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**Next General Meeting &  
Luncheon Time, Date, Location:**

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch Check-in: 11:30 AM  
Lunch: 12:00 PM

Denver Marriott City Center  
1701 California Street  
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**Board of Directors  
Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
@ 1:00

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# COPAS-COLORADO NEWS

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## President's Message

Greetings COPAS-Colorado Members,

Here we are in October already! We have had a great response to registering for the new COPAS year, although please remember your membership is not complete until your payment has been received. As a paid member, I hope you are all finding your way to committee meetings and taking advantage of the many educational opportunities available through COPAS-Colorado. If you are a confirmed member and not receiving committee update emails, please login to the COPAS-Colorado website and confirm your settings. If you need further assistance, please reach out to our Membership Coordinator, Leanna Howell at [membership@copascalorado.org](mailto:membership@copascalorado.org).



Our October luncheon will be on October 15. We are in the process of confirming a great speaker for this luncheon. As a reminder, when registering for the luncheons, please make sure to indicate any special meal requirements when you register. The Marriott is not able to easily accommodate additional special meal request on the day of the meeting.

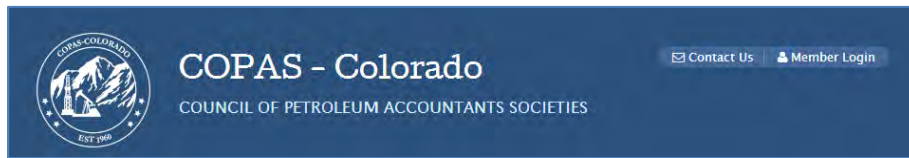
We are excited for the upcoming AICPA & PDI National Oil & Gas Conference, November 4-5, that will be held at the Denver Marriott City Center. Join leading experts and senior professionals for a comprehensive look at the financial, legislative and political issues facing the oil and gas industry. This two-day conference features unique industry insights as well as tax, legal and accounting updates related to the oil and gas industry. Acknowledged experts present sessions covering a wide variety of topics - both domestic and international in focus. If you have not registered to attend this national event, follow the link on the COPAS-Colorado website News and Events and be sure to login to the AICPA website while registering to receive the lower fee if you are an AICPA member.

Finally, I want to thank Andy Roraff, EKS&H, and Amber Stockdale, SM Energy, for performing an examination of COPAS-Colorado cash receipts and expenditures and financial position for the year ended June 30, 2012. They volunteered their time to plan and prepare the examination and the associated letter. We sincerely appreciate their contribution for the society.

*Brent Bachmeyer*  
2013-2014 COPAS-Colorado President

## Registration Changes

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that beginning with the November 2013 Luncheon and Technical Session, you will be required to log into the COPAS-Colorado website in order to register. To log in, you will click the Member Login button in the top right corner of the COPAS-Colorado webpage. Once you have logged into your account, you will then be able to register for the luncheon as usual. Please note that only paid members will have access to their accounts.



If you have forgotten your username or password, you will be able to use the Forgot Username or Password link on the login page:

### Forgot Password or Username

Forgot Password

Username

Forgot Username

Email

If you no longer have access to the email you used to sign up, please contact the membership coordinator at [membership@copascalorado.org](mailto:membership@copascalorado.org) to reset your login.

If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Hendershot, the Communications Coordinator, at [communications@copascalorado.org](mailto:communications@copascalorado.org).

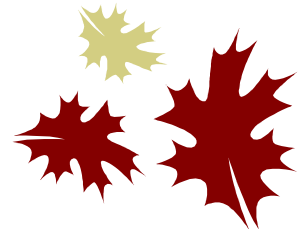
## Past Presidents

September's luncheon recognized and honored the past presidents of COPAS-Colorado. In all, nineteen past presidents attended.



**Standing (left to right):** Tammy Miller-Davison, Scott Hillman, Marlin Miles, Ted Harms, Peg Knight, Garry Wilkening, Paul Bohrer, Doug Izmirian  
**Sitting (left to right):** Carol Waltz, Chrys Claypool, Wayne Kahmeyer, Brenda Thompson, Diane Kirk

## General Meeting & Luncheon Tuesday, October 15, 2013 12:00 PM



The speaker for the October lunch is still being confirmed and details will be updated on the web site as soon as they are finalized.

You should have received a registration invitation followed immediately by a registration confirmation\*. If you do not receive the invitation or the confirmation, and you registered (but perhaps typed in your email incorrectly) or would like to register, please notify Pat Lytle immediately. You will be added, space permitting. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 12:00 p.m. The registration table will not be open for check-in until 11:30 a.m.

[Web-site registration for the meeting closes on Wednesday, October 9th - www.copascolorado.org/meetingregistration.html](http://www.copascolorado.org/meetingregistration.html). Refer to side-bar on page 1 of this newsletter for meeting location.

\* Please ensure your IT department allows e-mails from [info@copascolorado.org](mailto:info@copascolorado.org). If these e-mail addresses are blocked you will not receive confirmation.

### Technical Session October 15, 2013 10:30 AM

The New Professionals committee will host the Technical Session on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am immediately preceding the luncheon. Vince Matthews, director of Colorado Geological Survey, will be discussing the Global Scramble for Natural Resources.

Please note the location will be the same as the luncheon and will be noted on the monitors within the hotel. CPE will be provided. Registration closes Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## HOW TO CONTACT COPAS CHAIRS AND BOARD MEMBERS



**COPAS-COLORADO DIRECTORY** Please go to <http://copascolorado.org/board.html> for a comprehensive listing of the current board, or see the side-bar on page 1 of this newsletter. Please go to <http://copascolorado.org/committees/> for a comprehensive listing of the current committees and chair contact information, or see the side-bar on pages 4 through 6 of this newsletter.

## MEET THE PRESS

If you would like to let members know of current events, news, or submit an article for the next edition of COPAS-COLORADO NEWS please contact **Meghan Hendershot**, 2013-20214 COPAS-Colorado Communications' Coordinator, at [communications@copascolorado.org](mailto:communications@copascolorado.org).



## Committee Reports

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

### Education Committee Chairs: education@copascaloradolorado.org

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### Financial Reporting Committee Chairs: financial@copascaloradolorado.org

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Tammy Miller-Davison  
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## Education

The Education Committee met on September 12<sup>th</sup> and has started the planning process for the 2014 Education Day. We are working on an overall theme and discussing topics and potential speakers. The specific date for the 2014 Education Day has not yet been set.

In an effort to develop awareness of the career possibilities in the oil and gas industry for new accountants, COPAS-Colorado will once again be awarding four \$1,000 college scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. We are planning visits to several area college campuses to get the word out about the industry, COPAS-Colorado and the scholarships.

Our next Education Committee meeting will be at 12:00 pm on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** at SM Energy, 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200. Please RSVP to the Committee Co-Chairs at [education@copascaloradolorado.org](mailto:education@copascaloradolorado.org) if you are interested in attending.

## Financial Reporting

We want to thank everyone who took the time to attend the Financial Reporting Committee's first meeting of the year, which was an ice cream social hosted by SM Energy. If you were unable to make it, you missed out on the opportunity to network with others and contribute topics and/or speakers for upcoming meetings (as well as the delicious ice cream!). Don't worry though, if you have suggestions on future topics, speakers, or if your company would be interested in sponsoring a future meeting, you can still contact the co-chairs via email at [Financial@coloradocopas.org](mailto:Financial@coloradocopas.org).

As discussed at the September meeting, the next Financial Reporting Committee meeting will be on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, and will feature Dave Loucks of Opportune. Dave will be discussing issues surrounding Fair Value accounting, and their impacts to the oil and gas industry. The location for the October meeting will be announced via email to those who have signed up for the committee.

Just as a reminder, if you have signed up to be on the Financial Reporting Committee, you should have received a few emails and Outlook invitations from us already. If you haven't received any, or you didn't sign up for the committee and are now thinking that was a mistake that could alter the space-time continuum, feel free to send the co-chairs an email and we'll gladly add you to the list.

## Joint Interest/Audit

October's JI and Audit meeting will be held on **Wednesday October 9, 2013**, 11:30 – 1:00pm. Details of location will be forwarded/included in the meeting invitation to all JI & Audit members. Mike Cougevan will be presenting "Building Payroll Charges to the Joint Account". Also those that attended the COPAS Fall 2013 National Meeting in San Antonio will share information discussed and an update on the voting items.

**New Professionals Committee Chairs:**  
newprofessionals@copascolorado.org

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**Revenue Committee and  
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## New Professionals

COPAS Colorado New Professionals Committee will be hosting a lunch-and-learn this October (**date TBD**). Their guest speaker will be sharing an overview of COPAS, updates from the recent national meeting, and information on how you can get involved. In addition, we will be discussing updates to requirements for Colorado CPA certification. New Professionals are also hosting the tech session at this month's COPAS luncheon at which Vince Matthews, former state geologist for Colorado, will speak on the global natural resources shortage. Stay tuned for updates.



## Revenue Committee

The following represents the tentative schedule for the Revenue Committee:

- **Monday, October 14, 2013** – Discussion by the Revenue co-chairs regarding topics from the Fall 2013 COPAS National meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will be held at the offices of Encana on the 40th floor of the Republic Plaza from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. FIML Natural Resources will provide the lunch.
- **Wednesday, November 20, 2013** – Technical Session at the Marriott at 10:30 a.m. “Geology for the Layperson”, presented by Chris Cassle & Karen Lechtenberg, Encana Geologists. We will be taking a basic look at the geologic processes that formed the Piceance Basin by using common illustrations.
- **December 2013** – Date, topic, speaker, location and lunch to be determined
- **No meeting in January 2014.**
- **Thursday, February 13, 2014** – The meeting will be held at the offices of Anadarko from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Anadarko will provide the lunch. Topic and speaker to be determined.
- **Tuesday, March 11, 2014** – Topic, speaker, location and lunch to be determined.
- **April 2014** – Topic, Date, speaker, location and lunch to be determined.
- **May 2014** - Discussion by the Revenue co-chairs regarding topics from the Spring 2014 COPAS National meeting in Glendale, Arizona. Date, location and lunch to be determined.

The Revenue Committee is asking for companies to volunteer hosting the meetings and/or lunches for the open meeting dates. Please contact any of the co-chairs if your company can help.

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Marsha Vigil  
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## Tax

The next meeting of the Tax Committee will take place at 7:30 AM on **Thursday, October 3, 2013** at the Courtyard by Marriott on the 16th Street Mall. We will discuss current developments in Federal and state income taxes and other matters. Please contact Gordy Stenger, [gstenger@eksh.com](mailto:gstenger@eksh.com) if you would like to attend.

## Technology



Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Republic Plaza Conference Room – Concourse Level. Jeremy Funk of Seven Lakes Technologies will discuss "Oil and Gas Business Intelligence: Leveraging your Data to Make Informed Business Decisions." Lunch will be provided.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



### AICPA and PDI National Oil & Gas Conference

The AICPA would like to extend a special invitation for you to attend the **2013 AICPA/PDI National Oil & Gas Conference** which will take place November 4-5, 2013 (with an optional session on November 3) in Denver, CO.

The **Oil and Gas Conference** features industry leaders, speakers, and senior professionals who will take you through the key tax, legal and accounting topics and updates, both domestic and international in scope. You'll come away with solid ideas and focused solutions that can help solve your needs and enhance your operational effectiveness.

We can provide you with a ***special peer discount*** for **\$100** off the registration fee when you register to attend the program.

For more information on the excellent line-up of speakers and sessions, please see the conference brochure on the conference registration page located at: [National Oil and Gas Conference Registration](#) . This link also provides additional conference information, registration and updates. Or you can register by phone at 1-888-777-7077. You will need to use the coupon code: **TWI**.

### COPAS MPACT JV Energy Education

We are pleased to announce a new joint venture! The COPAS MPACT JV is the resource for upstream and midstream accounting education. COPAS is an organization of over 3,600 members and 800 companies and has 50 years of experience in providing model forms, accounting guidelines, and interpretations upon which the industry relies.

MPACT has assimilated years of industry experience and resources to provide knowledge-based educational seminars and workshops. Classes can be arranged at your company office, COPAS Society locations, and pre-designated sites.

To register for any COPAS MPACT JV class, please go to <http://www.copasmpact.com/home>.

### PDI Energy Classes

For a complete list of upcoming classes, please contact PDI.

PDI is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Concerns regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 37219-2417. Web Site: [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org)

General PDI Contact Information  
PDI's website: [www.pdi.org](http://www.pdi.org)  
See 'On-site Programs'

Contact: Jim Hoffman - [jhoffman@pdi.org](mailto:jhoffman@pdi.org)  
214.763.9644  
2207 North I 35-East, Denton, TX 76205

To register for any PDI class, please go to <http://energy.pdi.org>, click on "View Entire Calendar" and select the class. For more information, please send a note to [jhoffman@pdi.org](mailto:jhoffman@pdi.org)

**COPAS-COLORADO GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON SCHEDULE @ 12:00 PM**  
**Registration begins at 11:30 AM**

Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday	September 10	N/A	Honoring Past COPAS-Colorado Presidents
Tuesday	October 15	TBD	TBD
Wednesday	November 20	TBD	TBD
Tuesday	December 10	N/A	2013 Holiday Party
Tuesday	January 14	TBD	TBD
Wednesday	February 12	TBD	TBD
Thursday	March 13	TBD	TBD
TBD	April TBD	TBD	TBD
TBD	May TBD	Various	Education Day

**COPAS-COLORADO TECH SESSION SCHEDULE @ 10:30 AM**

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic	Hosting Committee
October 15, 2013	Vince Matthews	Global Scramble for Natural Resources	New Professionals
November 20, 2013	Chris Cassle & Karen Lechtenberg	Geology for the Layperson	Revenue
January 14, 2013	TBD	TBD	Technology
February 12, 2013	TBD	TBD	JI/Audit
March 13, 2013	TBD	TBD	Financial Reporting
April 2013 – TBD	TBD	TBD	Tax





## COPAS-COLORADO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to COPAS-Colorado members by RSVP – please contact Brent Bachmeyer if you would like to attend.

Meeting Date	Location
October 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM	Denver Marriott City Center 1701 California Street Denver, CO 80202
November 2013 – April 2014	TBD

## COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Refer to pages 4 through 6 of this newsletter for more detailed meeting and committee information.

Committee	Next Meeting Date	Time	Location / Host
Education	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	SM Energy 1775 Sherman, Suite 1200
Financial Reporting	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
Joint Interest/Audit	October 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	EnCana Oil & Gas 370 17 <sup>th</sup> St., 40 <sup>th</sup> floor
New Professionals	TBD	TBD	TBD
Revenue	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	EnCana Oil & Gas 370 17 <sup>th</sup> St., 40 <sup>th</sup> floor
Tax	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 AM	Courtyard by Marriott 16th Street Mall
Technology	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 AM	Republic Plaza Conference Room – Concourse Level

