

# COPAS EXTRA!

October 2010

## **COPAS Board of Directors**

At the Council meeting in Salt Lake City last month, three COPAS board members were elected:

Rich Moring, California

John Hultin, Colorado

Rick Jones, Oklahoma-Tulsa



**2011 COPAS Board of Directors** (L to R) are Rick Jones, John Draemer, Mike Cougevan, Nancy Ashby, John Hultin, Deb Retzliff, Rich Moring, Brenda Thompson, and Bryce Bales.

## **COPAS Officers for 2011**

(L to R) Mike Cougevan, Vice-President; Deb Retzliff, Secretary; Brenda Thompson, President; and John Hultin, Treasurer.



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**The Spring 2011 COPAS Meeting is hosted by The Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston in The Woodlands, Texas!**



Registration:  
Members \$295  
Guests \$225



**The Woodlands**<sup>®</sup>  
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Online registration is available **NOW** at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org)!

*Room rates are \$179 if booked before March 28, 2011.  
Don't forget to mention the COPAS Reservation ID: 60Q380*

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011 - Don't miss the copas mpact jv seminar!**

*"Farmouts, Non-consents, Casing Point"*

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$115

This course covers costs and other factors to consider when a property has a change in interest at casing point, non-consent situations, or is the result of a farmout. The class will work hands-on problems identifying the original source of decimal interests, how those interests change under these contractual circumstances, and identifying operational activities that belong before or after casing point or are to be included in payout calculations for non-consents and farmouts.

*We expect the meeting in The Woodlands will have high attendance...*

*so reserve your room early! Call toll-free 800.433.2624.*

**You will NOT want to miss a minute of this historic celebration!**

Join us as we reflect on the past 50 years in COPAS!

**COPAS...**

*Celebrating*  
**50**Years  
*...and counting*

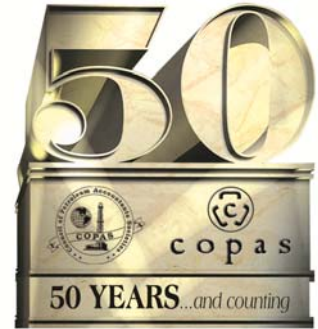
A Casing Plant Tour and Wine Tasting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. Space limited to the first 57 who sign up! Cost is \$59 per person. Two hours of CPE available!



## Happy 50th Anniversary to COPAS!

And YOU can participate in the celebration!

This will be a highly-attended meeting and registration will be available soon at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org). Reserve your hotel **EARLY!** Events will occur all during the week. **You will not want to miss a minute of the meetings!** Plan to be there from the first meeting until the end of the Council meeting!



**ATTENTION:** To assist with expenses for the 50th anniversary celebration, donations are being accepted from local societies, possibly to honor a past COPAS president or member of your society who has contributed significantly. If your society would like to participate, send your society contribution as soon as possible but please no later than 11/30/10 to the COPAS Office, 445 Union Blvd, Suite 207, Lakewood, CO 80228. Thank you!

**NOTICE:** The Petroleum Accountants Society of California has contributed 50th Anniversary donations designated as follows: In honor of PASCAL's 25th Anniversary AND honorariums for four founding members who have maintained continuous membership for 25 years:

Kim Melton

Hank Scharf

Burt Armstrong

Cary Nikkel

*Thank you to the California Society!*



*Tom Batsche, Curator  
Night at the Museum*

## NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Email Tom Wierman at [tom.wierman@fhr.com](mailto:tom.wierman@fhr.com) and share your favorite COPAS memorabilia and photo boards! Also needed: the date of your society formation and society logo in jpg format.

Dress **UP** for the Night at the Museum celebration on Wednesday evening!

Men: suits

Women: dressy dresses or pantsuits.

Does your society have any "legacy" or "second generation" members? Let us know! Send your name, the name of your child, and years of COPAS membership to [editor@copas.org](mailto:editor@copas.org).

**YOU can participate in our photo ID contest!**

If you were born before 1961, dig out a fun photo and email it to [editor@copas.org](mailto:editor@copas.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

### October 28 - EDUCATION DAY in Midland, Texas!

“JOA - The Heart of Operations”

Presenters:

Karla Bower - *Overview of the AAPL 610 Operating Agreement*

Jane Schulte - *Auditing - Drilling Down on the Data*

Hosted by the Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin

**ACT FAST!** Register by [October 22](#) - Cost \$150 Questions? Email [angie.ramirez@pxd.com](mailto:angie.ramirez@pxd.com)

### February 2011

The PTAP2 Summit will be held on February 16 at Anadarko's office in The Woodlands, TX (Houston). Watch for registration information on the COPAS website at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org)

### April 2011

COPAS meeting in The Woodlands, Texas April 25-29, 2011, hosted by the Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston, with the big 50th Anniversary of COPAS celebration!

### July 2011

The Summer 2011 Meetings will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 18 & 19, 2011. An educational seminar is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Additional details will be announced as available.  
The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20.

## **VOTE** Results...Fall 2010 Council Meeting

Spring 2010 Council Meeting Minutes - passed

2011 Employee Benefits Upper Limitation Percentage - passed

Used Equipment Survey Percentages - passed

Election of 2011-2013 COPAS Board Members

John Hultin (Colorado)

Rick Jones (Oklahoma-Tulsa)

Rich Moring (California)

Election of 2011 Nominating Committee

Bryan Holmes (Oklahoma-Tulsa)

Polly Marek (Dallas)

Linda Taylor (Houston)



**At the Council Meeting in Salt Lake City, COPAS President Nancy Ashby presented the 2010 Eagle Award to Oklahoma-Tulsa society member David Smylie!**  
*Congratulations David!*

# COPAS is on Target to Help with Websites!

Is **YOUR** society interested in developing a new website **OR** updating your current website? **WEBDOGS** may be your one-stop solution! Due to their experience with development of the COPAS national website, and working with some of our local societies (such as Anchorage, Ark-La-Tex, San Antonio, & San Juan Basin), a special deal is available. Simple websites and linking membership directories, the reliability of **WEBDOGS** maintenance, design, and technical support, is all now available for a \$500 initial fee, with a \$100 annual maintenance fee.

This is an example of COPAS-established connections that allows this product and service to be available to societies for less cost than if pursued individually!

**Use your COPAS connection!**

*Want to hear more?*

Contacts: Amy Poinsett, WEBDOGS, amy@webdog.com  
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## Why host a COPAS meeting?

**Because it's time!**

Available dates

Summer - July 2012

Summer - July 2013

Spring - April 2014

Summer - July 2014

2015 and beyond...

“IT'S TIME TO TALK”

Contact your COPAS Board Liaison!

## The Hungry Auditor...

Bartlesville, Oklahoma...a familiar destination for many of us working in oil and gas auditing because of one of the town's major employers, but also, the home to an incredible restaurant.

### Frank & Lola's Neighborhood Restaurant & Bar

Frank & Lola's is a treasure not to be missed if you are in Bartlesville for any reason. An obvious favorite of the locals, this restaurant is located at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dewey in downtown B'ville in a restored commercial building. The wood floors and exposed brick walls provide a very comfortable casual atmosphere. This isn't just a lunch place, the dinner menu is impressive and there is live rock, folk or blues music on Saturday nights.

As the Hungry Auditor, atmosphere is important, but the food should be the star of the show, and it is at Frank & Lola's. Although I was only in town for a short two-week audit, once I tried Frank & Lola's, I kept going back. Let's start with my favorite lunch item, the Honey Pecan Chicken Salad Sandwich. This isn't the wimpy, runny chicken salad they served at the elementary school cafeteria. This sandwich is piled high with delicious chicken salad made with large chunks of chicken and homemade honey pecans that had a hint of sweetness and a crunchy texture. I recommend ordering the homemade potato chips as your side. Other favorites include the open faced Green Chili Burger, and the Pork Green Chili Soup. I have heard from a very reliable source that the signature Bread Pudding is to die for, but order it at the beginning of your meal, as it is made to order and takes 20 minutes to prepare.

For more information, you can go to the website, [www.frankandlolas.com](http://www.frankandlolas.com) or their Facebook page, Frank & Lola's Neighborhood Restaurant & Bar, where they recently posted the upcoming specials, Chicken & Sausage Gumbo and Fra Diavolo, penne pasta with shrimp, lobster, sundried tomatoes and asparagus tossed in a spicy roasted cream sauce. I can't wait for my next audit in Bartlesville.

Based on price, flavor and atmosphere, Frank & Lola's earns a rating of 5 out of 5 audit tic marks:  
**vvvvv**

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? If so, you can email suggestions and comments to me at [hungryauditor@copas.org](mailto:hungryauditor@copas.org).

*The above article is not an endorsement by COPAS, and represents the opinion of the author, not the opinion of COPAS. The author has received no remuneration or any benefit from restaurants reviewed.*



**COPAS EXTRA!**

*Enhancing communication  
with members...*

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**Before we begin the meeting, place your phones on the table.**