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July 24, 2018

To: Current and Prospective COPAS Members

Re: **COPAS-OKC Membership Drive 2018-2019**

The Oklahoma City Society of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS) invites you to join an organization developed to help you gain valuable experience and learn from other accounting professionals in the petroleum industry. COPAS is recognized for its expertise in oil and gas accounting and is an authority in offering accounting guidelines and solutions to the latest developments and challenges facing the energy sector. Whether you are an operator, working interest owner, royalty owner, teacher, student or accounting firm, COPAS has something for you. It is a great place for networking and keeping up with latest in oil and gas accounting.

Participation in COPAS provides opportunities for education and personal growth that will enhance your knowledge and contribution to your company. We are a volunteer organization and encourage your active participation in one of our committees. Committees offer education in specific areas, including in-depth discussions of issues that contribute to the establishment of industry standards. Educational and training opportunities, reference materials, and industry contacts are all available to COPAS members. In addition, CPE (Continuing Professional Education) credit is offered in our committee meetings and technical sessions.

**Local committees include:**

- ◆ Audit
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Joint Interest
- ◆ Small Oil and Gas Companies
- ◆ Revenue
- ◆ New Professionals

Your active participation in COPAS provides you the opportunity to learn about and provide input for changes that affect your business before they are adopted. The organization has 25 local societies in the United States and Canada, with over 4,000 members nationwide. Committees exist at both the local and national level, and include members representing companies of varying sizes.

At the national level, COPAS has developed the *Accredited Petroleum Accountant (APA®)* exam, a knowledge-based certification. The *APA®* program provides excellent resources for continuing education, and can also be beneficial for employer and employee training and selection.

The *APA®* examination tests the basic elements of knowledge essential for an oil and gas accountant:

- ◆ Fundamentals of Oil and Gas Accounting
- ◆ General Accounting
- ◆ Upstream
- ◆ Midstream
- ◆ Downstream

We are pleased to announce that meetings this year will once again be held at the beautiful **Quail Creek Country Club**, at 3501 Quail Creek in Oklahoma City. For added convenience, we have a mix of lunch and dinner meetings.

**Society Meeting dates for 2018-2019 are:**

**2018**

- ◆ Tuesday, September 11, 2018 (dinner)
- ◆ Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (dinner)
- ◆ Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (holiday lunch)

**2019**

- ◆ Tuesday, February 19, 2019 (dinner)
- ◆ Thursday, March 7, 2019 (dinner)
- ◆ Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (dinner)
- ◆ Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (employer appreciation lunch)

**Membership dues of \$230 per person** include the cost of seven Society meetings, meals at all meetings, and two drink tickets at dinner meetings. The dues also include \$80 membership in COPAS at the national level. A membership benefits summary is attached. All applications must be submitted on line at [www.copasokc.org/membership](http://www.copasokc.org/membership). Payment can be made on-line or via check by mail to COPAS – Oklahoma City Society, PO Box 144, Oklahoma City, OK 73101. If paying by check, please include a list of member names.

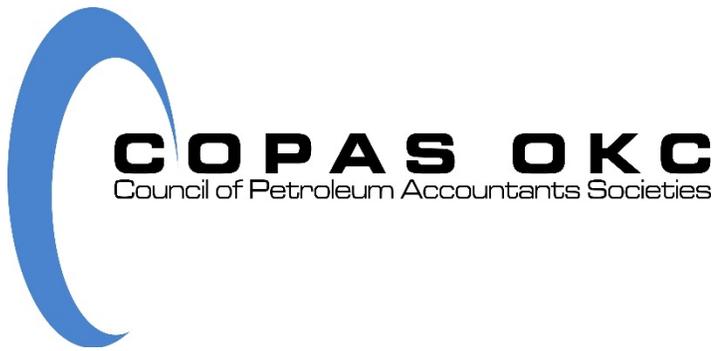
We invite you to join us, and take an active role in an organization where your participation can make a difference! For more information regarding membership, please contact [membership@copasokc.org](mailto:membership@copasokc.org), Mike Grady at [mike.grady@chk.com](mailto:mike.grady@chk.com), or Craig Buck at [c.buck@marticons.com](mailto:c.buck@marticons.com). Additional information concerning COPAS OKC can be found at [www.copasokc.org](http://www.copasokc.org).

Sincerely,



Craig Buck  
President

Attachments



## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS)

**COPAS of Oklahoma City** is a professional, non-profit organization for oil and gas accountants located in the Oklahoma City area, who are actively engaged in exploration, production, refining, marketing or transportation of oil and gas.

**Membership in COPAS** provides you with the following benefits:

- Participation in the development and implementation of accounting publications and guidelines.
- Quality educational opportunities, including Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE), are available.
- Participation in local and national committees in areas of audit, education, joint interest, revenue, small oil and gas companies, tax and APA certification.
- Personal and professional growth through the Accredited Petroleum Accountant (APA®) program, created by COPAS.
- Quarterly National *ACCOUNTS* online magazine which includes valuable industry updates and insight.
- Networking opportunities with other oil & gas accounting professionals. Locally, we have almost 180 members. Nationally, there are more than 4,000 members in 25 local societies throughout the United States and Canada.

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Please visit our website at [www.copasokc.org](http://www.copasokc.org) for additional information, including:

- ▶ Contacts
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Meeting Dates
- ▶ Membership

## **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 - Membership.** Membership in the Society shall be open only to individuals who are genuinely interested in the aims and objectives of the Society, and who are willing to subscribe to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, the Code of Ethics as adopted by the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies, Inc. ("COPAS") and upon payment of membership fees. All memberships shall be valid for a period of one (1) fiscal year, and must be renewed each fiscal year.

**SECTION 2 - Regular Members.** Individuals who are qualified, as set forth in Section 1 of this Article, may be approved as Regular Members, provided they are actively engaged in the accounting activities of a company or entity whose primary business is the exploration, production, transportation, refining, or marketing of hydrocarbons. Individuals employed by any other entity or who are self-employed (hereafter deemed to be included in the use of the term entity) are eligible to be Regular Members, provided that the applicants are engaged directly in oil and gas accounting decision making or auditing of oil and gas interests. Individuals employed by government agencies are not eligible for Regular Memberships.

Regular Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, including voting and the holding of offices as hereinafter set forth.

For the purposes of this Section, accounting activities are construed to include Joint Interest Accounting and Auditing, Revenue or Production Accounting and Auditing, Fixed Asset and Material Accounting, Refining, Marketing, or Transportation Accounting, Financial Reporting and Analysis, oversight of Oil and Gas Accounting Systems (incl. EDI), Tax, Treasury Functions, or other accounting functions as determined by the Board of Directors.

Throughout this document Regular Members shall be deemed to represent the entity from which they derive the majority of their annual income. Regular Members who are contract employees and derive 90% of their annual income from a single entity shall be deemed to represent that entity. No member may represent more than one (1) entity.

**SECTION 3 - Associate Members.** Individuals who are qualified as set forth in Section 1 of this Article but who are not eligible to become Regular Members as defined in Section 2 of this Article, may seek to become Associate Members of the Society. Associate Membership carries with it all of the privileges of Regular Membership, except those Associate Members may not vote nor hold elective office. Employees of governmental agencies are eligible for Associate Memberships.

**SECTION 4 - Honorary Members.** Any member, past member, university representative, or other dignitary who has distinguished himself in exceptional service rendered to the Society or to petroleum accounting may be elected to honorary membership in this Society by the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Society except that they may not vote nor hold office within the Society. Any Honorary Member may become a Regular Member also.