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Technical Session and Monthly Meeting – November 8, 2005

Remember that registration starts at 11:30 and lunch starts at noon and ends at 1:30. The tech session starts at 10:30. To attend any of these events, please RSVP no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting at www.copascaloradolorado.org/meetingregistration.html. If your plans change, send an e-mail to Jane Richards at janer@pyreenergy.com.

The tech session is presented by the Tax Committee.

Our lunch speaker is Matt Silverman, Exploration Manager for Robert L. Bayless, Producer, which has E & P assets in the Central and Southern Rockies and Australia. He will talk to us about the Boulder Oil Field which was founded in 1901, the same year as Spindletop. He received his Master's in Geology from the University of Colorado, where he first became interested in the historic Boulder Oil Field.

Boulder Field opened the oil industry of the Denver Basin, which played a key role in making the Mile-High City the energy center of the Rocky Mountain Region. Preservation of the McKenzie Well – one of the longest continuously producing wells in the country – will safeguard a rich chapter in the development of oil and gas in the Rockies.

President's Message

Last week, 14 COPAS-Colorado members, including myself, attended the Fall National Meeting in Farmington, New Mexico. The San Juan Society sponsored a terrific meeting, and the golden cottonwoods and blue skies that seem unique to a New Mexico autumn provided the perfect Southwest feel to the event. To my knowledge, this is the largest Colorado representation to any national meeting (held outside of Colorado) in recent history.

The Council unanimously passed the new AG-13, Accounting for Farmouts/Farmins, Net Profits Interest and Carried Interest (it was passed by the Revenue Committee the day before). The Council also elected three members to the national Board – Jeff Alcott of New Orleans was reelected to a second term; and Nancy Clarke Ashby of Dallas and Jim Jenkins of Tulsa are new members. Howard Blunk and Mark Bruehl are retiring from the Board.

The much-argued Field Office Expense MFI was defeated in the Audit Committee. A special committee made up of Audit and Joint Interest Committee members has been appointed to draft a compromise pronouncement. In general, the meetings were free of the rancor that might have been predicted based upon recent controversies and I applaud all parties for their conduct and demeanor.

Special attention was given to the plight of the New Orleans Society and its members in the wake of Katrina. Its 125 members have been, both literally and figuratively, scattered to the winds. Jeff Alcott reported that the society does not know the whereabouts of about half the society members. Perhaps 20 or so have been relocated to Houston. Jeff is working out of a family home in Virginia until his own house near New Orleans is made habitable. The Council, in a show of support for the society, voted unanimously to waive the 2006 national assessment (\$35 per member) for New Orleans.

As a society, Colorado is looking at other ways of helping New Orleans get back on its feet, as well as relieving National of some of the financial hardship this creates for them. However, on a personal level, if any of you know any members of the New Orleans society, I am sure that any message of concern or encouragement from you would be greatly appreciated.

John Hultin
2005-2006 COPAS-Colorado President

COPAS Colorado Board Meetings

Board meetings are typically held on the Thursday following each monthly luncheon, at 3:30, and will be announced in the newsletter and on the web site. The next Board meeting will be November 10 at 3:30 at the offices of Kinney Oil Company, 1401 17th St, Ste 870.

COPAS MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE		
Meeting Date	Speaker	Tech Session @ 10:30 am
November 8, 2005	Matt Silverman, Exploration Manager for Robert L. Bayless, Producer will talk about the Boulder Oil Field.	Tax- Energy Bill and other current topics such as Section 199, the depletion Rev. Proc., etc.
December 13, 2005		
January 10, 2006		Revenue-SFAS 123R, Share Based Payment
February 14, 2006		Jl/Audit
March 21, 2006		Revenue-Development of Production Reserves Data for Annual Reporting
April 11, 2006		
May 9, 2006		

COPAS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES					
Committee	Date	Time	Location	Contact	
Audit/Joint Interest	November 15	11:00 am	TBD	Steve Gorham	303-308-0500
Education	November 9	11:45 am	Hein & Assoc.	Tracy Pharis	303-298-9600
Fin. Reporting	November 17	12:00 Noon	Cimarex	Diane Kirk	303-740-9400
Mid/Downstream	seeking a chairman				
Revenue	November 2	11:30 am	Encana	Tom Ferguson	303-863-4376
Small Oil & Gas				Bryan Pratt	303-298-9600
Tax	1 st Friday of month	7:30 am	Adams Mark	Gordy Stenger	303-389-3622

Change of Contact Info

If your contact info changes during the year, there is a change contact information link on the website that you can use to update your information.

2007 National Meeting

For information on the 2007 National Meeting Planning Committee please contact Brenda Thompson at (303) 339-5874 or bthompson@makjenergy.com.

Committee Reports

The Tax, Financial Reporting and Small Oil & Gas Companies committees strive to offer 1 hour of CPE at each of their meetings. For more information, contact the committee chairperson for details.

Audit/Joint Interest

Committee chairs: Steve Gorham- auditsteveg@msn.com
 Dawn Smith dsmith@billbarrettcorp.com, 303-293-9100
 Dave Abel, dabel@stmaryland.com, 303-863-4388

The JI/Audit committee met on Monday, October 17th at the offices of St. Mary Land & Exploration. Seventeen people were present, representing six companies. Discussed were the goals of the Education committee, the Field Office Expense MFI that was up for vote in Midland, and the Employee Benefit Survey. The next meeting will be held on November 15th. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later time.

Education

Committee chairs: Tracy Pharis (303) 298-9600, tpharis@heincpa.com

Board Liaison: Brenda Thompson (303) 339-5874, bthompson@makjenergy.com

The Education Committee met on October 12th at the office of Hein + Associates LLP. The committee set its list of goals for 2005-2006. Among the tasks were the APA exam, Education Day and the COPAS library. The next meeting will primarily deal with the APA exam, so anyone who is interested in the exam or wants more information is more than welcome to attend. This will also help us gauge how many members are interested in this certification.

The Committee wishes to extend a thank you to all Committee Chairs for sponsoring the monthly tech sessions. All COPAS committees are represented in sponsoring individual sessions. We also remind the committees that they are to have a representative from their committee be a part of the Education Committee.

We welcome any others who would like to be a part of this active and involved group. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th at 11:45, at the offices of Hein & Associates LLP. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Tracy Pharis prior to the meeting for a proper headcount.

Financial Reporting

Committee chairs: Diane Kirk, CPA, dkirk@eksh.com (303) 740-9400

Deanna Duell, CPA deanna.duell@thebaileyco.com (303) 384-1512

The Financial Reporting Committee had its planning meeting October 20th at the offices of Encana and determined the schedule and topics for the remaining meetings. We appreciate the input of the attendees and Cimarex and Resource Strategies, Inc. for agreeing to host the next two meetings. Monthly meetings will be held at 12 noon and lunch will be provided. The topics and location (if known) are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/17	Roundtable discussion of issues related to asset retirement obligations including calculations, revisions and judgements	Cimarex
12/15	To be determined – topic of interest to private companies	Resource Strategies, Inc.
3/16	SOX Revisited	TBD
4/20	Reserve Report Issues including CBM related topics	TBD

The committee will host the technical session for 1/10/06 with the topic of SFAS 123R ,*Share Based Payment*. An overview and implementation issues will be discussed.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the offices of Cimarex, 1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 1800. The meeting will provide an opportunity to openly discuss issues faced in the ARO calculations, revisions and judgements. Please plan on bringing questions and being involved in the discussion.

If you have any questions regarding the committee, please contact Diane Kirk at (303) 740-9400, dkirk@eksh.com or Deanna Duell at (303) 384-1512, deanna.duell@thebaileyco.com.

Midstream/Downstream

The midstream/downstream committee is looking for a chairman. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Mike Roach at mroach@stmaryland.com.

Revenue

Committee Chair – Tom Ferguson (tferguson@stmaryland.com or 303-863-4376)

The Revenue Committee met on Wednesday, October 5th at the offices of St. Mary Land & Exploration. There were 32 attendees representing St. Mary, Kerr McGee, Trinity Resources, EnCana Corporation, Mak-J Energy, P2ES, Forest Oil, McElvain Oil & Gas, and Petro-Canada Resources. The primary agenda topic was Accounting Guideline 13, Accounting for Farmouts/Farmins, Net Profits Interest and Carried Working Interest. AG-13 was discussed at length by the Committee and a vote was held to approve the document for adoption at the National Revenue Committee meeting to be held in Farmington on October 19th and 20th. AG-13 was subsequently approved at the National Meeting by the 8 societies attending the Revenue meeting. The COPAS Colorado Revenue Committee also agreed to host the Technical Session prior to the General Meeting on March 21st. The topic will be “Development of Production Reserves Data for Annual Reporting”.

The next meeting is planned for 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 2nd at the offices of EnCana Corporation (370 17th Street, Suite 1700). The meeting will cover all the topics discussed at the National COPAS Meeting in Farmington including the general emerging issues session called “Katrina Gumbo” and the National Revenue Committee Meeting. There is a lot of good information to be shared. Attendees should RSVP their attendance to tferguson@stmaryland.com by the afternoon of Tuesday, November 1st so an accurate count for lunch can be obtained.

Small Oil & Gas Companies

Committee Chair: Bryan Pratt, Hein & Associates LLP, 303-298-9600 x234, bpratt@heincpa.com

No report

Please call Bryan Pratt at 303-298-9600 or email to bpratt@heincpa.com for information about this committee.

Tax

Committee chairs: Gordy Stenger of Noble Energy, Inc., 303-389-3622, gstenger@nobleenergyinc.com
John Tripp of the University of Denver, 303-871-2029, jtripp@du.edu.

The Tax Committee has monthly breakfast meetings on the first Friday of each month, at 7:30 AM at the Adams Mark Hotel. Meetings typically include a review of current developments in oil and gas taxation, including income, sales and use, production and property taxes, and practice issues and other items of interest. The meetings are chaired by Gordy Stenger of Noble Energy and Professor John Tripp of DU. Attendees include tax accountants from local companies, large and small, as well as representatives from accounting firms and other consultants.

IPAMS Lunch & Learn

Each seminar in IPAMS’ “Lunch & Learn” series is designed to educate and inform people about our industry, issues impacting our industry, and how those issues affect our way of living, the way we do business, and our livelihood.

November 15 – “Refining and Petrochemicals,” Mike Ashar, Executive Vice President, Suncor Energy Inc. *Mike will present a very basic chemistry lesson on converting hydrocarbons. How do we get petrochemicals? What kinds of petrochemicals are there? What are some of the uses for petrochemicals? Who are some of Suncor’s customers? Can you recycle petrochemical products? What kind of regulations are you required to follow? Are we out of refining capacity in the U.S.?*

Register online at www.ipams.org. For more information contact Carla Wilson, 303-623-0987 or cwilson@ipams.org.

Employment Postings

Check out the employment posting on the COPAS Colorado website at www.copascalorado.org.