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OGA Introduces New Leadership Series for 2019

The Oklahoma Gas Association will present a series of three educational sessions focusing on various aspects of leadership beginning in October.

“Recognizing personal growth and development is foundational for an individual’s success and value they can bring to their organization, any employee, at any level will benefit from this training opportunity,” said OGA Executive Director Tom Rider who will present the sessions.

The first session titled Leadership & Leading Change will be October 23 in Tulsa, OK. This session will provide an understanding of both leader and leadership concepts. Discussion will address issues when change is being implanted in an organization.

The second session — Visioning & Communicating the Vision — will be in Edmond, OK on November 19. Participants will discuss what a vision statement is; the value of them; how they are developed by individuals and organizations; and, the importance of communicating them.

(see LEADERSHIP SERIES page 7)

Thomas Jefferson Headlines the 2019 OGA Annual Conference

The 2019 OGA Annual Conference ended recently in Norman with leadership lessons delivered by President Thomas Jefferson.

In full costume and character, the conference’s closing speaker laid out the wisdom of one of our country’s founding fathers. The leadership thoughts are applicable today as when they were first laid out hundreds of years ago.

“We believe we put together a strong series of speakers and topics for our members,” said Tom Rider, OGA Executive Director. “We are pleased with our attendance, and we had record numbers of exhibitors which is a statement to the strength of our conference.”

Conference highlights include remarks from Oklahoma Department of
(see OGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, page 2)



Jason Crowe, OGA Board Chair, kicks off the annual conference.

OGA Annual Conference

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Emergency Management Director, Mark Gower, and Tim Mason, Enable Midstream Partners.

“We appreciate Mark finding time in his schedule to join us, particularly, after being up all night as a result of severe weather moving through central Oklahoma the night before and requiring him to respond to this emergency,” Rider said.

Tim Mason from Enable Midstream Partners discussed his company’s work on safety during his session titled “Safety Culture - Initiatives in Action.”

The annual People’s Choice award was won by the cooking team from Enable Midstream. Team members include Chris McCathern, Jacob Miller, Connor Rennels, and Gary Hollars. All the cook teams endured severe weather overnight as they worked to prepare Tuesday’s lunch for conference attendees.

In conjunction the Annual Conference, the association held it’s Annual Meeting of the Association and a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Jason Crowe, Green Equipment Company, was re-elected to serve as Board Chair. The other officers of the board are Ricky Whittington, Enable Midstream, Vice Chair; Larry Alspaugh, T.D. Williamson, Secretary; and, Vonda Zimmerman, US SafetySign & Decal, Treasurer.

The continuing board members include: Jimmy Eastham, NOPFA; Roger Eichelberger, Municipal Utility Board Pryor; Steven Fry, CenterPoint Energy – Oklahoma; Mark Haptonstall, AOG/Summit; Randy Mashburn, ONEOK Partners; and, Kasey Wilson, ONE Gas. There is currently one vacant board position from the Production, Gathering and/or Transmission membership category. The board chose to not fill the position at this time.

The 2020 OGA Annual Conference returns to Norman August 31 – September 2, 2020.



Jason Crowe with keynote speaker, President Thomas Jefferson



Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management Director, Mark Gower, delivers remarks after a sleepless, stormy Oklahoma night.



OGA Executive Director, Tom Rider, with Enable’s cook team



OGA Board Member, Roger Eichelberger, prepares to tee it up at the pre-conference golf tournament.

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OGA Scholarships Awarded at Annual Conference

For more than twenty years, OGA has awarded college scholarships to dependents or grandchildren of OGA Member employees or retirees.

This year is no different. Haley Flute, Savannah Lee, and Isaac Stovall were selected for scholarships from a strong group of applicants.

Haley is the daughter of Jeffrey Flute from Arkansas Oklahoma Gas. She plans to study Chemical Engineering at the University of Tulsa.

Savannah, the daughter of TDW's Joe Sloan, plans to attend Tulsa Community College and pursue a career in Dentistry.

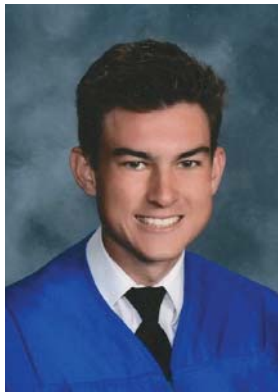
Isaac is the son of Enable Midstream's Jeff Stovall. He will be attending the University of Oklahoma where he plans to study mechanical engineering.



Haley Flute



Savannah Lee



Isaac Stovall

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OGA Sets Dates for 2020 Events

The 2020 dates are set for the OGA's three largest events – Legislative Forum, Leadership Conference and the Annual Conference.

The Legislative Forum will be in Edmond, OK Thursday, February 6, 2020. The Forum is a prep session for the annual Oklahoma Legislative session and a discussion about other public policy matters that can impact the industry.

The one-day Leadership Conference will be Thursday, May 7 in Edmond, OK. This event traditionally covers an area to allow participants to improve personal leadership skills and increase value to their organization. The 2019 session was titled

“Initiative: The Ball is Yours” and provided attendees unique look into success and working time to prepare a preliminary action plan for personal success.

The Annual Conference will return to the Embassy Suites in Norman August 31 – September 2, 2020. The Annual Conference provides attendees first-hand opportunity to discuss current, relevant issues with industry leaders; interaction with industry peers; and the latest technology, products and services.

The Board of Directors along with the association's professional staff will be finalizing details for each of the three events and more information will be coming soon.

Leadership Series

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The final session is Developing & Leading Others, and it will be December 3, 2019 in Edmond, OK. This session focuses on developing employees to support the organization and to evaluate where they are and what can be done to move them to become an independent thinker and doer.

The cost for all three sessions is \$249 (or \$99 for an individual session). Lunches are included. Each class session is limited to 30 participants. Registration for sessions begins at 8:30 a.m. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For nearly 30 years, Rider has worked with organizations and individuals helping them realize success through focused effort. His programs on leadership, supervision, and interpersonal relations consistently receive high marks from participants. He also serves as the General Manager for the Oklahoma Municipal Alliance.

Questions about the training sessions may be directed to Rider at tom@okmainc.com. Registration questions are to be directed to Deborah Gonzales at deborah@okmainc.com.

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Future Supply of Natural Gas Sees Largest Increase in 54-Year History

From the American Gas Association
September 11, 2019

The Potential Gas Committee (PGC) and the American Gas Association (AGA), today announced that the United States has a natural gas resource base of 3,374 trillion cubic feet (Tcf). It comes as a result of the PGC's latest biennial assessment of the nation's natural gas resources as of year-end 2018. This is the highest resource evaluation in the Committee's 54-year history, exceeding the 2016 assessment by about 20% - the largest two-year increase in the report's history.

"This report verifies that our nation has more natural gas than at any point in our history, ensuring that American families and businesses can rely on this clean, affordable source of energy for many generations," said AGA President and CEO Karen Harbert. "The United States continues to set new natural gas supply records because of technological improvements and continued learning in gas

exploration and production. That same spirit of innovation drives the entire natural gas industry from the companies that transport and deliver natural gas, to the entrepreneurs that develop new technologies that are making natural gas cleaner and more accessible."

The increase resulted from reassessments of shale gas resources in the Atlantic and Mid-Continent areas and conventional and tight gas in the Mid-Continent and Rocky Mountain areas.

Harbert continued, "Natural gas has transformed the American economy and energy future for the better. Any realistic plan to continue towards a cleaner energy future will have natural gas as a foundation."

Since its establishment in the 1960s, the PGC has been the only group that assesses the future supply of natural gas in the United States. The Committee is made up of over 800 experienced volunteer geoscientist and engineers contributing to the assessment.

EPA Proposes Updates to Certification Process for Natural Gas Infrastructure

From the American Gas Association
August 09, 2019

The American Gas Association (AGA) welcomes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rule issued recently to implement Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The proposed rule would streamline the process for obtaining state water quality certifications for federal permitting of natural gas infrastructure, while continuing to ensure clean water.

"This important step will help ensure that Americans have access to clean, affordable natural gas to meet their energy needs," said AGA President

and CEO Karen Harbert. "We have a domestic supply of natural gas that is the envy of the world and the 401 process has been misused by a few states to hold up important infrastructure - denying our nation and our citizens the environmental and economic benefits that natural gas provides. We are pleased to see EPA take this step to clarify the timeline and scope of CWA Section 401 certification review."

Section 401 of the CWA gives states and authorized tribes the authority to assess potential water quality impacts on local waterways due to discharges (if any) from federally permitted infrastructure projects.