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### **GPA Convention Online Registration and Hotel Deadlines**

#### **Online registration deadline**

We're less than 3 weeks from the GPA Convention, and more than 1,900 midstream professionals have registered. We will close online registration at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. Those not able to register by this date must register on site.

For those who have already registered, please keep an eye on your inbox for important GPA Convention e-mails, which we'll be sending this week.

#### **Hotel information**

The deadline to reserve hotel rooms at the discounted rate is tomorrow, March 21. After this date, the hotel is not required to give you GPA's discount pricing:

Single Occupancy - \$254/night

Double Occupancy - \$264/night

Marriott Riverwalk: (800) 648-4462 toll free in the United States

Local: (210) 224-4555

#### **Young Professionals registration increases**

Nearly 140 Young Professionals (YPs) have registered for the 2013 GPA Convention. This year's YP events will focus on leadership, kicking off Sunday, April 7 with keynote speaker Curt Steinhorst. He will talk about the difference in generations, with focus on the baby boomers vs. Gen Y and how Gen Y can become leaders. During the YP-sponsored training session on Monday, April 8, Leslie Duke, general manager of Burns & McDonnell's Texas offices, will facilitate a three-hour workshop with case studies on leadership.

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### **RICE MACT rule changes finalized**

On Jan. 30, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published significant changes to the rules for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (Area Source RICE MACT) as anticipated. The biggest change is a new category for "remote engines," which are essentially engines at facilities on Class 1 pipelines. Engines that are not "remote" will be required to install catalysts by Oct. 19, 2013, to meet strict emission standards, conduct initial performance tests within 180 days and conduct annual performance tests thereafter. Most engines, however, will only be required to perform routine maintenance including oil changes/analysis, and inspection of spark plugs, belts and hoses.

The GPA Environmental Committee has worked directly with EPA on this rule for several years. The finalization of these changes will result in significant reductions in the compliance burden, and annual costs, to gas gathering and processing facilities.

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#### **New GPSA Editorial Review Board members**

As a reminder, the 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of the GPSA Engineering Data Book is available for purchase and accessible from the GPA and GPSA web sites. The group that reviews and edits the Data Book is the Editorial Review Board (ERB). The GPSA board of directors would like to welcome the following new members of the ERB:

Mike Spinks, Enterprise - Baton Rouge, La.

Lee Norris, SPT Group - Houston

Adrian Finn, Costain – Manchester, UK

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#### **Standard 2108**

GPA Technical Standard 2108 - Fractionation Grade Product Specifications has been approved and published and is available for purchase in the publications area at [www.GPAGlobal.org](http://www.GPAGlobal.org).

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#### **Balloting of GPA Standards 2261 and 2177**

Two ballots have been sent to the Technical Committee from Technical Section B - Analysis & Test Methods:

##### **2261 - Analysis of Natural Gas and Similar Gaseous Mixtures by Gas Chromatography** (Revised 2012)

Ballot is due April 15

The most significant change to Standard 2261 involves redefining of the precision statements to reflect the recently obtained round-robin precision data set. The new data set is, in some cases, tighter than the previous data, but represents the performance of the laboratories participating in the round robin when calibrated for the range of samples analyzed.

##### **2177 - Analysis of Natural Gas Liquid Mixtures Containing Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide by Gas Chromatography** (Revised 2013)

Ballot is due April 22

The most significant change to Standard 2177 involves redefining of the precision statements to reflect the recently obtained round-robin precision data set. The direction the working group chose was to curve fit the existing precision values to provide simple equations for the reproducibility and repeatability calculations, thus eliminating the stair-stepped approach to calculating the reproducibility and repeatability precisions.

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#### **2013 GPA School of Gas Chromatography**

GPA will host its School of Gas Chromatography Aug. 5 - 9 at the University of Tulsa (Oklahoma). In its 40th year, this intensive one-week school has proven to be one of the best available worldwide, which explains why it has sold out almost every year. GPA will take up to 100 students this year, and GPA's Analysis and Test Methods Section (Technical Section B) will manage, direct and conduct the school as in past years.

Registration will open on April 15 and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who register by July 11 will save \$100.

#### **Early Bird Registration (by July 11)**

\$600 - GPA / GPSA Members

\$900 - Non-Members

#### **Standard Registration (after July 11)**

\$700 - GPA / GPSA Members

\$1,000 - Non-Members

For more information, visit <https://www.GPAGlobal.org/chromo/> or contact [Janet Griggs](mailto:Janet.Griggs@GPA.org), (918) 493-3872.

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#### **2013 North Texas scholarship application now available**

The North Texas GPA (NTGPA) is accepting applications for its 2013 Scholarship Program.

Successful candidates will be awarded a one-year scholarship. The full scholarship amount will be deposited in their university accounts and available for the start of the fall 2013 semester.

If you know a student enrolled in an accredited 2- or 4-year university studying engineering, engineering technology, process technology, heavy equipment maintenance or similar degree programs, please encourage him or her to apply for this great opportunity. Applications must be postmarked or faxed by May 31. The scholarship committee will notify all applicants of its decision no later than July 1.

The goal of the NTGPA Scholarship Program is to encourage students to careers in the gas processing industry. Applicants are requested to make note of personal interests, course work or summer internships related to the energy industry. Previous scholarship recipients may also apply.

Visit the North Texas GPA chapter web page for the application: <https://www.gpaglobal.org/chapters/northtexas/>.

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### **GPA/GPSA Calendar**

#### **April**

7-10 2013 GPA Convention

#### **May**

1 Houston GPA Luncheon  
2 Permian Basin GPA Annual Meeting  
3 Permian Basin GPA Golf Tournament  
6 Gulf Cooperation Council Annual Organization Meeting  
7 Gulf Cooperation Council 21st Annual Technical Conference  
8 MidContinent GPA Annual Meeting  
9 GPA Canada Operations & Maintenance Conference  
15-16 GPA Europe European Gas Processing Conference & Exhibition  
23 North Texas GPA Golf Tournament

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