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National Meeting are now all booked. However, the Omni has opened up additional rooms available at the COPAS rate located in the second tower, the Marina Tower. Meetings will occur in both towers, which are separated by One Shoreline Plaza (a high-rise office building), and are only ½ block apart. The COPAS Registration Desk will be located on the 2nd floor of the Bayfront Tower.

Go to the National COPAS website for more information: [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org)

## Meeting Information

**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

**NOTICE! Meeting location moved!**

**Crowne Plaza**

**2945 Northwest Expressway**

**(north side of NW Expressway**

**between N May and Independence)**

**5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Social/Technical/Dinner**

**State Room**

**Guest Fee: \$25**

**Technical Session:** Oklahoma City is excited to have Rick Jones as our technical session

## SPECIAL NOTICE

**COPAS Spring National Meeting**

**April 25-29, 2005**

**Corpus Christi**

The **original** block of rooms reserved at the Omni – Bayfront Tower for the Spring 2005

speaker in March. Mr. Jones is the Manager-Supply Chain Management at Burlington Resources in Houston. Rick is the Founder and Chairman of Strategic Trade Alliance and is a CEPS Control Panel Member responsible for Oil Country Tubular Goods. Rick is also former Chairman of COPAS Materials Subcommittee and member of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, Society of Petroleum Engineers, and Investment Recovery Association. Rick is a graduate of Texas A & M University and has over twenty years oil and gas industry experience.

The session will be an informative discussion on the current steel and pipe market. Rick will explain why the market is so tight and what his predictions are for the future. With our current premium pricing environment, this discussion will also be great for your Purchasing personnel. Please notify your purchasing groups, as they will benefit from this session.

**Dinner Menu:** House salad, Chicken South of France: Grilled chicken breast topped with provolone cheese and grilled red pepper, served with seasonal vegetable medley and garlic mashed potatoes. Dessert: Italian Crème Cake.

**Committee Meeting Information**

<b>SOGCC</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Room 925</b>
<b>Jl/Audit Revenue Financial Reporting Midstream Accounting</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Room 925 Wildcat Room Derrick Room State Room</b>

## President's Message

Our meeting in February sure did live up to expectations. I have heard nothing but great feedback about all the speakers and their presentations. I feel confident that the Midstream / Downstream Accounting committee will become a very successful committee within COPAS. We thank Amanda Muniz and Meagan

Michael for putting together such a great symposium.

This month we will have our first meeting in a new location, the Crowne Plaza on Northwest Expressway. The Crowne Plaza is the old Hilton Northwest located just to the east of Hooters. Our technical speaker this month will be Rick Jones from Burlington Resources. Rick and I have worked together several years now on the Computer Equipment Pricing System (CEPS) Control Panel, and Rick is very knowledgeable in his area of expertise. I hope everyone is able to attend. It should be a great meeting.

We will be seeking three replacements for the Board of Directors. Barbara Koch, Jodie Ford and Marvinette Ponder have fulfilled their terms and will be finally paroled from the Board. Our Nominating committee, chaired by Cindy Heymans, has already contacted some potential prospects for the positions. However, if you are interested or know someone who would be a good Director for COPAS, please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Heymans.

At this meeting, we will be handing out the voting items for the COPAS General Council meeting to be held in Corpus Christi on April 29, 2005. Along with the information, we will have available ballots for those of you who may not be able to attend our Society meeting April 17. A company may vote by absentee ballot as long as they return the ballot no later than one week prior to the vote taken at our Society meeting. Therefore, if your company votes by absentee ballot, you must return it to either Jean Hale or me by April 10, 2005.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting.

*Roger*



**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**  
Society Meeting, Evening

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Society Meeting, Evening

**April 25-29, 2005**  
Spring 2005 National Meeting  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**May 17, 2005**  
Society Meeting  
Employer Appreciation Luncheon

**May 2005 – UCO**  
Education Day

## Committee News

### Acct 1300 Audit

**Chair: Todd Attalla, Martindale**

The next Audit meeting will be March 22, and will be a joint meeting with the JI Committee. We will be discussing the field office MFI, offsite technology MFI, and the update on the payout document. Hope to see you there!

Todd

### Acct 1400 Certification

**Chair: Jean Hale, Dominion**

The APA Exam was held on February 25th at Chaparral's Offices. There were two registrants for the exam.

Jean

### Acct 1500 Education

**Chair: Jean Hale, Dominion**

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, February 23 at Martindale Consultants Offices. There were 9 members in attendance representing 7 companies. The committee discussed plans for the 2005 Education Day. Possible dates were selected and responsibilities were assigned. Facilities are being sourced and a date and location will be determined based on facility availability. The committee recommended staying with the same format as previous years with 7 speakers and 7 hours of CPE recommended for the day. If members have requests for topics or speakers please forward them to Jean Hale, Committee Chair at [jean\\_e\\_hale@dom.com](mailto:jean_e_hale@dom.com).

The committee also discussed the Board recommendation regarding seminar offerings for the 2005-2006 year. The Education Committee will only be responsible for registration for the one-day seminars and the Certification Committee, with Board oversight, will be responsible for the scheduling, presenters and facilities.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th, 4:00 pm at Martindale Consultant's Offices.

Jean

### Acct 1600 Financial Reporting/Sarbanes Oxley

**Chair: Joe Evans, Evans, Gaither & Associates PLLC**

There will be an organizational meeting on March 22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Derrick Room. Anyone interested in this committee is welcome to attend. Please contact Joe Evans at 405/209-5776 or by email ([jevans@egacpas.com](mailto:jevans@egacpas.com)) if you have any questions.

Joe

**Acct 1700 Joint Interest**

**Chairs: Dennis McGee, Chesapeake  
Melissa Gruenewald, Chesapeake**

The next JI meeting will be March 22, and will be a joint meeting with the Audit Committee. The committee will be discussing the field office MFI, offsite technology MFI, and the update on the payout document. If you need copies of any of these documents, please contact Dennis McGee or Melissa Gruenewald.

Melissa

**Acct 1800 Membership**

**Chair: Jean Hale, Dominion**

President-Elect Jean Hale is handling address changes this year. Please notify Jean at [jean\\_e\\_hale@dom.com](mailto:jean_e_hale@dom.com) if your contact information has changed.

**Membership Stats:**

Goal: **190** Current Count: **220**

**New Members:**

Justin Manning, Te-Ray Resources  
Terry Fendley, Lexxus Natural Gas LLC  
Sandy Smith, Lexxus Natural Gas LLC

**Acct 1900 Midstream / Downstream**

**Chairs: Amanda Muniz, Devon  
Meagen Michael, Devon**

The Midstream/Downstream Symposium was a great success! We will conduct an organizational meeting on March 22 in the State Room at the Crowne Plaza. Anyone interested is welcome to join us!

Amanda

**Acct 2000 Revenue**

**Chairs: Mark Evans, Chesapeake  
Melanie Hayhurst, Chesapeake**

The next Revenue Committee meeting will be held on March 22. The speaker will be Bill Wince, Manager of Contract Administration, Chesapeake Energy. The topic will be Natural Gas Pricing and Contracts.

Mark & Melanie

**Acct 2100 Small Oil and Gas Companies**

**Chairs: Richard Friant, Gulfport  
Bill Head, Earlsboro**

We will be starting our meeting at the usual time of 3 pm in room 925. Our guest speaker will be Jeanne Warner. She is a consultant contracted to Apache, and will be speaking on the topic of Solving Gas Balancing Problems.

Looking Ahead: In April, we will have Trebor Nall, a tax specialist with Grant Thornton, to speak on tax issues for the small producer.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Richard

**Acct 2200 Tax**

**Chairs: Matt Johnson, OGE Energy  
Louise Cleary, Cleary Petroleum**

The February Tax Committee monthly meeting was held on February 16. Petroleum Engineer Kurt Miller gave us an overview on Drilling Operations. We had 27 people in attendance from 17 different companies. Our next scheduled meeting is March 16 at 11:30 at The Petroleum Club, Downtown OKC, Bank One Tower, 35<sup>th</sup> floor. Our speaker will be Bruce Stallworth of OIPA. He will present an overview of the new legislative updates. Everyone

interested is welcome to attend the meeting; cost is \$15 for COPAS members, \$20 for non-members. For reservations contact RaLayna Hurley ([Rhurley@chkenergy.com](mailto:Rhurley@chkenergy.com)) by noon Monday, March 14.

Louise

**Acct 2300 Nominating**

**Chairs: Cynthia Heymans, SeaDog Acctg  
Pat Martindale, Martindale  
David Arms, Earlsboro**

The COPAS-Oklahoma City Society's Annual Meeting will be held on May 17, 2005. Each Regular Member in attendance will be entitled to vote for three candidates to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors for the three-year term beginning June 1, 2005. The positions are currently held by Jodie Ford, Barbara Koch and Marvinette Ponder, none of whom are eligible for re-election.

The Nominating Committee has identified three candidates for the upcoming Board vacancies. **Janie Colliver** with Mustang Fuel Corporation has been a member for approximately 14 years and regularly attends the Revenue Committee meetings. Janie assisted with the last two national meetings hosted by our society. She is currently serving on the Education committee and is assisting in planning this year's Employer Appreciation Day. **Kathy Jones**, Dutcher &

Company, has been an active member of COPAS since 1999. Kathy served on the Registration subcommittee for the Fall 2002 National Meeting and helped plan the past two Holiday Meeting festivities as well as this year's Golf Tournament. **Jim Tyler** with Reserve Petroleum Company first joined COPAS in 1980. Jim was our society's President from 1989-1990 and is looking forward to serving again.

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving on the Board or if you would like to nominate someone for the Board. We will also take nominations from the floor at the May 17, 2005 meeting. Any nominees must be willing to serve and must have their company's support. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Nominating Committee:

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