

COPAS- COLORADO NEWS

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Presidents Message

The COPAS 2001-2002 year is rapidly nearing the end. We only have three luncheons left this year. It has been a pleasure meeting our new members as well as some existing members that I previously had not met. As I am always saying, COPAS is about the people. Meeting members and guests that you previously did not know is one of the benefits of COPAS, learning how they do things and the issues that they face are sometimes the same ones that either you are going through, have gone through or will some day be facing. Having these additional contacts will only benefit you and your company in the long run.

I would like to stress for you to please get your RSVP for the March 5th luncheon in as soon as possible. We expect quite a large turnout of members and guests and will probably have to get a larger room from the Marriott then has been needed for the past few luncheons. The sooner that Jim Garrett gets a count the better for all. Mr. Olsen's topic on Enron should be enlightening to all of us.

There will also be a tech session prior to the luncheon on "Basin Centered Gas Accumulations". There is also a tech session scheduled prior to the April luncheon. I would like to thank the committee chairs/co-chairs and their committees for putting on the successful tech sessions this year.

We are still in need of three volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. The committee compiles a list of potential candidates to serve on the COPAS-Colorado Board of Directors.

The committee contacts those individuals to see about their level of interest on serving on the board for a three-year term. The committee then presents the names of the three nominees to the current Board of Directors and the names are presented and voted on to the general membership at the April luncheon. This is a good way to become more involved with COPAS-Colorado and is for a short time period, without a major time commitment. Please let me know if you are interested and willing to serve on the Nominating Committee or if you would like to serve on the Board of Directors.

There is a good possibility that we will have additional funds available for COPAS-Colorado members that would like to travel to the Spring National meeting in April in Conroe, Texas (just north of Houston). If you are interested in attending the meeting but funding is an issue, please let one of the board members know before Tuesday, March 19th. Our next board meeting will be on March 19th at The Rockport-Essex Company and we will be approving travel budgets. Please remember that our board meetings are open to all members to attend.

Hope to see everyone at the March 5th tech session and luncheon. Remember to get those RSVP's back in early! PS

President's

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– We are keeping the newsletter contest for the rest of the year, so it pays to read the newsletter, just ask last months two winners.

Scott Hillman
2001-2002 COPAS-Colorado President

2001 - 2002 Luncheons

All Luncheons to be held at Marriott City Center unless noted:

March 5 – with Tech Session
April 2 – with Tech Session
May 14 – Education Day

This Month's Speaker –

John Olson, an analyst with the Houston firm of Sanders Morris Harris Group. He will be speaking on Enron. Mr. Olson has the distinction of being a detractor of Enron for the past 10 years.

TECH Session

Sponsored by Joint Interest / Audit committee – Basin Centered Gas Accumulation, presented by Mr. Dave Hindman of Berco Resources. One hour of CPE credit will be provided

Committee News

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

Meeting Dates & Times

Education – March 14, 11:30
Financial Reporting – April 3, 12:00
Joint Interest – March 7, 11:00
Revenue – no March meeting
Tax – March 1, 7:30
Small Oil & Gas –

Education Committee

Another meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for March 14, 2002 at the office of Paradigm Technologies, Inc. from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please bring your sack lunch and we will continue to work on the Spring Education Day.

Please provide your suggestions to Roxane Hunter, Paradigm Technologies, Inc. Roxane can be reached by phone at (303) 292-0990 or by email at hunter@paradigmtech.com. The Spring Education Day is to be held May 14, 2002. We are planning another blockbuster day that will provide 7 CPEs. Don't forget to tune in to "The Big Picture!"

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

Financial Reporting Committee

The Financial Reporting committee's last meeting was Wednesday, February 13 at St. Mary Land & Exploration. We had a roundtable year-end reporting issues. We will not be meeting in March, so our next meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, April 3 at St. Mary. Topic TBA.

Financial Reporting Committee Co-Chair Mark Solomon St. Mary Land & Exploration(303) 863-4383, msolomon@stmaryland.com
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Board Liaison: Jim Garrett 303-285-4905

Joint Interest/Audit Committee

The joint interest/audit committee met on Thursday, Feb. 7th. We had 20

people attending representing 10 different companies. Most of the meeting was devoted to the employee benefits survey. Our committee will begin contacting past respondents and other society chairs this month as our initial effort on this year's survey. We also watched another chapter of the prize. Lunch and a roof over our head was once again provided by the good people at St. Mary's. Next month's meeting will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, March 7th. Location to be announced.

tferguson@stmaryland.com

Board Liaison: Brenda Thompson 303-785-2625

The Joint Interest/Audit Committee is hosting a Tech Session before the March luncheon. This will be a geological presentation by Dave Hindman from Berco Resources. The presentation is titled "Basin Centered Gas Accumulations". One hour of CPE credit is available. The Tech session is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m.

Co-chairs: Steve Gorham (303-308-0500), Deanna Duell (303-384-1512) & Gail Michel (303-825-1188).

Board Liaison: Steve Gorham

Revenue Committee

The Revenue Committee co-chairs have unanimously declared a vacation from committee meetings for the month of March. On an unrelated note, this year's March spring skiing is anticipated to be better than average.

In April, the Revenue Committee has arranged for Rick Chapman, Executive Director of NARO (National Organization of Royalty Owners) to speak at the society's monthly luncheon on April 2. We look forward to that.

Also, this spring when weather is a bit warmer, we are trying to arrange a gas plant tour at one of the plants north of town. We will have more on that at a later date.

Committee co-chairs: John Hultin 303-308-0500
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Tax Committee

The Tax Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2002 at the Pinnacle Club. Contact Laura Yost at (303) 291-9196 to make reservations. Committee Chair – Gordon Stenger

Board Liaison: Mike Roach 303-863-7539

Small Oil & Gas Companies Committee

The SOGC committee is scheduled to hold their February 26th meeting at noon at Hein + Associates’ office, located at 717 17th Street, Suite 1600. The topic will be a discussion on Human Resource issues in the small company environment, and the speaker will be Audrey Lemar.

The committee sponsored the February 5th COPAS technical session. The presentation was on the software selection process for oil and gas companies by McKinley Powell, a software management consulting firm. If additional information on the presentation is desired, please contact Dan Reichel.

Co-chairs: Dan Reichel at 303-880-7335 or dreichel@qwest.net and Dawn Meek at 303-785-2619 or dmeek@carbonenergy.com.

Board Liaison: Marlin Miles 303-694-1632

Newsletter Contest:

Unscramble the following & turn in your answer when checking in at the March luncheon:

!gnirpS eht ni odaroloC ekil ecalp on s'erehT

COPAS Job Posting

Please check the Web site under “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: bthompson@bfcden.com.

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If your address has changed or is going to change, please send this address change form, or the information contained in this form, so you may be assured of receiving your COPAS-Colorado meeting notices, local and national COPAS newsletters, and other COPAS-related correspondence.

Effective Date of Change _____

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

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Please send the above to: Jane Richards Williams Production
303-606-4354
jrichards@brr.com

Web Site

Misplaced your meeting notice and can not remember the luncheon date - check out the COPAS – Colorado Web Site at www.copascolorado.org.

Newsletters, Luncheon dates, Board Member and Committee Chair information can all be found there.

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