who's registered? View the registration list here:

<https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/registrations>

For those who are still considering whether to join us, please keep in mind that advanced registration will close at end of business on Friday, March 8. Anyone wishing to attend after this date will pay on-site fees.

For those who have already registered, please keep an eye on your inbox for important GPA Convention e-mails, which we'll be sending in March.

For all GPA Convention information, visit <https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/2013/>.

Hotel Information

Our host hotel, the Marriott Rivercenter, has sold out of rooms. We have secured additional rooms at the Marriott Riverwalk, which is directly across the street, at the same GPA group rates. The link to book hotel rooms online will become available after you register online for the GPA Convention.

Single Occupancy - \$254/night
Double Occupancy - \$264/night

Marriott Riverwalk: (800) 648-4462 toll free in the United States
Local: (210) 224-4555

Young Professionals event preview

GPA's Young Professionals (YP) have an outstanding program lineup planned for the convention, starting with the Sunday afternoon event featuring Curt Steinhorst, the Center for Generational Kinetics, who will enlighten YPs on how to make the most of their generational strengths. Steinhorst is a member of Gen Y who has a reputation as a leader in his own generation. His personal experiences leading Gen Y, and his direct work with top performers, make him a powerful communicator for bridging the generations. The forum will be followed by a networking dinner at Boudro's on the Riverwalk. YPs interested in this event must purchase a ticket to attend. The cost, if registering by March 8, is \$55.

On Monday, April 8, from 2 – 5 p.m., YPs are invited to attend an interactive career development workshop provided by Leslie Duke, general manager of Burns & McDonnell's Texas offices. This workshop is open to YPs at no additional cost.

Sponsorship opportunities close on March 8

For those interested in sponsoring an event or activity at the 2013 GPA Convention, please note that the final sign-up deadline is Friday, March 8. To view remaining opportunities, visit

<https://www.gpaglobal.org/convention/sponsorship>.

Advertising opportunities

If you can't make it this year, you can still mingle with midstream professionals by advertising in the GPA Show Daily, which will be distributed each day of the convention to attendees and also electronically to GPA's entire midstream

database. Advertising is limited among the 12 pages in each issue, so commit early to be included. Learn more: <http://www.gpaglobal.org/assets/gpaglobal/gpa/pdf/convention/2013/GPA-Show-Daily-Media-Kit-2013.pdf>.

Chapter News

MidContinent GPA hosts successful Lunch and Learn

MidContinent GPA hosted a Lunch and Learn on Feb. 7, filling nearly every seat in the room. The meeting featured speaker Jay Albert, Oklahoma's deputy secretary of energy, who provided an update on the status of implementing the Oklahoma First Energy Plan. Albert also provided an overview of the energy industry in Oklahoma and discussed opportunities for growing natural gas markets in the transportation sector, through the governor's CNG vehicles effort, and in the power generation sector, by recognizing the flexible generation needed to support increasing renewables additions.

MidContinent GPA is one of six U.S.-based GPA chapters. Our chapters offer individual annual memberships for a nominal fee and provide industry-specific educational and networking opportunities throughout the year. To find a chapter in your region, visit <https://www.gpaglobal.org/chapters>.

GPA Europe to host conference and exhibit in June

GPA Europe (GPAE), in association with Gastech, will hold a conference and exhibition dedicated to European natural gas processing at the Düsseldorf Hilton June 5 – 6. In addition to workshops, CPD/CES certifications are available as part of the package on June 4.

The European Gas Production Forum will bring together all stakeholders in European gas processing and provide a strong platform for discussion of the commercial issues and technical solutions available, as well as providing an exhibition where the latest technologies will be presented.

GPAE members may register through the GPAE web site: <http://www.gpaeurope.com/events/event/26/>. Non-members are encouraged to contact the organizers to book a place at the conference at www.egpfe.com.

Additionally, there are exhibition stand slots available, and some U.S. companies and GPA/GPSA members have reserved space. For questions regarding the availability and cost of exhibiting, contact Sandy Dunlop, GPAE: admin@gpaeurope.com.

Dates to Remember

March 8 – Deadline to sign up for GPA Convention sponsorships

March 8 – Advanced GPA Convention registration deadline. Last opportunity to save before rates go up another \$50.

March 22 – Last day to reserve advertising space in the GPA Show Daily

GPA/GPSA Calendar

March

13 Houston GPA Luncheon
13-15 GPA Europe Spring Technical Meeting

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