



# **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,

I am so grateful for the many blessings in my life, including GCSTG. This organization has been a part of my professional development for as long as I can remember. The knowledge that I have gained from this group has been invaluable. Speaking of value, I have always been impressed with the very affordable annual membership dues of \$75 and the \$30 per meeting fee. The delicious Petroleum Club buffet alone is worth the \$30 meeting fee!

Recently, I have reviewed the list of presenters we have had at the GCSTG meetings over the past. I was very impressed with the content of the presentations, which included relevant topics focused on elevating members' knowledge of health, safety and environmental matters. Since January 2017, GCSTG has hosted presenters that discussed the following topics:

- OSHA Recordkeeping;
- Hazard Recognition and Limits of Human Perception;
- Overview of Louisiana Fire Marshall's Office & Interaction with Industry;
- 3rd Leading Cause of Death-Stroke Prevention;
- How Telemedicine Can be Used to Enhance Employee Wellness;
- How President Trump May Affect OSHA Regulations;
- 2017 Hurricane Season;
- Risk Tolerance in the Workplace;
- JSA Best Practice-Panel Discussion;
- ANSI Z390: H2S Training Requirement Update;

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## **notice of meeting**

**When:** Friday, November 9, 2018

**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 8, at 10:00 a.m.**  
You must RSVP to attend!  
Email RSVP to [ljunter@lusfiber.net](mailto:ljunter@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: Common Findings in Facility Loss Prevention Audits / Inspections**  
**Speaker: Charles Simpson**  
**Company: EPIC**

09:45 - 10:00 **Networking / Break**

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: Updates to On-land Training Requirements**  
**Speaker: Alex Novis**  
**Company: OSHA**

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

### President

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Vacant

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### Speaker Arrangements

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### Scholarship

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### Science Fair – Chairman

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713-409-4403

### Houston Area Science Fair

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### New Orleans Area Science Fair

Kent Bordelon.....kent.bordelon53@gmail.com  
Safety Consultant.....504-559-7961

## meeting minutes . . . .

The meeting was called to order on September 14, 2018 at 8:11 a.m. by Maria Champagne, president. Maria 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 military, members and families in need. Everyone introduced themselves and any new members. Committee Reports were presented.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 154 members currently, the highest count of memberships ever 469
- Finances can be found in the newsletter and balance \$51,000
- Thanks to the member that come on a regular basis
- Crawfish boil is schedule for the Thursday night before the May membership meeting

#### Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

We will be conducting a meeting on November 1, 2018 by conference call to approve the SafeGulf Syllabus.

#### Regulatory Affairs, Laurie Knape

No report. A reminder the Regulatory Affairs Report is posted on webpage ([www.gcstg.com](http://www.gcstg.com)) and will not be emailed; on the webpage click on regulatory affairs then click on a word document. Once the document is opened, the internet link can be found in the far right column.

#### Quality Committee, Nic McCormic

There is a list in the back of the room on the table for training the remainder of 2018 and tentative training schedule for 2019. ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor Training November 5-9, 2018, Lafayette, LA Fairfield Inn. Information on price and details are on the back table.

#### Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield

The scholarship fund is depleted. Nic McCormic stated that DUTY Management Systems has pledged to match donations up to \$1000.00.

#### Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

Maria Champagne will take over the remainder of 2018 presidential duties and continue as the president for the year 2019. We are looking

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- Complying with FMCSA's Electronic Logging Device Mandate;
- Technical Authority/Training Manager;
- Hazardous Area Electrical Regulatory Requirements;
- Millennial Workforce;
- Hand Injuries;
- Oil & Gas Environmental Regulations;
- CATT 4-Civilian Active Threat Training;
- Case Study-Release in Bayou Penchant;
- Hazard Awareness on the Job Site;
- First Aid Burn Care; and
- The State of the Oil & Gas Industry.

I am happy to say that the majority of these topics were suggested by members. In addition, there are numerous Committee updates, e.g. SafeGulf, Regulatory Affairs, Quality, etc., at every meeting. We cannot forget the immeasurable value received from the Round Table Discussion. This opportunity to address and query industry peers on challenges faced is a vital part of the GCSTG experience. The Round Table Discussion is equivalent to having a group of highly experienced industry consultants giving free advice for a half hour! That is definitely worth the annual membership dues of \$75 and the \$30 meeting fee. Every GCSTG meeting that I have attended provides me with relevant information to take back to my company and enrich our EHS program.

Though there are other industry organizations, I do not know of another that offers such a fantastic array of information provided at such an extremely low cost. I sincerely hope that you consider the great value GCSTG has in your professional development and the value this information adds to the safety of your workplace. It is industry peers like yourself that bring such incredible significance to GCSTG. The members of GCSTG are its greatest strength! Please take November 9th as an opportunity to bring a colleague to the final GCSTG meeting of 2018. I would also like to ask you to bring colleagues to every meeting in 2019 so that we can continue to grow GCSTG and stay vibrant in our role of spreading safety knowledge throughout our industry. In the great words of certified trainer, speaker and coach Wayne Broussard, "Safety Should NEVER Be Selfish!!!"<sup>©</sup>

Maria Champagne, CSP  
GCSTG President

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for an individual with the qualification to fill the remainder of the president-elect for 2018 and the upcoming year of 2019.

### Speaker Arrangements, Maria Champagne

Maria asked the group to send her any suggestions for future speakers for 2018 meetings and 2019 meetings. We have one speaker for November 9, 2018 meeting.

### Guest Speaker for next meeting: Alex Novas with OSHA

### Round Table, Maria Champagne

Maria opened the floor for the Round Table Discussion. The Round Table Discussion is for members seeking solutions to safety concerns and share experiences.

- Laurie Knape discussed update on API documents: API RPT-8, RP 75, and API RP76.
- Leonard Nederveld discussed GCSTG needs new and younger members to step up and run for Offices. Members are welcome to attend the Executive Meeting on the Thursday night before the membership meeting and see how the process works in our organization.
- Nic McCormic discussed upcoming meeting for Quality October 11, 2018 at Frank's office in Lafayette.
- Erik Peutling asked about getting PPE to employees working in Brazil South America. Pete Goodman stated American companies are unable to shop in Mexico also. Luther Johnson stated in Brazil they will charge you 100% taxes on anything that is sent over from America.
- Gordon Ganaway asked if anyone allows hot fueling during fracking operations.

### Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 1:30 p.m.

### Next Meeting

November 9, 2018

**Science Fair Report - Leonard Nederveld**

It's time again to begin thinking about volunteering to assist with the judging of the Regional Science Fairs. We will judge all of the fairs again this year. If you are interested in assisting with the judging of the Regional Fair in your area please contact the Chair for your region.

Below are the names and contact information for each of the Regional Chairs.

Region	Fair Date	Chair(s)	E-mail	Phone
General Chair		Leonard Nederveld	leonardned@gmail.com	337-781-3050
New Orleans	Feb. 18-21	Kent Bordelon	kent.bordelon53@gmail.com	504-559-7961
Lafayette	Feb. 16	Danny Viator	dannyviator@cox.net	337-380-0684
Houma-Thibodaux	Jan. 15	Bill Womack and Gary Clifton	bill.womack@anadarko.com  Gary.Clifton@anadarko.com	985-448-1440, 713-409-4403 832-636-2506
Houston	Feb. 24	Maria Champagne	Maria.champagne@cabotog.com	(832) 651-1990

**Quality Committee**

The next ASQ Meeting will be held at Fezzo's in Broussard on Dec. 13, 2018 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Erik Reutling will be presenting on Grass Root Quality Systems. Dinner and two adult beverages will be provided for \$15 per person. Contact Nic McCormic for more information [nic@dutymms.com](mailto:nic@dutymms.com).

**Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter**

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**2018-2019**  
**Meeting Schedule**

Friday, November 9, 2018  
Friday, January 11 2019  
Friday, March 8, 2019

**membership report**

Category .....	Count
Air Service Companies.....	1
Associations .....	2
Contractor Production Operators.....	6
Diving Service Companies.....	2
Governmental Services.....	27
Independent Safety Consultants.....	13
Industrial Medical Services .....	8
Insurance Companies .....	1
Marine Service Companies .....	2
Oil/Gas Production Companies .....	23
Safety Equipment Suppliers .....	1
Safety/Training Services Companies.....	17
Service Companies.....	48
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training .....	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>

**treasurer's report**

*Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP*

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

General Fund .....	\$51,761.45
Scholarship Fund .....	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$51,761.45</b>

**Welcome New Members**

DANIELLE KIMBLE  
FALCK SAFETY SERVICES

**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.*

**Email your RSVP**  
**by Thursday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m.**  
**to: [ljgunter@lusfiber.net](mailto:ljgunter@lusfiber.net)**

*Please include in your email:*  
**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).**

