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Registration Is Now Open for the 2019 OGA Leadership Conference

Registration is now open for the 2019 OGA Leadership Conference at www.okgas.org. The annual one-day leadership session will be held May 2, 2019 in Norman, OK.

The theme for the session is "Initiative: The Ball is Yours" and will feature a series of speakers who achieved success for either themselves or their organization based on their individual efforts.

The speakers will cover four unique areas followed by attendees working in small groups to develop pieces of their personal action plan.

The first topic will be "What do you want?" and will be presented by Connie Oslica, Senior Operations Director at Enable Midstream Partners with Enable Midstream. Following his presentation, attendees will begin small group brainstorming to address personal and professional goals; are those goals compatible?; and, what skills are needed to achieve them?

ONEOK Director Pipeline Operations, David McMullen, will present the workshop's second topic asking, "What do you bring to the organization?" The group work will be designed to answer the questions:

(see LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, page 4)

OGA Scholarship Classic Scheduled for June 13

The 2019 OGA Scholarship Classic and Exhibit is scheduled for June 13 at Cimarron National Golf Club in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Proceeds from the annual OGA Scholarship Classic and Exhibit benefit the OGA Scholarship Fund. Each year the association awards one or more \$1,000 scholarships to a dependent of an OGA member. In addition to the golf tournament, the event includes an Equipment Show where Associate Members can display products and services

The Classic is a four-person scramble. Participants can register as a foursome or as an individual and be assigned to a team. Prizes are paid to the winning team along with a team finishing in a randomly drawn place. Door prizes are also presented during lunch and after the completion of play.

"The OGA Scholarship Classic is a great tradition for our association that helps us raise money to fund OGA Scholarships," said Tom

(see SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC, page 5)

Associate Members: OGA Annual Conference Product Demonstrations Submissions are Due Now

The 2019 OGA Annual Conference will return to Norman, OK August 26 – 28, and Associate Members will have the opportunity to deliver product or service demonstrations.

The demonstrations will be conducted the morning of Wednesday, August 28. There will be six sessions, and they will be 50 minutes in length.

Interested associate members must complete the Request to Conduct a Product/Service

Demonstration on page 7 and submit to Tom Rider at tom@meso.org.

All demonstrations will be approved by the association's board of directors. Submissions will be accepted until the slots are filled, and the submission period may end without notice.

Questions may be directed to Tom or Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@meso.org.

Thank you



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Hotel & Conference Center**

Work Continues on New OGA Website

When the new OGA website “goes live” at the end of the first quarter of 2019, members will see a new website with increased functionality, job postings, and new opportunities for associate members.

“One of the most important features for us is the ability to have increased functionality and ease of use,” said Jeff Kaufmann, OGA Director of Communications. “As we move through all of the moving parts necessary to have the website available to members, we believe we will deliver a more intuitive and responsive website.”

The work continues on what role the OGA will serve in posting job listings. The website will begin

with offering members the ability to post industry jobs and anyone may review the openings.

The board decided Associate Members will be given the opportunity to sponsor the website. Membership in the association will be required for sponsorships which will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

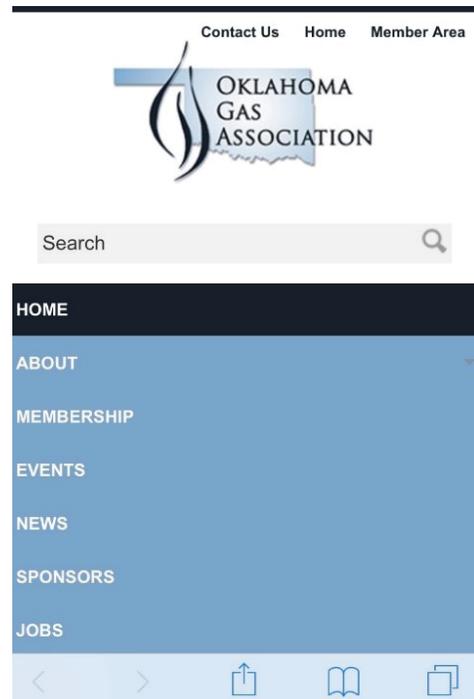
The pricing will be as follows:

- \$80 per month (when 12 months are purchased)
- \$100 per month (when 6 months are purchased)
- \$175 per month (when purchased monthly)

Any question about the new website may be directed to Kaufmann at jeffk@meso.org.



Screen shot of current OGA website



Screen shot of new OGA website in development

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2019 OGA Legislative Forum Delivers Powerful Information

Did you know Oklahoma has more than 50 new lawmakers and almost 70 percent have four or less years of experience?

Attendees at the 2019 OGA Legislative Forum — who navigated winter weather conditions — heard from speakers who delivered powerful information.

Due to an emergency, Deputy Labor Commissioner, James Buck, filled in for Leslie Osborn, Oklahoma's new Labor Commissioner. Buck discussed some of the programs the agency offers including safety audits which have the potential to greatly benefit industry partners.

Adria Berry from the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce briefed the attendees on action expected by the legislature as a follow-up to Oklahoma's passage of SQ 788 — the medical marijuana measure.

Longtime supporter of the OGA, Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy, discussed activities at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Industry lobbyists, Craig Perry, Oklahoma Natural Gas, and Bill Phelps, Phelps & Associates, covered "What's Different with this Legislature?" including the composition of the legislature based on new members and a review filed pieces of legislation.



Dana Murphy



Bill Phelps



Craig Perry

Leadership Conference

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what should your organization expect from you and what should a person do to help the organization succeed?

The third topic is "Transfer of Knowledge." Teryl Rose, ONE Gas, Vice President of Environment, Safety, and Health, will lead the conversation addressing "Transfer of Knowledge." Session participants will continue to work in small groups addressing questions including: how can I best prepare myself for success?; how can I help subordinates best prepare themselves for success?; and, what can I ask my supervisors do to help me be successful?

Cheryl Ramirez, Director Talent Management at Continental Resources, will cover the fourth and final

topic of the day. She will discuss "Positioning Yourself for Success". During this final work, participants will develop a preliminary action plan using ideas from the first three sessions.

The expected outcome is for the attendees to depart the training with prioritized steps needed to move forward on a success path.

For example, after hearing speakers and brainstorming sessions, an attendee identifies the need to improve skills in leadership. The actionable steps may include but not be limited to talking to leaders in their organization about things they have done to become leaders; identify leadership development training in their organizations or outside their organizations; or, to identify reading or listening materials designed to improve leadership skills.

Questions or comments about the session may be directed to Tom Rider at tom@meso.org.

AGA Chair: America's Natural Gas Utilities are a Solid and Safe Investment

From the American Gas Association
January 23, 2019

James P. Torgerson, Chair of the American Gas Association (AGA) and CEO of AVANGRID, Inc., spoke at the CFA Society of New York today, where he gave a presentation highlighting why natural gas utilities will continue to be a solid and safe investment.

“The commitment of America’s natural gas utilities to safety and resilience means that we are a part of the fabric of our communities today. Our mission to constantly innovate means that we will play a role in our customers’ lives and the prosperity of this nation for many generations to come,” Torgerson said. “I have worked in the energy sector for most of my career and this commitment — from the employees in the field all the way up to the CEOs — makes this industry truly unique.”

The presentation touched on critical industry issues such as enhancing the safety of the natural gas delivery system, as well as innovative proposals to expand natural gas infrastructure so that more citizens and businesses can access this abundant fuel source. It also discussed the many advanced natural gas technologies that offer pathways to achieve our shared goal of reducing emissions while maintaining affordability, reliability and the quality of life that Americans enjoy.

Torgerson cited examples of innovation by natural gas utilities. Several natural gas utilities are offering renewable natural gas produced from farms, landfills and wastewater treatment plants to customers. Combined heat and power systems that use natural gas in New York and Texas provided comfort and saved lives during catastrophic natural disasters. Natural gas usage per household nationwide has decreased even as overall demand for energy has risen, due, in part, to installation of tighter-fitting windows and doors, better insulation, utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs and the development of increasingly more efficient natural gas appliances.

Earlier that day, AGA commemorated its 100-year anniversary by ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, capping off a momentous centennial year that included hosting more than 14,000 people at the World Gas Conference in Washington, DC.

Scholarship Classic

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Rider, OGA Executive Director. “We hope our members — operators and associates — recognize the value of this event whether it be teambuilding or networking.”

Information about the tournament and exhibit show may be found at www.okgas.org. Questions about the event may be directed to Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@meso.org,

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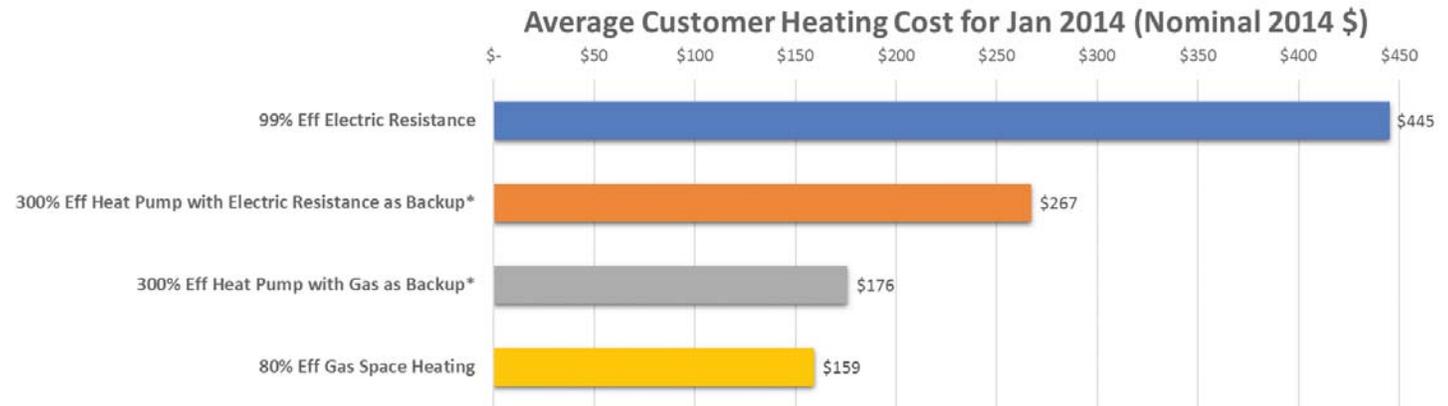
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Natural Gas Is More Affordable Than Other Heating Sources, Particularly on the Coldest Days

From the American Gas Association
February 19, 2019

An American Gas Association (AGA) study concludes that conventional natural gas furnaces on average have an operational cost advantage over other heating sources, including advanced heat pumps, particularly on the coldest days when space heating requirements are the highest and electric

period. AGA’s analysis examines the average consumption and space heating costs associated with natural gas and electricity use during an extreme cold weather event. Using weather and energy consumption data collected from the 2014 polar vortex, the paper compares the cost of natural gas and electric space heating scenarios. Households are likely to have seen similar costs in January of 2019 that were present in January of 2014.



heat pump efficiency and heating capacity is the lowest.

The average cost to heat a natural gas home during the polar vortex of January 2014 was \$159 compared to \$267 for a similar home with a heat pump that relied on an electric furnace for backup heat – a 40 percent difference. An equivalent home with equal heating loads operating an electrical resistance furnace would have incurred a heating bill of \$445 on average. Customers using an 80 percent or higher efficiency natural gas furnace to supplement a heat pump in the same regions had average heating bills of \$176.

The events of January 2019 share many similarities to what took place a few years earlier in January 2014, when most of the Midwest was subjected to arctic temperatures for a prolonged

Efficiency for a typical heat pump is best when the outdoor source air is above 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit. However, as temperatures begin to drop below 35 degrees, this advantage begins to erode and this technology is unlikely to work well below 0-5 degrees. Consequently, customers must rely on other forms of space heat such as electrical resistance or natural gas furnaces to supply auxiliary or back up heat.

January 30, 2019 set a single day record for total U.S. natural gas demand at 150.2 billion cubic feet (Bcf). The bulk of that load - 75 Bcf - went to the residential and commercial sector. The Natural Gas Council put out a statement last week saying, “the U.S. natural gas industry embodied reliability and resilience during the deep cold Polar Vortex event that recently swept one-third of the country.”

Request to Conduct a Product/Service Demonstration
during the
2019 OGA Annual Conference

Company _____

Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Demonstration Space Requirements

Indoor _____ Outdoor _____

Floor Space Required _____

Outdoor Space Required _____

Electricity Requirements _____

Audio/Visual Requirements _____

Special Requirements _____

Primary Audience _____

Presenter (if different
from person listed above) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

One-paragraph description of the demonstration to be performed and how attendees would benefit by attending the demonstration.

Please email completed Abstract to Tom Rider at tom@meso.org.