

COPAS EXTRA!

February 2010

Spring 2010 Meeting

April 19-23

Santa Barbara, California

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Hosted by the Petroleum

Accountants Society

of California



Online registration available now at www.copas.org

Rooms are going fast so make your hotel reservations soon!

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Hotel Mar Monte

Visit

www.hotelmarmonte.com

or call 800.643.1994

for reservations.

Group Code: COPAS

Room rate \$159

per night if booked

before March 15.

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COPAS NEWS...

**Mark Your Calendars Now for the COPAS Summer Meetings
July 12 - 13 in Shreveport, Louisiana**

SCHEDULE

Monday: Joint Interest Committee 8 a.m. - noon

Emerging Issues 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Audit Committee 8 a.m. - noon

AGENDA

Hear about the new Project Team Accounting Procedure (PTAP "2") that has been under development. The drafting team will explain the revolutionary concepts developed and incorporated into this document including pre-project expenditures, technical services, materials, labor, and overhead charges.

In addition to the regular committee business, each committee will hold a one or two hour "These are Your COPAS Documents" presentations.

Interactive in nature, this will not be a mad dash, or high level skim of selected documents, but rather highlights and details to help educate those new to the industry or even remind those seasoned professionals about some of the COPAS publications that impact our daily work. You will leave the session saying, "Wow, I didn't know all that information was out there." You'll be scurrying to locate the documents to learn more on your own.

Come participate in the ever-popular Emerging Issues session where the organization seeks the thoughts and opinions of members about issues facing the industry. Many times, ideas from these open forum sessions lead to new COPAS projects or study groups.

If you are still eager for knowledge or just want to see how your organization works, the COPAS Board of Directors will meet Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.
Board meetings are open to all members.

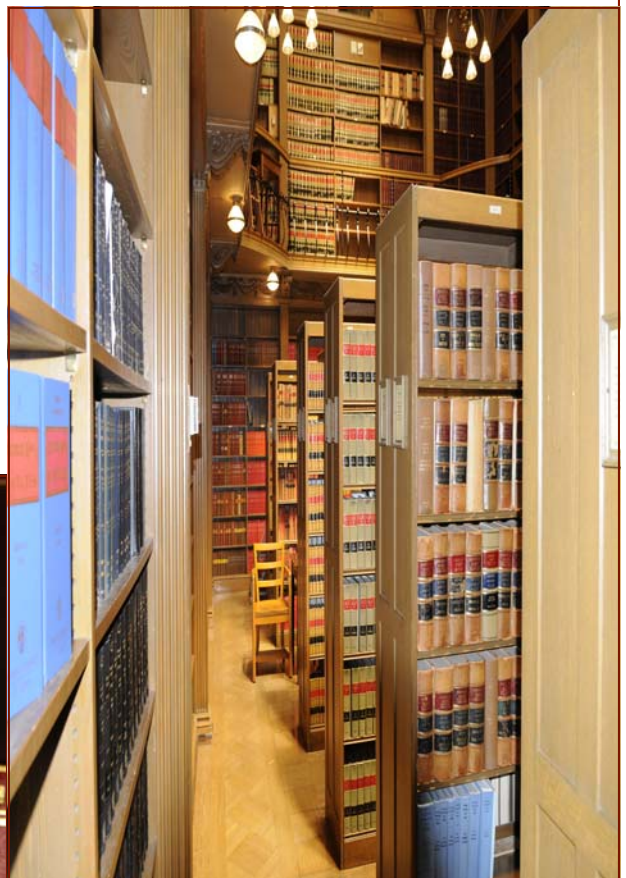
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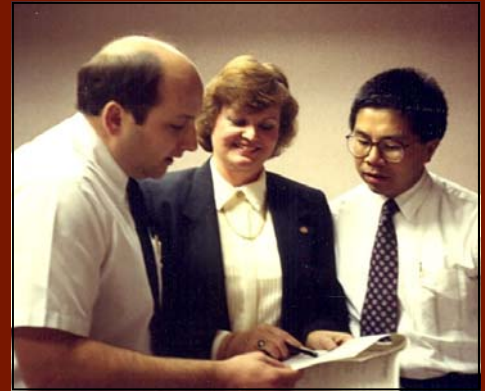


NAVIGATE THE MAZE OF OIL & GAS LAW WITH THE COPAS APA® LAW MODULE

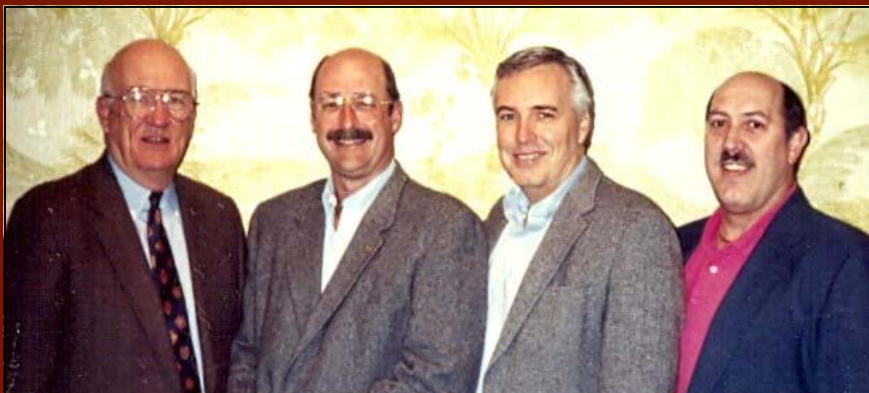
The COPAS Board of Examiners has been busy updating all of the law reference materials in the past couple of years. Check out “Oil & Gas Law in a Nutshell.” Not only is it a great study guide, it’s also a handy desk reference for navigating the maze of Land terminology. Don’t have that “Deer in the headlights” look

when a Mother Hubbard or Forced Majeure clause comes up in a meeting. Also, the Board of Examiners has added “Barron’s Business Law” as a study reference. It’s a good General Business Law refresher. Don’t forget that Law is one of the “core” subjects to becoming an APA®.





COPAS is preparing to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2011!



How many of these people do you recognize?

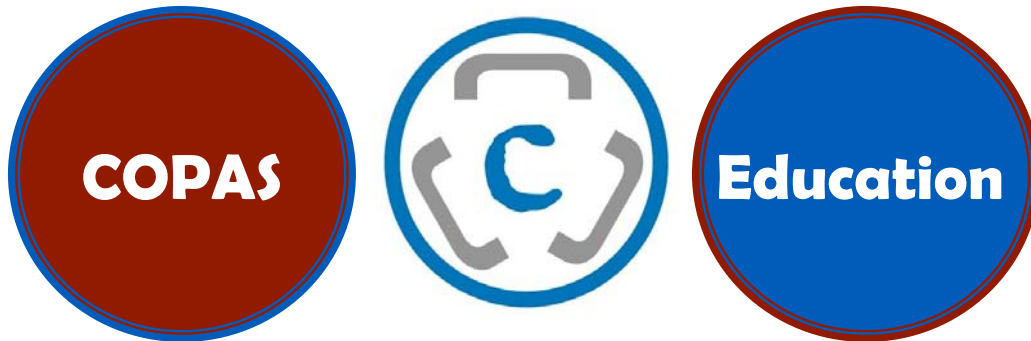
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Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin

Education Day

May 2010

For more information, email
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Partnering together = a winning Combination!

**COPAS of Dallas and the
Professional Development Institute at the University of North Texas**

**North American Petroleum
Accounting Conference (NAPAC)**

Westin Galleria

May 13 - 14, 2010

For over thirty years, NAPAC has provided quality energy education and is attended each year by more than 400 individuals from the leadership of many energy-related companies.

The Hungry Auditor...

This month's restaurant has a near mythic reputation among traveling auditors and was also recommended by Edward Miller with ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville, OK. I want to thank Edward for reminding me of the White River Fish Market and Restaurant in Tulsa. When I first began traveling to Tulsa, other auditors would ask me had I been to White River Fish Market yet. When I responded that I had not, they would smile, thinking that they would have an opportunity to introduce a new customer to this surprising find.

Who would expect an establishment located near the Tulsa airport, in an industrial area, to be written up in Gourmet and Bon Appetit magazines? But, in fact, it is this close proximity to the Tulsa airport that is a big part of the restaurant's popularity. Fresh fish is flown in from coastal cities all over North and South America and is available fried, grilled or broiled. The fish market was opened in 1932 and the restaurant followed a decade later. I don't know how long they have been at their current location at 1708 N. Sheridan, but the first time I was taken there, I was convinced that the only thing that was holding the building together was a fresh coat of paint on the façade.

As you enter, you will see the menu board over the counter where you place your order and pay your tab. The variety and quality of food is incredible. After placing your order take a seat at one of the many communal tables. The other patrons sharing your table may include professionals in suits, blue collar workers and local regulars.

My favorites off the menu include the Catfish Fillet, the Red Snapper Fillet, Onion Rings and Gumbo. Gourmet magazine gave high marks to the Flounder and Scallops. Bon Appetit featured the recipe for the Sweet Potato Pie in their review.

Based on price, flavor and atmosphere, White River Fish Market and Restaurant receives a rating of 4 out of 5 audit tic marks: **vvvv**

Is anyone else getting hungry? Do you have a "hidden gem" in your city? Is there an out of the way great place to eat, known only to locals? Email suggestions and comments to hungryauditor@copas.org.

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