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

Thursday, March 9, 2017  
Lunch Check-in: 11:30 AM  
Lunch: 12:00 PM

Embassy Suites  
1420 Stout Street  
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**Board of Directors  
Next Meeting:**

Thursday, March 9th  
@ 1:00 PM  
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Hello COPAS Members,

Registration is now open for the Spring COPAS National meeting in Shreveport, LA which will be held April 24-28, 2017. The meetings will be at the Hilton Shreveport at 104 Market St, Shreveport, LA 71101. They have a great line-up prepared. You can find more information and register at: <http://www.copas.org/springmeeting>.

The March luncheon will be on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. John Lipka with Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. will be giving an industry update regarding cyber security and vendor fraud. It's sure to be a very informational discussion!

Education Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "The Economics of a Comeback." If your company would like to sponsor the event or you'd like to volunteer to help out at the event, please contact one of our committee members. Their contact information can be found on the COPAS-Colorado website. Don't miss out on the fantastic educational and networking opportunity!

*Kelly Blaha*

2016-2017 COPAS-Colorado President



## General Meeting & Luncheon – Embassy Suites Hotel Thursday, March 9, 2017, 12:00 PM

John Lipka, Director of Internal Audit, Risk Management and Security at Bonanza Creek will be presenting on Understanding Terrorism and the Cyber Activist Threat.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 12:00 p.m.

Web-site registration for the meeting closes on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Refer to the side-bar on page 1 of this newsletter for meeting location. If you would like to attend, but did not register, please email Pat Lytle at [plytle@sm-energy.com](mailto:plytle@sm-energy.com). Conversely, if you RSVP'd but are now unable to attend, please let Pat know.

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

## Technical Session Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10:30 AM

The JI/Audit Committee will host the Technical Session on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am immediately preceding the luncheon. Courtney Loper from FTI Consulting will speak on "Telling Our Story" and how best to resonate with varying audiences when talking about our industry.

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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 of directors, 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 7 of this newsletter.



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## 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 **Andrea Kewley**, 2016-2017 COPAS-Colorado Communications Coordinator, at [communications@copascolorado.org](mailto:communications@copascolorado.org).

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**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

The Education Committee is in good position with our speaker lineup for Education Day. We have confirmed interest and availability for professionals in IT, Financial Reporting, Joint Interest, Tax and Industry Advocacy. Our current focus is on lining up more sponsors that are interested in setting up a booth for Education Day. We have yet to finalize our Keynote speaker, but should have that in place over the next few weeks. Please contact Lauren Davis ([ldavis@heincpa.com](mailto:ldavis@heincpa.com)) or Jason Spinelli ([jason@shamrockrecruiting.com](mailto:jason@shamrockrecruiting.com)) if your company is interested in sponsoring Education Day. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14th, 12pm at Hein & Associates (1999 Broadway, #4000 Denver, CO 80202). Lunch will be sponsored by Shamrock Recruiting.

## Financial Reporting Committee

Our next scheduled meeting is on March 29th at Hein and Associates. Baird Financial Advisors will be presenting on E & P valuation topics. Based on the feedback from committee members, the April meeting will be centered on the new Lease Accounting standard. The Financial Reporting Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who has committed to hosting, presenting and sponsoring these meetings.

## Joint Interest/Audit Committee

We'd like to begin by thanking SM Energy for providing the meeting space as well as lunch for our committee members for the February meeting.

March's meeting will be held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am - 1:00pm on the lower level of the Republic Plaza at 370 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Denver. Lunch will be provided by Whiting Petroleum. The speaker for this month's meeting is Matt Most, Vice President of Government Relations at Encana Oil & Gas. Matt will discuss the outlook for the Trump Administration and a new Congress, the opportunities and challenges for the oil and gas industry, and key issues in the states. The meeting invitation that will be sent out during the second week of March.

We look forward to your participation this year and request that you RSVP for any meeting you plan to attend by the deadline posted on the invitation. If you are not receiving committee notifications, please email [audit-JI@copascaloradocolorado.org](mailto:audit-JI@copascaloradocolorado.org) to be added to the distribution list.

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## New Professionals Committee

The New Professional Committee is excited to announce that Tim Green from Wells Fargo will speak on the overall energy banking environment and will provide an overview of how banks calculate E&P borrowing bases on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a company to volunteer to host the meeting space and lunch for this meeting.

We are also excited to announce that John Hultin from Hultin & Associates LLC will be speaking about ownership types on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the offices of SM Energy. We are looking for a company to provide lunch for this meeting.

Please contact any of the co-chairs if your company can help with meeting spaces and/or lunches.

## Revenue Committee

The following represents our tentative schedule:

- Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – Networking Event at the offices of SM Energy. Lunch will be provided by COPAS-Colorado.
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – Technical Session at the Embassy Suites at 10:30 a.m. “Texas Severance Incentives, Audit Defense, and General System/Reporting Guidelines” presented by Martin Tschida and Chelsea Williams with Hein and Associates.

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.

## Tax Committee

The Tax Committee will have its normal breakfast on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The topic will be partnership updates and oil and gas related issues presented by Kevin Zeman from PwC. The meeting will be held at the Downtown Courtyard Marriott located at 934 16th St, Denver, CO 80202.

**Technology Committee Chairs:**  
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**Fall 2017 COPAS Conference Planning  
Committee Chairs:**

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Lynn Lybrand

## Technology Committee

The Technology Committee will be having a round table discussion in regards to new (or old) software and technologies in the office environment. We'd like to talk about items that streamline business processes, make tasks more manageable and easier as well as any tips, tricks and insights users might have. We'll be discussing any software that users want to learn more about or have info to offer. This could be anything from basic MS Office suite products to niche software. Our March meeting will take place 11:30 on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Republic Plaza Building located at 370 17<sup>th</sup> St. You can also enter from the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall near the entrances on the lower level located next to Santa Fe Cookie Company. We're looking forward to a conversation that involves getting everyone's information and insights.



## COPAS Fall 2017 Planning Committee

**Jump on Board to represent COPAS-Colorado at the Fall 2017 Denver  
Conference, Sept. 19-22.**

**Looking for **volunteers** to help! Contact Danyelle McClellan  
(danyelle.mcclellan@encana.com) or Nicole Rook ([nicole.rook@whiting.com](mailto:nicole.rook@whiting.com))**

The Fall 2017 COPAS Conference Planning Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 (11:30 am - 1:00 pm) at the offices of Encana Oil & Gas, 370 17<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1700 (Republic Plaza). If you would like to attend this or future meetings, please reach out to the committee chairs, Lynn Lybrand or Tammy Miller-Davison, to get added to the meeting notice distribution. Please note that the committee is making attempts to contact companies and individuals regarding the sponsorship of the Fall 2017 National Conference in Denver in September 2017. Please help our efforts and contact us for sponsorship package information to present to your company. It will take the COPAS Village to help support our society here in Colorado to host the National meeting in September 2017. Those companies who commit early will be highlighted in the COPAS-Colorado monthly newsletter committee section from now until conference time to incentivize early commitments and secure funding.

We have already received contributions or commitments from:

**Antero Resources Corporation  
EKS&H  
Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  
Enerplus Resources (USA) Corp  
eXigent Information Solutions, LLC  
Hein & Associates, LLP**

**Hultin & Associates, LLC  
Opportune LLP  
SM Energy Company  
Wilbanks Reserve Corp.  
Vitesse Energy, LLC  
361 Services, Inc.**

Don't get left off the Sponsorship Wagon!!

Please contact Lynn Lybrand at [lybrand@msn.com](mailto:lybrand@msn.com) or Tammy Miller-Davison at [Tamara.MillerDavison@encana.com](mailto:Tamara.MillerDavison@encana.com) for sponsorship package if you would like more information about this committee or would like to **volunteer** the week of the event.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### COPAS Energy Education

COPAS Energy Education is committed to delivering the highest quality lifelong learning experience to accounting professionals in the oil and gas industry. We offer a variety of professional CPE classes to meet your needs in a demanding and competitive market.

We recognize your need for up-to-the-minute, relevant, and accessible knowledge delivered in convenient formats. We provide comprehensive, interactive courses balancing theory and real world practices for an engaging educational experience.

We also offer custom packages for private corporate education sessions. Email or call [Angie.Knipe@copas.org](mailto:Angie.Knipe@copas.org) 303-300-1139

### 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)

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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)

## CPE



**Attention Members Reporting CPE to various state licensing boards other than Colorado for CPA or other designation**

COPAS-Colorado does not have a NASBA or AICPA sponsor identification number as the State of Colorado does not pre-approve courses or CPE providers. If you are required to obtain and/or report CPE from other states or jurisdictions, you must contact those states/jurisdictions to determine what records you need to meet CPE requirements. COPAS-Colorado does not currently comply with National COPAS standards and members may not use the National COPAS sponsor ID for reporting requirements.

## Employment Opportunities

COPAS-Colorado members may post available positions on the COPAS-Colorado website free for a period of 30 days. Postings should be brief (one page maximum) and include the following: position title, basic description of position, position requirements, representative contact name, company name, and telephone number. All job descriptions MUST include the name of the hiring company.

Please e-mail the pertinent information to Andrea Kewley at: [communications@copascolorado.org](mailto:communications@copascolorado.org).

## COPAS-COLORADO GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON SCHEDULE @ 12:00 PM

Registration begins at 11:30 AM

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic
March 9	John Lipka at Bonanza Creek	Understanding Terrorism and the Cyber Activist Threat
April 18	Sarah Sandberg at COGA	Colorado Oil and Gas Association (COGA) Update
May 25	Various	Education Day

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

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic	Hosting Committee
March 9	Courtney Loper with FTI Consulting	"Telling Our Story"	Jl/Audit
April 18	Martin Tschida and Chelsea Williams with Hein and Associates	Texas Severance Incentives, Audit Defense, and General System/Reporting	Revenue

## COPAS-COLORADO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

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

Meeting Date	Location
March 9th @ 1 PM	Embassy Suites 1420 Stout Street Denver, CO 80202
April 2017 - May 2017	TBD

## COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Refer to pages 3 through 5 of this newsletter for more detailed meeting and committee information.

Committee	Next Meeting Date	Time	Location
Education	March 14	12:00 PM	Hein & Associates 1999 Broadway
Financial Reporting	March 29	11:30 AM	Hein & Associates 1999 Broadway, Room 1450
Joint Interest/Audit	March 13	11:30 AM	Republic Plaza at 370 17th street
New Professionals	March 15	11:30 AM	TBD
Revenue	March 14	11:30 AM	SM Energy 1775 Sherman St
Tax	March 2	7:30 AM	Downtown Courtyard Marriott 934 16th St
Technology	March 21	11:30 AM	Republic Plaza Building 370 17 <sup>th</sup> St
Fall 2017 COPAS Conference Planning	March 14	11:30 AM	Encana Oil & Gas 370 17th St., Suite 1700 (Republic Plaza)

