



# The General Ledger

COPAS of Oklahoma City Newsletter

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## Meeting Information

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

**Guest Fee: \$25**

**Committee Meetings**

**Spring National Committee**

- Following the Luncheon

**Education Committee**

- Will not meet this month

**Revenue Committee**

- Will not meet this month

**Joint Interest / Audit Committees**

- Will not meet this month

**Financial Reporting Committee**

- Will not meet this month

**Midstream/Downstream Committee**

- Will not meet this month

**Dinner Menu**

Mesculin Field Greens with Tomatoes and Cucumbers  
 Buttermilk Ranch  
 Slow Roasted Prime Rib Served with Au Jus  
 Chef's Selection of Appropriate Potato, Rice, or Pasta

**Technical Session**

**Luncheon Speaker Luncheon**

Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetable  
 Warmed Assorted Rolls with Sweet Cream Butter  
 New York Style Cheesecake  
 Freshly Brewed 100% Colombian Coffee and Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Herbal Teas and Iced Teas

Hello all,

Wow! We're already at the end of another very active year. It's been another fun-filled and informative year for me and I thank all of the committee chairpersons for their newsletter contributions.

Our final meeting this year includes an outstanding opportunity to hear from **Jari Askins**. Jari Askins was sworn in as Oklahoma's 15th Lieutenant Governor in 2007, giving her the rare distinction of being involved in public service in all three branches of government.

Lieutenant Governor Askins received her BA in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and earned a Juris Doctorate from the OU College of Law. She served as Special District Judge for the District Court of Stephens

County for eight years, from 1982-1990. In 1991, the Governor appointed her to the Pardon and Parole Board, which elected her as its first woman Chairman. She later served as Executive Director of the Pardon and Parole Board and as Deputy General Counsel to the Governor.

Askins was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1994 from District 50, and served for twelve years, earning the position of Democratic House Leader in 2005. She won statewide election as Lieutenant Governor in 2006, becoming the first Democratic woman to serve in that office.

As Lieutenant Governor, Askins is President of the State Senate. She also

serves on numerous boards and commissions and chairs the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission and the Oklahoma Film and Music Advisory Commission. The Lieutenant Governor is an advocate for children and for greater efficiency in government. She participates in and promotes various economic development projects and supports legislation and innovative means of providing greater hope and opportunity for Oklahoma's citizens.

I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!

*Rick*

Newsletter Editor



Lieutenant Governor, Jari Askins

## President's Message

### COPAS OKC President's Message

Hello everyone we are at that exciting time of year, the Annual Meeting and Employer Appreciation Luncheon. We are very proud to have as our speaker this year Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins. Ms Askins was sworn in as our 15<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor this year and has the rare distinction of having served in all three branches of government. Born and raised in Duncan, she is one of the truly great politicians with rural roots from the heart of oil and gas country. COPAS OKC has sent out invitations to the luncheon to many of your employers. However, if you have someone we missed and would like to invite them please contact me via email at the address below. We would love to have you and the people responsible for approving your COPAS memberships each year attend the luncheon.

Please note that the May meeting is also our Annual Meeting where we elect our new COPAS OKC Board members. If you have nominations for Board positions please contact our Nominating committee members. They are Mary Kruger, Mary Boyd and Dennis McGee. Their email addresses are located at the back of this newsletter.

I would also like to personally thank all of the volunteers this year who helped get everything done. As we all know, none of us has a lot of spare time to devote to volunteering. I know it takes a special person to volunteer and I really do appreciate all of the work each of you has done this year. I would like to personally thank the following:

#### Board Members

Mandy Wright  
Kevin Ellis  
Jeff Marsel  
Marith Means  
Susan Clark  
Amanda Muniz  
Jeff Geis  
Diana Voss

#### Committee Chairs

Mike Pearman  
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Mary Boyd  
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Craig Woodruff  
Kristin Sipe  
Rick Villarma  
Katherine Rhynes  
Amanda Whitmire

For those of you who would like to get more involved next year please contact one of our Board members or me. In spite of the time commitment it can be a very rewarding experience as we try to promote COPAS and improve COPAS OKC.

Please continue to check out our website at [www.copasokc.org](http://www.copasokc.org) for the latest updates.

*Randy Goben*, President

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## Events Calendar

**APA Exam**  
05/12/2007  
Tulsa, OK

**APA Exam**  
06/14-15/2007  
Bartlesville, OK

## Committee News

**Account 1300 - Audit**  
**Chairs: Mike Pearman, Chaparral**  
**Rick Stong, Chesapeake Energy**

Hello everyone.

The Audit and JI Committees met jointly on April 10th. Audit had five (5) attendees representing three (3) companies. The vote on MFI-XX Accounting for Catastrophe Related Costs was passed by both committees. Also on the agenda, was the presentation and discussion of several national voting items including the Wage Index Adjustment, Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance Manual Rates, Loading and Unloading Cost Adjustment, and the Audit Per Diem Adjustment.

Did you know that audit per diem standards for JI Audits were first accepted at the October 1974 National Council

Meeting? Did you know that audit per diem was first tied to the Wage Index Escalation at the Spring National Council Meeting held in May 1975? Your answers would be yes if you had attended the April 10<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. We hope newer people to the industry as well as the "old hands" learned something new from the discussions.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Employer Appreciation Luncheon, therefore we will not have a committee meeting on that date.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

*Mike & Rick*

**Account 1500 - Education**  
**Chair: Carole Robinson, Chesapeake Energy**

The Education Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Spring 2007 Education day on March 16th. With over one hundred attendees representing 16 companies from across Oklahoma, we far exceeded attendance expectations. We received a number of valuable comments on the survey form, which we will note when planning next year's event, and attendees should feel free to e-mail me at [crobinson@chkenergy.com](mailto:crobinson@chkenergy.com) if they have any comments or suggestions, or if they would like to be involved in the education committee.

We will have a few training opportunities coming up later this Spring and early Summer. I will e-mail the membership as details become available.

*Carole*

**Acct 1600 - Financial Reporting/Sarbanes Oxley  
Chair: Michael Hodges, Chesapeake**

The Financial Reporting committee will not meet this month.

Despite our recent sabbatical from committee meetings, plans are in place to reconvene so that we can all begin thinking about the issues and requirements that will be the focus for 2007 financial reporting.

Please continue to let me know of any suggestions that you have for future committee meetings.

Thanks!

*Michael*

**Acct 1700 – Joint Interest  
Chairs: Dennis McGee, Chesapeake  
Melissa Gruenewald, Chesapeake**

Hello, everyone! The last meeting of the Oklahoma City Joint Interest Committee was on April 10, 2007 where we had 24 attendees representing 5 companies. The committee voted on the Catastrophe Document, and unanimously approved the document. We also discussed various aspects of the National COPAS voting items.

We will not have a meeting during the Employer

Appreciation Lunch. However, the committee may need to meet before the next National COPAS Meeting in July. At the meeting, they will be voting on the Electronic Media document. We will try to take a poll at the luncheon to find the best time to meet.

Thanks!

*Dennis & Melissa*

**Acct 1800 – Membership  
Chair: Amanda Muniz, Devon**

Goal **250**

Current Count **228**

It has been another great year for membership. Membership is currently holding steady. If you have friends at other companies who are not members please encourage them to contact me, or notify me of any potentials for membership. For a direct contact please send your inquiries to Amanda Muniz at [amanda.muniz@dvn.com](mailto:amanda.muniz@dvn.com).

For those of you who would like to send in your membership questions please mail them to:

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The strength of our society will be directly related to the participation of all our companies. Please join and become an active volunteer in one of our numerous committees.

*Amanda*

**Acct 1900 – Midstream / Downstream Accounting**  
**Chairs: Mark Evans, Chesapeake**  
**Kathryne McKeever, Devon**

Although our committee will not meet this month, our highly anticipated refinery tour is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting to regale you with tales of refining!

*Kathryne & Mark*

**Acct 2000 – Revenue**  
**Chairs: Jeff Lenocker, Chesapeake**  
**Ashley Thomas, Devon**

Hello all,

The Revenue Committee had the pleasure of hearing Marvinette Ponder speak at our final Committee meeting of the season. 16 people representing 4 companies were on hand to participate in an excellent and informative discussion on Oil and Gas audit processes. We sincerely appreciate Marvinette's time and continued dedication to COPAS OKC.

We will not have a Committee meeting this month and instead hope to see you all at the Employer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 22nd.

*Jeff & Ashley*

**Acct 2100 – Small Oil and Gas Companies**  
**Chair: Imagine Your Name Here!**

The Small Oil and Gas Committee is looking for a chairperson! Please contact any of your board members listed at the end of this newsletter to ensure your company's interests are represented.

Remember, you get out of COPAS what you put into COPAS!

*This Could Be You*

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**Acct 2200 – Tax**  
**Chairs: RaLayna Hurley, Chesapeake**  
**Elaine King, Chaparral Energy**

COPAS Tax Committee members and guests met on April 18, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at The Petroleum Club, Downtown OKC, Chase Tower, 35<sup>th</sup> floor. Our speaker was John Meiders from Grant Thornton who discussed the basics on hedging oil & gas prices. We had approximately 25 members and guests present for our meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 16, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at The Petroleum Club, Downtown OKC, Chase Tower, 35<sup>th</sup> floor. Our speaker will be Mike Cougevan from Martindale Consultants.

*RaLayna & Elaine*

**Acct 2300 – 2008 Spring National Meeting**  
**Chair: Kristin Sipe, Chesapeake**

Well, I just got back from Breckenridge and the meeting was a giant success. I'm even more excited about planning our Spring 2008 National Meeting, and I'm ready to get moving. I have lots of new ideas to discuss with the committee heads.

Luncheon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will discuss reception ideas, entertainment, day trips, sponsorships, etc. I look forward to seeing you all then.

*Kristin*

Please plan on meeting after the Employer Appreciation

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