# THE GENERAL LEDGER

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#### President's Message

While relaxing in sunny San Diego, my thoughts wandered again to the reason for the business conference. Why do we interrupt our professional obligations, our family activities, our duties to our communities and friends, to attend these gatherings? An equally compelling question, why do our employers pay for us to be here?

Our involvement in professional organizations, and attendance at professional events, provides a number of benefits to our employers and to us personally. Our participation keeps us abreast of current events, technological advances, and trends and ideas. We are able to meet and interact with colleagues personally, and serve as ambassadors for our employers. Our influence becomes far-reaching, as we impact ideas, actions, and policies that will determine our collective futures.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in San Diego at the COPAS national meeting. The week was a blur of informative meetings, lively discussions, intense strategizing, and amazing knowledge networking. For those of you who haven't had the chance to attend a national meeting, I encourage you to visit Shreveport in the Spring. There are so many things going on that you never see until you attend a national meeting. In the meantime, you can have an impact on COPAS OKC here at home by contributing to committee discussions, volunteering to serve as a member of the Board in May, or standing for your company as their voting representative at our April meeting.

#### Carole

**Meeting Information At-A-Glance** 

NO LOCAL SOCIETY MEETING IN NOVEMBER

## **Education Day**

Monday, November 14, 2016 7:45 a.m.—5:00 p.m. RSVP-Click Here

## **TopGolf Event**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016** 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *RSVP-Click Here* 

### National Meeting Highlights (San Diego, CA)

- Passed AG-21 Revenue Audits
- Did Not Pass AG-19 Expenditure Audits (COPAS didn't approve suspending bylaws for 60 day mailer requirement)
- Passed Employee Benefits Upper Limitation 36% (1/1/2017)
- Passed MFI-23 Discounts
- Passed MFI-38 Materials Manual / Retired Old MFI's & AG's
- Lively Emerging Issues discussion topics
- Relevant industry training, such as: COPAS Publications 101 – "Always Read the JOA"

## Education Day, November 14, 2016

#### **Metro Tech Springlake Campus**

7:45 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Lunch and break snacks provided \$75.00 COPAS member, \$85.00 non-COPAS member 8 hours of CPE, including 2 hours of Ethics

- Regan Bradford, Oil & Gas Accounting Litigation
- Melissa McLawhorn Houston, Ethics
- Ross Plourde, Bankruptcy in the Energy Industry
- Tom Wierman, COPAS Energy Education—Building a Foundation
- Kimberly Nation & Rachael Vernon, Generational Differences in the Workplace and the Use of Social Media
- Mindy Stitt, The OERB: The History and Progress
- Allen Doyel, EHS/Regulatory Topics

### **TopGolf Networking Social, November 17, 2016**

#### Oklahoma City TopGolf

Come and go
COPAS members only, please
3:00 p.m. —6:00 p.m.
Cost \$10.00 per person, includes snacks and drinks



Account 1300—Audit

Chairs: Kristin Rose, Devon Energy and Melissa

**Gruenewald, Chesapeake Energy** 

Account 1700—Joint Interest

Chairs: Kim Romero, Chesapeake Energy and

Gabe Green, Chesapeake Energy

At the Fall National Meeting, the Audit and Joint Interest Committees met on Wednesday to discuss our Emerging Issues Case Studies. In addition to the Case Studies the OKC Society reviewed in October, we also had a lengthy discussion on the chargeability of the Real Time Operations Centers and covered a new Case Study concerning Drilling Overhead Calculations. We look forward to bringing these to the OKC Society in upcoming meetings. On Thursday, we met for the Audit and JI Committee meeting where all voting items were approved: Employee Benefits Limitation Percentage for 2017-36%, AG-19 Expenditure Audits in the Petroleum Industry: Protocol and Procedures Guidelines.

Kristin, Melissa, Kim, & Gabe

Account 1800—Small O&G Companies Chairs: Charlie Zahl, W.A. Waterman & Co. and Adam Osmus, Wilsey Meyer Eatmon Tate PLLC

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! We look forward to seeing everyone in December.

Charlie & Adam

Topgolf Networking Event November 17, 2016 3pm—6pm

RSVP Today (Click Here)

COPAS members only, please. Limited to 20 golfers. Non-golfers welcome.

\$10 per person (pay at the event)

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COPAS Education Day November 14, 2016 Metro Tech Springlake Campus

RSVP Today (Click Here)

Members \$75 Non-Members \$85

Contact Mike Grady (<u>Mike.Grady@chk.com</u>) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Account 1900—Revenue

Chairs: Jennifer Walker, Mustang Fuel Corporation and Mia Downing, Martindale Consultants, Inc.

The Fall National Meeting was held in San Diego, CA and was another great meeting with plenty of opportunity for education and networking. The revenue committee met both Wednesday and Thursday and had a good turnout filled with presentations on regulatory updates and various topics applicable to the current industry. The revenue committee will not be meeting in November but we hope to see everyone at either the Education Day or the Topgolf Social Event. As the holiday season approaches, travel safe and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Jennifer & Mia

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