



## **COPAS-COLORADO NEWS**

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### **President's Message**

I want to remind everyone of the benefits you can receive while a regular member of COPAS-Colorado. For your membership dues of \$250, you are eligible to:

- Attend our regular luncheons from September – May
- Attend any Tech Session (held an hour prior to the regular luncheons). You do not have to be a member of the sponsoring committee to attend and they are often eligible for one hour CPE.
- Attend any of the monthly committee meetings which are usually held during lunch (tax meets in the morning). Some of these meetings are eligible for CPE. You must RSVP to the committee chair.
- Receive a copy of the COPAS *ACCOUNTS* magazine published by the national COPAS organization.
- Access the national COPAS website for research capabilities to the various COPAS documents (MFIs, AGs, etc.).
- And don't forget the networking opportunities, which are Priceless!

As part of your benefits, I want to remind everyone the importance about RSVP'ing for the regular monthly lunches, as well as the committee lunches/meetings. Once we guarantee a number for lunch we are committed to pay for those lunches whether they are eaten or not. If you cannot attend, please contact Diane Kirk ([dkirk@eksh.com](mailto:dkirk@eksh.com)) for the regular lunches or the committee co-chairs for the committee meetings/lunches.

Our organization is very active in serving the community. The New Professionals Committee is continuing their School Supply drive during our November meeting. Please bring school supplies, cash or a check payable to COPAS-Colorado to help this worthy cause (payment will be issued directly to the school). The Board is also working on our plans for assisting two non-profit organizations during our Holiday lunch. Please watch for more information in the next newsletter and on our web page.

I would like to thank Tristan Farel for his past two years of service on the COPAS-Colorado Board. Tristan resigned due to job responsibilities. The Board will be appointing a new Board member to replace him for the remainder of his term.

My theme this year is "Together We Can Do It". I truly believe that without the volunteers and other members willing to step up to help we would not succeed. November's Volunteer of the Month is Dawn Ferik with Bill Barrett Resources. Please see the "Volunteer of the Month" section for more information.

For our November 9 luncheon meeting, we will have Vinnie Rigatti, General Manager - Legacy Division with QEP Energy, speak about "Horizontal Drilling and Fracing in the DJ Basin Niobrara Play". Please join us for this interesting topic.

Tammy Miller-Davison  
2010-2011 COPAS-Colorado, President

### **Volunteer of the Month**

Dawn Ferik is a long-time member of COPAS-Colorado. The amount of work that Dawn has done for our membership could make up an entire book. Most recently, she completed a three-year term on our Board and has been instrumental in growing the membership as the Membership Coordinator for two of those years on the Board. She has helped sustain the viability of our committees, mostly the JI/Audit committee and she continues to lead the Employee Benefits Survey each year. Dawn has taken being a COPAS member to new heights and we are all very fortunate to have her as part of our organization! Again, thank you Dawn for volunteering!

**Monthly Luncheon  
November 9, 2010 12:00 P.M.**

This month, Vinnie Rigatti, General Manager - Legacy Division with QEP Energy will speak about "Horizontal Drilling and Fracing in the DJ Basin Niobrara Play". It should be an interesting talk.

We would like to ask all members to please help us ensure that luncheon registration goes smoothly. The deadline for registration is noted in the monthly email blast as well as on our web site. If you are a paid member, please log onto the web site and register if you fail to receive the email blast. You do not need to register through the email blast. Should your plans change after registration, please notify Diane Kirk at [dkirk@eksh.com](mailto:dkirk@eksh.com). You must also note any special meal requirements in your on-line registration (for example, if you are a vegetarian, vegan, do not eat beef, etc). The hotel cannot accommodate additional unplanned requests in a timely manner. Those requesting a special meal will need to inform their server of the request once seated.

Please note that you will be sent a registration confirmation a day or two before the luncheon. If you do not receive the confirmation, and you registered (but perhaps typed in your email incorrectly) or would like to register, please notify Diane Kirk immediately.

Remember that registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 12:00 p.m. To attend, please register no later than Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at [www.copascaloradolorado.org/meetingregistration.html](http://www.copascaloradolorado.org/meetingregistration.html).

**Technical Session  
November 9, 2010 10:30 A.M**

The November technical session is sponsored by the Financial Reporting Committee. The session will feature Alexandra Tune who will present an accounting update on recent hot topics. Alexi is a Director in the Denver office of Deloitte & Touche and is an expert in oil and gas accounting. Last year, Alexi presented an accounting update session at the national AICPA Oil and Gas Conference held in Denver.

**Meeting Schedules**

**COPAS-COLORADO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, November 18 at 3:30 at Wilbanks Reserve, 1610 Wynkoop Street, Suite 200. Please contact Tammy Miller-Davison if you have any questions.

**COPAS-COLORADO MONTHLY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Tech Session @ 10:30</b>
September 14, 2010	Steve Irizarry	COPAS	N/A
October 12, 2010	Brian Macke	Current Climate of Colorado Regulatory	APA Exam & Study Groups Sponsored by New Professionals
November 9, 2010	Vinnie Rigatti.	"Horizontal Drilling and Fracing in the DJ basin Niobrara Play"	Accounting update on Hot Topics. Sponsored by Financial Report
December 14, 2010	N/A	2010 Holiday Party	N/A
January 2011	Tbd.	Tbd.	Sponsored by JI/Audit
February 2011	Tbd.	Tbd.	Sponsored by Technology
March 2011	Tbd.	Tbd.	Sponsored by Revenue

April 2011	Tbd.	Tbd.	Sponsored by Tax
May 2011	Tbd.	Education Day	N/A

### COPAS-COLORADO COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Committee	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Number
Education	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noon	SM Energy	Kevin Barnes	303-861-8140
Financial Reporting				Tiffany Ballard	303-312-8526
Joint Interest/Audit	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Anadarko	Dawn Meek	303-339-5877
New Professionals	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Encana	Pat Lytle	303-864-2502
Revenue and Midstream / Downstream	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Bill Barrett Corp.	Tom Ferguson	303-863-4376
Small Oil & Gas	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	EKS&H	Chris Morrison	720-864-4813
Tax	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 a.m.	Courtyard by Marriott	Gordy Stenger	303-740-9400
Technology	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Republic Plaza concourse conference room	Margaret Hahn	303-605-1876

### Membership Application -- Change of Contact Info

In order to communicate effectively with all members, it is important for those members to let us know if there is a change in their contact information. If you have recently had a change, please complete the 'Change Contact Information' link on the COPAS-Colorado website. In addition, members are responsible for changing the National COPAS contact information.

Membership application and renewal forms are available on [www.copascolorado.org](http://www.copascolorado.org).

Please note the following:

- Members must meet the eligibility requirements for membership.
- Membership fees are paid for the fiscal year running from July 1 until June 30.
- Membership is granted to the individual and not to the company and is **non-transferable**.

### Educational Opportunities

#### PDI Energy Classes

National Oil & Gas Royalty Conference  
When: November 1-2, 2010  
Where: Crowne Plaza, Dallas, TX

The National Oil and Gas Royalty Conference is recognized by the oil and gas industry, the legal profession, governmental agencies and the accounting profession as the best place to obtain information about rules, regulations, court decisions, activities of various organizations and current practices and developments that assure participants an up-to-date understanding of royalty determination and payment.

Leaders gather to make available their wealth of knowledge resulting from their years of education, experience and personal contacts. This conference presents a unique opportunity for anyone interested in the determination, payment or receipt of royalties to expand his or her knowledge and to hone skills. The variety of sessions assures that each hour of the conference provides a valuable learning experience.

View the entire schedule at [energy.pdi.org](http://energy.pdi.org). Register online or by phone 800.433.5676. CPE available.

Future courses:

December 9 Producer Balancing at EKS&H  
December 14 Land for non-Landmen at EKS&H

Go to [www.copascaloradolorado.org](http://www.copascaloradolorado.org) to see the list of PDI classes offered in our area.

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### **AICPA/ PDI National Oil and Gas Conference**

Westin Tabor Center - Denver

November 15 and 16, 2010

IFRS workshop offered on November 14 (not included in general conference fee)

For more information on the excellent line-up of speakers and breakout sessions, please refer to the conference website:

[http://www.cpa2biz.com/AST/Main/CPA2BIZ\\_Primary/Accounting/IndustryspecificGuidance/OtherIndustries/PRDOVR~PC-OIL/PC-OIL.jsp](http://www.cpa2biz.com/AST/Main/CPA2BIZ_Primary/Accounting/IndustryspecificGuidance/OtherIndustries/PRDOVR~PC-OIL/PC-OIL.jsp)

As a member of COPAS-Colorado you may receive a discount of \$100 (cannot be combined with other discount offers) by using the code "SCU". You may register on the website or by calling 888-777-7011.

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### **Committee Reports**

**Please note: the Tax, Financial Reporting, New Professionals and Small Oil & Gas Companies committees strive to offer one hour of CPE at each of their meetings. For more information, contact the committee chairperson for details.**

#### **Education**

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The process of planning for the May 2011 Education Day is underway. We are planning an exciting day. This year's Education Day theme is "Together We Can Do It". We welcome anyone who would like to be in on the planning process.

The Education Committee also has the annual COPAS-Colorado scholarship process underway. Similar to last year, we will be looking to give scholarships to four students who are working towards an accounting career in the oil and gas industry. Scholarship recipients will be determined based on written submissions. We are currently planning campus events to promote the scholarships, as well as COPAS-Colorado.

The next meeting for the Education Committee will be at the offices of SM Energy Company on Wednesday, November 3 @ 12:00p. Please RSVP to Kevin Barnes [kbarnes@sm-energy.com](mailto:kbarnes@sm-energy.com) or 303-861-8140.

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On October 21, 2010, Jim Boak, audit partner with Eide Bailly, LLP, presented his experience with a proposed new FASB/IASB financial statement format. Jim was involved in a recent field test of the new format on behalf of the FASB. The field test included the application of the new format to an oil and gas E&P company. The presentation included an overview of the format, the resulting reformatted financial statements and commentary provided back to the FASB on the format. Attendance was approximately forty people.

**Board Liaison:** Diane Kirk, [dkirk@eksh.com](mailto:dkirk@eksh.com) 303-740-9400

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JI / Audit had their meeting on Wednesday, October 20th. We had 30 people representing 15 companies. We discussed our future meetings and agenda items and the results of the voting items from the National meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 11:30 am at Anadarko, 1099 18th Street, Suite 1800. This meeting will be a brown bag lunch. We have a speaker scheduled. He is John Lipka, Security Advisor at Encana.

Please RSVP no later than noon on Thursday, November 11th at 2 pm so that we can provide a head count to Anadarko to insure appropriate room size.

If you receive an email invite, please respond to the invite whether or not you will be attending. If you are not receiving emails from us, please email me so that you can be added to our list.

The future meeting dates for JI / Audit are as follows:

December 15th – to be held at MAK-J-Brown Bag  
January – no meeting TECH SESSION  
February 16th – Hein  
March 16th – SM Energy  
April 20th – Location to be determined  
May 18th – Location to be determined

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On October 12th, the New Professionals Committee sponsored the technical session prior to the COPAS-Colorado monthly luncheon. Thank you to Steve Irizarry, Mike Roach and Joe Scarfarotti for providing information to attendees on the APA exam and certification. If you are interested in creating a study group, email Sarah Brittenham at [snb@rampartenergy.com](mailto:snb@rampartenergy.com).

The New Professionals sponsored a school supply drive at the October 12th COPAS-Colorado luncheon. In addition to four boxes of school supplies being donated by COPAS members, \$270 was also donated. Carolyn Kircher and Jennifer Gordon delivered the school supplies to Manny Martinez Middle School and Joe Acker will be presenting the

\$270 check to Venture Prep to help purchase school uniforms. Both schools were very appreciative of the efforts of COPAS-Colorado and could not thank all of us enough for our help in their time of need.

Numerous people indicated that they would like to donate cash and/or supplies to these schools but forgot at the last luncheon. Due to the success of the school supply drive in October and the willingness of COPAS members to donate, we will be having another school supply drive at the November 9th monthly luncheon. Please bring school supplies to the next luncheon to support our efforts. Any check donations should be payable to COPAS-Colorado for further distribution to the schools. We will again be sponsoring Manny Martinez Middle School and Venture Prep. Students at these schools are in grades 6 through 8 and 6 through 12 respectively. Manny Martinez students are in need of any and all school supplies. Coordinators at the school indicated that many students don't have the means to come to class with basic supplies of paper or pencils. They are very grateful for what we are doing.

Our next meeting is a Lunch & Learn on December 1st at 11:30a.m. at the offices of Encana. Don McClure, VP Government & Stakeholder Relations & Legal, from Encana will speak on public affairs and help to educate our members on responding to negative publicity of our industry, specifically the documentary, Gasland. Encana will be hosting the meeting site and EKS&H will be sponsoring lunch.

Please let us know if you would like to be more involved in the New Professionals Committee or if your Company would like to assist in sponsoring one of our upcoming events!

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The Revenue and Midstream/Downstream Committee met on October 14th at the offices of SM Energy. The meeting was attended by 48 members representing Amadeus Petroleum, Anadarko Petroleum, Aspec Energy, Bear Tracker Energy, Bill Barrett Corp, Credo Petroleum, Delta Petroleum, Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Fidelity Exploration & Production, Forest Oil, McElvain Oil & Gas, P2 Energy Solutions, SM Energy, Venoco Inc., and Whiting Petroleum. The Revenue Committee chairs discussed relevant industry news gathered from the Fall COPAS National Meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The COPAS Revenue and Midstream/Downstream Committee plans to meet Thursday, November 11th at 11:30 a.m. at the offices of Bill Barrett Corporation located at 1099 18th Street, Suite 2300. The meeting will be held in the conference room on the 23rd floor. Due to space limitations, attendance will be capped at 45 members. Lunch will be provided by Bill Barrett Corporation. Harold Kemp, Assistant Director of the Office of State Lands & Investments will discuss the WY State Royalty eRMA reporting changes.

The following represents our tentative schedule for remaining meetings:

- Thursday, December 9th – BOE MRE (Previously MMS/MRM) discussion of workshop held in Denver on September 29th. Encana Oil & Gas will host the meeting and provide lunch.
- No meeting in January.
- Thursday, February 10th – Rick Logan, with KE Andrews will discuss Colorado Tax Reporting Unique Issues. Whiting Petroleum will host the meeting and provide lunch.
- Tuesday, March 8th – Tech Session at the Marriott – Benjamin M. Fink, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Western Gas Partners, LP will discuss the Master Limited Partnership structure through which Western acquires and operates midstream energy assets.
- Thursday, April 14th – Holly Hepp, Anadarko Petroleum, Marketing Presentation. Anadarko Petroleum will host the meeting and provide lunch.
- Thursday, May 12th - Discussion by the Revenue Committee Chairs regarding topics from the April, 2011 COPAS National meeting in Houston. Forest Oil will host the meeting and provide lunch.

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### **Small Oil & Gas Companies**

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The SMOG Committee will meeting in November to discuss "How Today's Oil and Gas Company Fits Into the Future of Energy." Please contact Cheryl Fabry [CFabry@eksh.com](mailto:CFabry@eksh.com) or Chris Morrison [cmorrison@enerplus.com](mailto:cmorrison@enerplus.com) for additional details.

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The next meeting of the Tax Committee will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott on the 16th St. Mall. In addition to the normal tax updates, we will have a presentation on nonresident partner withholding on partnership income and distributions.

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The Technology Committee met on October 26, 2010. We had three panelists from various local recruiting companies discussing "How the Supply & Demand of Technology and Accounting Resources Have Evolved Over the Last 10 Years in Denver". It was a great meeting with a lot of discussion and a big turnout of approximately 33 members. DCP Midstream hosted the meeting and provided Qdoba as the lunch. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Our next meeting will be held at the Republic Plaza building in the conference room across from the food court on Tuesday, November 16th. We have a guest speaker lined up to discuss "Change Management – Why are employee's sometimes resistant to changing technologies, and what are some strategies for effectively managing change?"

**Board Liaison:** tbd.

### **Spring 2012 COPAS National Meeting Planning Committee**

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

COPAS-Colorado is proud to host the Spring 2012 COPAS Meeting April 16-20, 2012. The meeting will be held in Denver at the downtown Marriott City Center. Our theme is "Making Tracks to the Mile High City." The committee is in the process of selecting activities and venues. We will publish more information as the planning progresses.

Letters were sent in July to our member companies regarding sponsorship opportunities at the meeting. There are various sponsorship levels and events available. We encourage our members to sponsor the meeting as these funds are a critical source of funding for the meeting and related activities and events. Please call or email me if your company did not receive the letter. There are payment options available; however, we need to receive the pledge as soon as possible in order to determine and book the events and meetings.

We hope that you can join us and participate in a national meeting.

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