

# COPAS EXTRA!

**October 2009**



Turning Energy Into Synergy

**COPAS is right on target with your educational needs!**

**Fall 2009 COPAS Meeting  
October 19-23  
Grand Plaza Hotel, Branson, Missouri**

Hosted by: **Oklahoma-Tulsa**

**CPE available!**

**Room Rates**

|               |             |
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| Standard Room | \$87/night  |
| Mini-Suite    | \$105/night |
| King Feature  | \$119/night |
| Family Suite  | \$147/night |

Registration available at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org)  
Email questions to [RegistrChair@copas.org](mailto:RegistrChair@copas.org)

For additional information on the Grand Plaza Hotel, visit [www.bransongrandplaza.com](http://www.bransongrandplaza.com)

**In conjunction with the Branson meeting, COPAS and MPACT are also proud to sponsor:**

**The COPAS 2005 Accounting Procedure Improvements, Similarities & Differences**

Tuesday , October 20 from 1 - 5 p.m.  
**Four (4) Hours of CPE for only \$75!**



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# COPAS NEWS...



## COPAS Winter Meetings

**Make plans now to attend!**



Dates: January 28-29, 2010  
 Location: Double Tree Hotel, Intercontinental Airport  
 15747 John F. Kennedy Blvd.  
 Room Rate: \$129/night (room block held until 1/15/10)

For reservations, call 800.222.8733  
 Online registration at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org) will be available in mid-December.

## COPAS EMAIL Alias Changes

For those using COPAS email alias addresses, some have changed! For updated information, visit the Library at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org) and view the Leadership Handbook, Section 3.

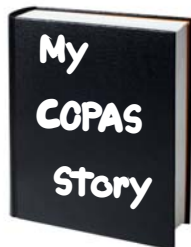
### NOTICE!

**While in Branson, please stop by the COPAS booth so we can take your photo.**  
 Photos may be used in *ACCOUNTS*, *COPAS EXTRA* or on the COPAS website.

## COPAS Member Testimonials...

**What's YOUR Story?**

Email Testimonials@copas.org




*COPAS gift available for stories submitted.*


Watch for changes coming soon on the COPAS website at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org)!

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**Driven by members  
for 50 years**



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**COPAS...The FIRST  
50 YEARS  
GREATEST HITS!**

**Not available in stores**

Watch for details...  
 Release Date: Spring 2011  
 The Woodlands, Texas



**Wed, November 4 & Thurs, November 5**  
**COPAS of Acadiana**

Fall Education Seminar  
 Joint Interest Accounting  
 Basics and Beyond  
 Chevron ERTC, Lafayette, LA

Two (2) day event - 16 hours of CPE  
 Class size limited, so register soon.

For more information, email Murphy Walton at  
[waltonmr@stoneenergy.com](mailto:waltonmr@stoneenergy.com)

**Thursday, November 5**  
**PASCO**

Education Conference  
 Francis Tuttle Technology Center  
 Oklahoma City, OK

Eight (8) hours of CPE offered, including  
 two (2) hours of Ethics. Lunch is provided.  
 COPAS Members \$70; Non-Members \$125

Email [education@copas-pasco.com](mailto:education@copas-pasco.com)  
 for additional information.

**Friday, November 6**  
**Petroleum Accounting Society**  
**of San Juan Basin**

Oil & Gas Accounting Seminar  
**4 Corners Economics**  
 Henderson Fine Arts Bldg, SUNS Room  
 San Juan College, Farmington, NM

For more information, email:  
[zacrey.a.hewett@conocophillips.com](mailto:zacrey.a.hewett@conocophillips.com)

**COPAS**  
**and**  
**Education...**  
**a great partnership!**

**Mon, November 9 & Tues, November 10**  
**Sponsored in part by COPAS-Colorado**

AICPA/PDI National Oil & Gas Conference  
 Marriott Tech Center - Denver, CO

For more information or to register, visit  
[www.cpa2biz.com/conferences](http://www.cpa2biz.com/conferences).  
 Enter code SCU to receive a discount  
 of \$100 on the member registration fee

Questions can be emailed to  
 Diane Kirk at [dkirk@eksh.com](mailto:dkirk@eksh.com).

**Thursday, December 3**  
**PASO-Tulsa**

Education Day  
 OSU-Tulsa Campus - Tulsa, OK

Eight (8) hours of CPE offered,  
 including two (2) hours of Ethics.  
 Lunch is provided.

For additional information, email  
 Erin Webb, Education Chair  
 at [ewebb@samson.com](mailto:ewebb@samson.com)

## *Testimonials from COPAS Members...*

**By: Dianna Rodgers, President, New Mexico society**

I began in the industry approximately 11 years ago as a revenue accountant. I subsequently moved into the production area, but after changing jobs, was once again a revenue accountant. I wasn't sure I was ready to get back into revenue disbursements, owner relations, legislative issues and government reporting...but in all honesty, I truly love what I do.

After joining COPAS and PASNM (*Petroleum Accountants Society of New Mexico*) about five years ago, I was content to just attend meetings, sit quietly in the back, and try to absorb all that I could from more experienced people. What in the world could I possibly contribute that would be of any benefit?

When the incoming president of PASNM voiced her concern about having time to commit to the society as president, I joined the PASNM Board of Directors. Feeling a duty to help, I said I would do whatever I could to help her, but had no idea what I was getting into when she asked if I would chair the Education Committee. That was my beginning of feeling connected and benefiting from being in this wonderful organization.

I was terrified of public speaking — even just to introduce a speaker — but it helped me face my fears of speaking in front of a group. At the first Education Day that I chaired, I hoped no one would notice my trembling hands or shaky voice as I introduced the first speaker. I later asked the speaker, a friend of mine, if it was apparent how nervous I was when I introduced him. With a good natured laugh he said he noticed...but I would get better with time. He was right, and it's a good thing, because I had to address the COPAS Board of Directors and Council within the first month of becoming PASNM President. To say that COPAS and PASNM have helped me with my communication skills is an understatement.

My involvement with PASNM and COPAS drove me to become more involved in matters affecting our industry. In 2006, NMOGA asked for industry representatives to attend a meeting with the New Mexico State Land Office. I attended and became involved with a NMSLO/industry working group. There I first met some of the COPAS Revenue Committee leaders and was overwhelmed by their knowledge.

After serving on the PASNM Board for two years and chairing the Education Committee, I was elected as PASNM President. This leadership role led me to attend the COPAS conferences. At first it was a bit intimidating since many of the attendees possessed such a great depth of knowledge and experience. However, I soon found out we had a lot in common, and we began exchanging business cards and talking about issues we faced with within our respective companies. Although I try to stay up to date on issues with the State of New Mexico and the MMS, I found I could gain much more from the COPAS meetings. I also receive legislative updates from COPAS, which help me stay abreast of the many changes happening in our industry. I began to discover I had knowledge to share with others in this industry.

Attending the Leadership Conference in 2008 was probably the most single beneficial thing I've done to date. I got to know and be more comfortable with the COPAS Board and met other COPAS leaders. My goal is to attend many more COPAS meetings. There is a tremendous amount of knowledge within COPAS, and it is most beneficial for my company to have me making industry contacts and staying up-to-date on the many changes within our industry.

No, I'm still not ready to stand up at a COPAS meeting and give a speech. But at future COPAS meetings, you will find me at ease talking with my many COPAS friends, sharing my experience and knowledge, and trying to encourage new members to become involved, because everyone has something to contribute.

# The Hungry Auditor...

Here are suggestions a COPAS member emailed to [hungryauditor@copas.org](mailto:hungryauditor@copas.org)

## In the Denver area...

**Tocabe American Indian Eatery** – Motto is “Reservations not required.” (get it?) Fresh food, delicious, unique casual restaurant. Healthy “burritos” served up on Indian fry bread. Beer and wine. Perfect location, especially if you like to stay just across the highway, north of downtown. Entrees under \$10. 3536 W 44<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Tocabe’s scores a rating of 4 out of 5 audit tic marks: **vVVVV**

## In the Houston area...

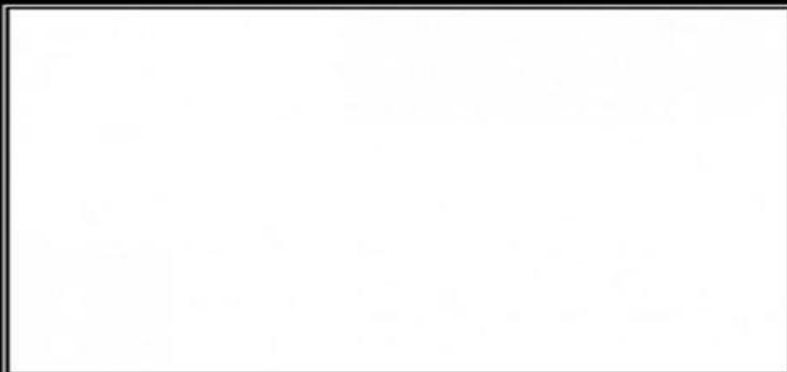
**Joyce’s Seafood and Steak** – Here’s a tucked-away neighborhood restaurant that few out-of-towners would ever find. It’s tucked away behind a What-a-Burger, and without that clue, you’ll be lucky to find it. Great Seafood and steaks (duh!) and some more modestly-priced gourmet Mexican dishes. Bread pudding to die for. Excellent wine list and bar. Best enjoyed after you just scored a half-million dollar exception for your employer/client. Entrees \$15-\$30. 6415 San Felipe.

Joyce’s scores a rating of 4 out of 5 audit tic marks: **vVVVV**

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](mailto:hungryauditor@copas.org).

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### Motivational Poster



**P R O C R A S T I N A T I O N**  
**I’ll find a photo for it later.**

### COPAS EXTRA!

*Enhancing communication  
with members...*



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