

COPAS EXTRA!

August 2011



Join us at the Fall 2011 COPAS National Meeting
in Wichita, Kansas October 17-21!

Meeting registration fees:

Members \$295; Guests \$240

Late Fee \$50 (applies to registrations after 9/18/11)

Registration available now at www.copas.org

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita, Kansas

Reservations: (888) 421-1442

COPAS Discount Code: COPA

Room Rate: \$129 per night (1-2 persons)

\$149 per night (3-4 persons)

(Room Rates good for three days prior
& three days after)

Registration Deadline: 9/18/11



Hosted by the Petroleum Accountants
Society of Kansas

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Announcing nominations for the COPAS Board of Directors...

Mike Cougevan

Acadiana

Martindale Consultants



COPAS Background:

President-Acadiana society; Emerging Issues Subcommittee Chair; Audit Committee Chair; COPAS Board 2009-2011, COPAS Secretary; COPAS Treasurer; COPAS Vice-President; Author of "In the News" for *ACCOUNTS*.

Goals: Engage and involve newer members; reinvigorate the APA® program; increase effective education offerings; publicize benefits of COPAS membership to new members, companies and outside organizations; continue to create new and update existing publications needed by our industry.

Mary Francis Hermes

Dallas

Eland Energy



COPAS Background: COPAS

Financial Reporting Committee Chair; Society Board of Directors; Society President; Fall 2008 Meeting Committee; Spring 2013 Meeting Committee; NAPAC Director.

Goals: Education of members and non-members; help facilitate the review and rewrite of existing documents; encourage APA® accreditation; promote advantages of COPAS to companies.

Brenda Thompson

Colorado

MAK-J Energy



COPAS Background: COPAS Education Committee Chair; society Board of Directors; Society President; Spring 2007 Meeting

Co-Chair; COPAS Board 2009-2011, COPAS Treasurer; COPAS Vice President; COPAS President.

Goals: Revitalize the APA® program; update existing documents on a regular and continual basis; expand educational opportunities; enhance cooperative efforts with peer organizations.

Scott Lewis

Oklahoma - Tulsa

ConocoPhillips



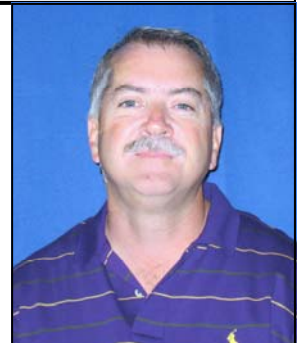
COPAS Background: COPAS Midstream/ Downstream Special Committee Chair; Tulsa Society Midstream / Downstream Special Committee Chair; Oklahoma City Audit Committee Vice Chair.

Goals: Continue membership growth; expand educational opportunities for members; increase member participation at both the local and national level.

Jeff Wright

Fort Worth

4A Energy Advisors



COPAS Background: COPAS Audit Committee Chair; COPAS Emerging Issues Subcommittee Chair; Society Board of Directors; Society President; Fall 1998 Meeting Treasurer; COPAS Nominating Committee Member.

Goals: Expand prominence of COPAS among industry organizations; explore opportunities to increase organization awareness via social networking; increase membership by promoting COPAS in new geographical areas, including internationally; promote involvement of new professionals.

COPAS Leadership Conference

The Spring Leadership Conference in The Woodlands was a rousing success in many ways, not the least of which was the attendance of over 12 COPAS members who attended only because they wanted to learn about COPAS and its leadership positions. Normally reserved for National Committee Chairs, the Spring Conference was opened up to all who wanted to attend as part of the Board's commitment to more deeply involving our newer professionals in our organization.



**To continue that commitment,
the Fall Leadership Conference
is also OPEN to all who
want to attend.**

**Opportunity
is
knocking...**

Fall Leadership is different from the Spring Leadership in that it's society presidents or their designees as the ones "required" to attend. This is when we talk about "society things" such as membership recruitment, successful meetings, education days, succession planning, the respective roles of COPAS and the societies and anything else that goes on in the societies. The full agenda has not been finalized, but APA® Board of Examiners Chair Lary Sides will discuss the exciting revitalized APA® program and testing enhancements, Cheri McCallister will discuss implementation of the new NASBA CPE program COPAS will use beginning in November and Steve Irizarry and Pat Martindale will show you the catalog of available COPAS MPACT education joint venture classes and ask for YOUR ideas on what types of classes **YOU** want the joint venture to develop; it's **YOUR** organization; make it work for **YOU**.

For your five-hour commitment on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. lunch is included (it will be a working lunch!) and also dinner Tuesday night.

That's right! What a bargain!

Join us for a fast-paced Leadership in the morning, then meet your peers and current and future leaders over a casual lunch and dinner. National Committee Chairs are also invited to dinner, so this will be an opportunity to also meet those folks. To facilitate mingling and networking, dinner will be at a steakhouse where we will have a "stand up" meal so that all can mingle, share ideas and get to better know our current and future leaders.

It's the deal of a lifetime.

Oh, one other good part; the only cost for Leadership is your time.

The Conference, lunch and dinner are on COPAS. Give us your time and we promise to give you great education, knowledge about COPAS and an opportunity to learn from and share ideas with your counterparts and COPAS leaders.

Join Us

It's here!

Debut of the New APA® Testing!

The transition from Comira to ExamSoft has begun! We expect to have registration open by September 6 for candidates to sign up for APA® exams. Examinations will begin on October 1 at ACT Centers throughout the U.S. and we will have APA® testing proctors available at the fall national meeting in Wichita on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.



NOTICE: As part of the transition, we are offering a special one-time introductory price of \$75 per exam if purchased before October 31, 2011.

Beginning November 1, 2011, the exam price will return to the normal price of \$100 per exam.

Purchased examinations will be available for download to your personal computer and can be taken at the COPAS national meeting in Wichita, other COPAS proctored locations, or at any ACT site in the U.S.

Watch for notices on the COPAS website, EXTRA, and ACCOUNTS on testing locations!

**NOTICE: IRS Announces Mid-Year Increase Mileage Rate
IR-2011-69, June 23, 2011**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers may use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes.



In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2011. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year.

Mileage Rate Changes

Purpose	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/11	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/11
Business	51	55.5
Medical/Moving	19	23.5
Charitable	14	14

For additional information, visit www.irs.gov

Facebook and LinkedIn have arrived at COPAS!

COPAS has gone social, social media that is.

On LinkedIn, find us in the Groups Directory by searching for **COPAS**.



On Facebook, search for the **Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies** or go to www.facebook.com/COPAS

Please join us on LinkedIn and Facebook!

It's the time of the year when society leaders change...

Don't forget to notify the COPAS office of changes in society leadership.
(The COPAS office updates the leadership alias email addresses.)

AND...

visit the COPAS website at www.copas.org to review your personal contact information in the member area and update as needed.



C'mon
fall...
and
bring
cooler
weather
with
you!

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