



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

from the president

Dear GCSTG members and friends,

As our November meeting approaches, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by the hurricanes this season. With recovery still ongoing, we need to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the emergency response provided to those in need. The response by the people not just local and federal agencies was a reminder of the true nature of the American spirit. The civilian agencies, church groups and so many others have given so much of their time and resources to help those in need.

We will have a new slate of officers starting in January and my thanks go out to those who volunteered to serve as officers and on committees. Ballots will be sent out prior to the January meeting. The officer slate will be as follows:

Edie Tranchina	President
Maria Champagne	President Elect
Buddy White	Secretary
Gene Barfield	Treasurer

Special thanks goes out to Laurie Knape for revitalizing the Regulatory Affairs committee.

If you missed our September 2017 meeting, you missed two great topics. Joey House with the US D.O.T. FMCSA spoke on *Complying with FMCSA's Electronic Logging Device Mandate* and Chuck Simpson, CSP with EPIC Brokers spoke on *ANSI z390: Hydrogen Sulfide Training Requirements Update*.

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notice of meeting

When: **Friday, November 10, 2017**

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$30 for members & sponsored guests
\$40 for non-members and members not sending an RSVP
(We accept cash or checks. We are NOT set up for credit cards.)

RSVP **Required by Thursday, November 9th, at 11:00 a.m.**
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@lusfiber.net

meeting agenda

07:30 - 08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast

08:00 - 08:30 **Welcome & Self Introductions**

08:30 - 08:45 Committee Reports

08:45 - 09:00 Networking / Break

09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: Arc Flash / NFPA 70E**

Speaker: **Kevin Weidman**

Company: **Cintas**

09:45 - 10:00 Networking / Break

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: Hazardous Area Electrical Regulatory Requirements and Training Developments: API 500-505, RIPES (Regulatory Inspections for Platform Electrical Systems), New Regulations / CFR's, OCS Group Collaboration/joining forces with ULL for the provision of more services"**

Speaker: **Paul Clarke - Technical Authority / Training Manager**

Company: **OCS Group**

10:45 - 11:00 Networking / Break

11:00 - Until Round Table Discussion - Members seek solutions to safety concerns and share experiences

Door Prize Drawing

Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

officers & committees

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meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on September 8, 2017 at 8:00 AM by Jim Gunter, President 2017. Jim reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The pledge of allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence for our US Military. Committee Reports were presented then everyone introduced themselves.

Jim reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership/Treasurer's / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 185 members currently
- Crawfish Boil: Two target dates, waiting on Petroleum Club to provide dates.
- Newsletter will be sent out until Dec 2017, after that the newsletter will be found on <http://www.gcstg.com/Newsletter.html>.
- General Fund - \$65,667.29
- Scholarship Fund - \$2000.00

Science Fair 2017, Leonard Nederveld

All of the Science Fair duties are completed for this year. We are looking forward to another great year in 2018.

So far all of our chairs have accepted the responsibility to serve as regional chairs for next year. If you are interested in assisting in the judging for your region, please contact the respective chair or the general chair. The information for each region is given below.

There have not been any volunteers to assist with the judging for the past two years in Houston. Because of this we will discontinue the judging for the Houston fairs until someone expresses interest and there are volunteers to assist. If you would be interested and willing to help contact Chuck or Leonard.

In 2018, we will begin sending meal tickets to any students that will attend the meetings. This will be a polite way of reminding them that we will only provide a free meal for the student and one adult. Other guests will need to pay a meal fee.

Region	Chair(s)	E-mail	Phone
General Chair	Leonard Nederveld	leonardned@gmail.com	337-781-3050
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Leonard Nederveld
 Science Fair Committee Chair

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SafeGulf, Edie Tranchina
SafeGulf Minute – July 26, 2017
Hosted by Laurie at Apache in Houston

- Everyone looked at the website and we were asked to review in detail and email Laurie any recommended changes by October 1st. Brooke at PEC will finalize the site.
- To avoid the site becoming outdated, it was recommended that an annual review be done by Oct 1st for publication on January 1st. This requirement will be added to the guidelines.
- Laurie also requested that the distribution list also be updated annually to encourage new board members, because the majority of members do not attend or participate.
- We recommended the SafeGulf Syllabus annually and determine if changes are require, a committee will be form to address the necessary changes.
- After struggling with the obviously important topics, which were deleted from the original syllabus, it was agreed to reassemble the Curriculum Committee. Laurie will send out the meeting invite for October.

Regulatory Affairs, David Dykes
Lori Knappe accepted the RA position.

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield
OPITO donated \$2000.00

Quality Committee, Nic McCormic
The next ASQ Meeting will be held December 14, 2017 at Fezzos Seafood, Steakhouse & Oyster Bar of Broussard from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be presenting the 2018 Leadership Group along with a presentation on “Management System Principles” presented by Nic McCormic. This meeting will have a \$15 cover fee for those who are wishing to eat during the presentation. For more information please contact Nic McCormic at nic@dutyms.com or 337-849-7417.

Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter
Officer nomination will be November..

Topic 1: “Complying with FMCSA’s electronic Logging device Mandate”
Speaker: Joey House US D.O.T Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – Louisiana Division

Deadline for compliance is December 18th
Refer to presentations for topic discussion.

9:55am - Break

Topic 2: ANSI Z-390; Hydrogen Sulfide Training Requirement Update”
Speaker: Chuck Simpson, CSP EPIC Brokers

Refer to presentations for topic discussion

Round Table:

Laurie Gauthier: LAGCOE to establish an exhibit for the Oil and Gas Museum with ULL. The idea is to educate the general public on the process of drilling for oil and gas from start to finish.

Pete Goodman – NOSAK diving published in 1978 in the process of being updated.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were drawn and distributed and the meeting closed at 12:00 noon for lunch.

SafeGulf Report-17-10
Hosted by Laurie Knappe at the Shell Robert Training Facility

At the SafeGulf meeting on Thursday October 26th the curriculum committee has been invited back to join the advisory group to discuss and work on the current syllabus. It was recently discovered that the operators were not in agreement with the changes that had taken place. It was also discovered that the accrediting bodies had added the changes to what they were currently offering rather than replacing with the new changes. We will review the current syllabus, remove required times and number of slides and present the changes back to the group.

We will also be reviewing the updates on the test website. The website has been enhanced to offer more information and resources to the public.

Voting for the next appointment of officers will be held at the October 26th meeting.

membership report

Category	Count
Air Service Companies	1
Associations	2
Contractor Production Operators	11
Diving Service Companies.....	3
Drilling Companies.....	1
Governmental Services.....	27
Independent Safety Consultants.....	13
Industrial Medical Services	10
Insurance Companies	1
Marine Service Companies	2
Oil/Gas Production Companies	27
Safety Equipment Suppliers	1
Safety/Training Services Companies	19
Service Companies.....	63
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training	2
Total	186

Welcome New Members

MICHAEL ODINET, MD
XSTREMEMD

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

August 2017

General Fund	\$64,816.28
Scholarship Fund	\$2000.00
TOTAL:	\$66,816.28

R.S.V.P.

In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.

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The **date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).**

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First, Kevin Weidman with Cintas will speak on *Arc Flash / NFPA 70E*. Our second presenter will be Paul Clarke with the OCS Group who will speak on *Hazardous Area Electrical Regulatory Requirements and Training Developments: API 500-505, RIPES (Regulatory Inspections for Platform Electrical Systems), New Regulations / CFR's, OCS Group Collaboration/joining forces with UL Lafayette for the provision of more services.*

Both of these topics should be very informative and we hope to see you at the meeting.

In closing, if I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

L. J. "Jim" Gunter, CSP
GCSTG President

Have a Safe and Happy THANKSGIVING



2018 Meeting Schedule

Friday, January 12, 2018
Friday, March 9, 2018
Friday, May 11, 2018
Friday, July 13, 2018
Friday, September 14, 2018
Friday, November 9, 2018