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## President's

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# Message

The 2001-2002 COPAS year has started in a non-traditional way. The first major decision of the year was to cancel the September luncheon, which most will agree was the right decision. As the events of the day became known, we felt sadness, grief and anger.

I would like to share with you, what I did on September 11th. I was almost at the office when the first plane struck the world trade center. When I got into the office, people were already gathered around the television in the conference room. I choose to avoid the conference room assuming that I would be giving a welcome speech at the COPAS-Colorado luncheon. I knew that if I saw the pictures before lunch, I would break down during my speech. So I sat at my desk pondering what my welcome \ introduction should be and could I keep myself composed. It wasn't too long after 8:30 that the phone started ringing, were we going to cancel the luncheon? Jane Richards, Doug Izmirian and myself had conversations about what we should do. At approximately 9:30 a.m., we decided that Jane would send an e-mail to our members canceling the luncheon.

Also around 9:30, our company president closed the office and ordered everyone to leave. He and three of the top officers where going to his house to run the company, as we had to put emergency procedures in place. Our three terminals in Florida were being shut down, the truck racks were being closed, and all barges and ships were being sent back

out to sea as the ports were being closed.

I went to the Marriott just incase some of our members did not get the message that lunch was cancelled. While sitting there, I struck up a conversation with an elderly couple from Tennessee who had been at DIA to fly back home after spending the last two weeks with their son. During our conversation they remarked about how friendly the people in Colorado had been to them.

The lobby of the hotel was full of United Airlines employees that had been shuttled there from DIA. I noticed one young lady off to the side and offered her my seat on the couch, she sat down and we started talking. During this time she broke down into tears and I asked her if she wanted a ride someplace. She told me that she was going to her brother's house in Boulder as she needed to be with family and her sister-in-law was coming to pick her up. I placed my arm around this total stranger and gave her a shoulder to cry on. She had been a flight attendant for five years but now she wasn't sure if she could ever fly again. I hope some day to see her in the friendly skies, as I have no doubt she like all of us will continue on. Americans are strong and we will prevail!

What does the above have to do with COPAS – not much but it was a story that I needed to share. In times like these, we realize how good we really

have it and that our daily trials and tribulations are not so bad after all. Please take an extra five minutes to get to work instead of cutting somebody off, tell that stranger or clerk to have a good day and most of all give your love ones a hug every morning and night. Slow down that hectic pace and talk to your children or spouse about their day.

The Fall 2001 National Meeting was the next thing facing us. These are tough enough to put on without the additional travel problems that were occurring along with some of the major oil companies placing travel moratoriums on their people. We did have quite a few cancellations but we also had some last minute registrations. I would like to commend Roxane Hunter on the excellent job that she did putting this event together. We heard nothing but good comments about the event and how well it was put together especially along with everything else going on. I would also like to thank the other COPAS-Colorado members that stepped up to make this the best national meeting ever! The food, entertainment and golf were excellent.

For those of you who attended a national meeting for the first time, I hope that you not only enjoyed it but also took away some additional knowledge from the meetings and met some new industry friends.

I already know a lot of you but hope to meet every one of you before the year is over. I hope that you enjoy the October 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon, our first luncheon of the year. I would still like to challenge everyone to make new friends this year and don't always sit with the people that you know. I promise next month that my message will be more COPAS related but I needed to share my story.

If you have any requests, ideas or concerns please feel free to contact me or any other board member. We can be reached via e-mail through our web page.

Scott Hillman 2001-2002 COPAS-Colorado President

## This Month's Speaker

Mike Bock of Petrie Parkman & Company.

# Committee News

COPAS - Colorado Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Board Liaisons are listed after each committee article below. Please contact them for additional information.

#### **Education Committee**

We had a very successful Fall Education Day, held at the Westin-Tabor Center on September 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Fall National COPAS Meeting. We had 41attendees. Our theme was "Captains of Industry-Rocky Mountain Style" and our 6 speakers and topics were:

Tommye Barnett, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, EnerCom, Inc.-" Investor Relations – What, Why, and How?"

Mark A. Hellerstein, President and CEO, St. Mary Land and Exploration-" Succeeding in Good Times and Bad" Peter A. Bjork, Bjork, Lindley, Danielson, and Little, P.C.-" Energy Legal Update"

James D. Lightner, President and CEO, Tom Brown, Inc.-" The Natural Gas Industry – Rockies Style"

Neal A. Stanley, Sr. VP-Western Region, Forest Oil Corporation-"Energy Policy Update"

Mark S. Sexton, President & CEO, Evergreen Resources, Inc.-" Coalbed Methane in the Rockies"

All of our speakers did an outstanding job. We wish to thank them for taking the time to share their thoughts with us.

Now we need to get going on the Spring Education Day. If you have any suggestions or would like to help on this committee, contact Roxane Hunter, hunter@paradigmtech.com or (303) 292-0990. We will be setting up a planning meeting in the near future.

**Board Liaison**: Doug Izmirian 303-863-8600 ext. 102

# Financial Reporting Committee

The Financial Reporting Meeting will meet on Wed. Oct. 24 at noon at Carbon Energy Corp's office. Don McDonald of Wells Fargo Bank will be speaking on the loan process. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Carolyn Buss 303-785-2622 cbuss@carbonenergy.com or Mark Solomon 303-863-5231 msoloman@stmaryland.com if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of how many lunches to order.

The address of Carbon Energy Corp is 1700 Broadway, Suite 1150 (the baby cash register building).

Financial Reporting Committee Co-Chair Mark Solomon St. Mary Land & Exploration (303) 863-4383, msolomon@stmaryland.com Carolyn Buss, Carbon Energy 303-785-2622, cbuss@carbonenergy.com

**Board Liaison**: Jim Garrett 303-285-4905

A very special belated happy birthday to my sweet guy... Scott Jack ... from your Sugar Bowl!

### Joint Interest/Audit Committee

The Joint Interest/Audit committee met on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the office of Rockport Essex. Twenty people

attended representing 8 companies. The companies represented were: Berco Resources, Forest Oil, Key Production, Kinney Oil, McElvain Oil & Gas, Resource Strategies, Rockport-Essex, Co., and St. Mary's Land & Exploration. Various plans for this coming year were discussed and proposed. National has asked and our committee has accepted the task of taking over the annual benefits limitation survey. The respondents to this very important survey have drastically reduced over the past few years and it will be Colorado's task to get this project up and running. We are always looking for new members and this would be a great way to help your industry and your colleagues at the local level.

We may have another filed trip to an active drilling rig in the next few weeks. If you are not on our committee roster and would like to attend call one of the co-chairs to make arrangements. The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We will have an update on the National Meeting Colorado hosted. Discussions, plans on several projects and begin viewing the PBS film "The Prize". For those of you not familiar with this film, it is an excellent documentary on the history and politics of oil throughout the world. We will be viewing parts of this film over the next few months as part of our regular meeting. All COPAS members are invited all of our activities. Come join us and be informed, be involved, have fun and meet new 'oily' people. Co-chairs: Steve Gorham (303-308-0500), Deanna Duell (303-384-1512). Deb Powell (303-893-0933) & Gail Michel (303-825-1188).

**Board Liaison**: Don McDonald 303-863-5231

#### **Revenue Committee**

The Revenue Committee's October meeting will be at the office of St. Mary Land & Exploration on October 10, starting at 12 noon and going to

1:30pm. The meeting will be for brainstorming agenda items for the future meetings and possible field trip sites.

Tom Ferguson & John Hultin, co-chairs

**Board Liaison:** Brenda Thompson 303-785-2625

#### Tax Committee

Because of the recent meeting of the National Tax Committee in connection with the Fall National Meeting, the Tax Committee will not meet at its regularly scheduled time on Friday, October 5. The next meeting will take place on November 2 at the Pinnacle Club (formerly Top of the Rockies). Please make your reservation by Tuesday, October 30 by calling Laura Yost at (303) 291-9196.

The National Tax Committee meeting featured a presentation by Arlen Brammer of Holme, Roberts and Owen on stock options and golden parachute payments.

**Board Liaison**: Mike Roach 303-863-7539

# Small Oil & Gas Companies Committee

An introductory meeting of the Small Oil & Gas Companies Committee will be held on October 23, 2001 at Carbon Energy Corporation, 1700 Broadway, Suite 1150. We will discuss the purpose of the committee and ideas for topics and potential speakers. This committee is primarily for employees who work for smaller companies and members who may have multiple job responsibilities. The meeting will be at 12:00noon and pizza will be provided. Please let Brenda Thompson at 303-785-2625 know by Monday, October 22th if you can attend so we can order enough pizza. We look forward to seeing you and starting this committee up again!!

### COPAS-Colorado Web Site

Misplaced your meeting notice and can not remember the luncheon date - check out the COPAS – Colorado Web Site at <a href="www.copascolorado.org">www.copascolorado.org</a>. Newsletters, Luncheon dates, Board Member and Committee Chair information can all be found there.

COPAS-Colorado Webmaster - Art Pennington Paradigm Technologies 303-292-0990 artp@paradigmtech.com

#### **2001 - 2002 Luncheons**

All Luncheons to be held at Marriott City Center unless noted: October 16 November 13 December 11

## **COPAS Job Posting**

January 8

"Employment" for a listing of current employment opportunities. The *Job Postings* is limited to a short free listing of an available position including a basic descriptive position title, years of experience required, and the representative contact name, company name, and telephone number to Brenda Thompson at 303-785-2625. E-mail to: <a href="mailto:bthompson@bfcden.com">bthompson@bfcden.com</a>.

Please check the Web site under

# Fall 2001 National Meeting

As many of you know, the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> COPAS-Colorado hosted the National Fall COPAS Meeting. In spite of travel restrictions implemented by some of the oil and gas companies, we had a respectable

turnout. We are still sorting out the final count. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee chairs and their hard working volunteers. The committee chairs were:

Doug Izmirian - Registration

Scott Hillman – Hospitality

Steve Gorham - Hospitality

Brenda Thompson – Leadership Forum Dinner

Carol Waltz - Reception

Deanna Duell – Banquet

Valerie Day – Activities & Tours

Debbie Ahlstrom – Activities & Tours

Mike Roach - Golf

I also want to thank our many sponsors for their donations.

They were:

Leadership Forum Dinner:

Ensign Oil & Gas Inc.

Wednesday Night Reception:

Carbon Energy Corporation Shenandoah Energy Inc.

TransZap, Inc.

Thursday Night Banquet:

Patina Oil & Gas Corporation St. Mary Land & Exploration

Golf Tournament:

Williams Production Co.

Wednesday Continental Breakfast:

Paradigm Technologies

Thursday Continental Breakfast:

GWiz Systems, Inc.

Friday Buffet Breakfast:

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Again I want to thank all of you who were involved in making this a success. I also want to thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I was presented at the banquet on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Roxane Hunter, National Fall 2001 Committee Chair

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announcement

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