



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 hope everyone had a happy holiday season and that the new year brings great things to all of you and to our industry. The year 2017 set many records, unfortunately most of them were devastating to those impacted. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those still dealing with the consequences of these events.

As our January meeting approaches, it amazes me how time seems to fly the older I get. It seems like I was just sworn in as President for 2017 and my term will be ending. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your President once again.

The good news is we have a great slate of new officers starting in January. I know they will do a great job providing quality speakers and networking opportunities to our membership. My thanks go out to those who volunteered to serve as officers and on committees in the coming year. Please keep in mind that without volunteers our group could not function and I ask you to please consider volunteering.

Also, I would like to recognize the efforts of our 2017 officers and committee's chairs who worked so hard to provide services to our membership and made my term as President very rewarding.

If you missed our November 2017 meeting, you missed two great topics. Kevin Weidman with Cintas spoke on Arc Flash / NFPA 70E and

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notice of meeting

When: **Friday, January 12, 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, January 11th, at 11:00 a.m.**
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@bellsouth.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: "Preparing for the Influx of New Inexperienced Workers into the Industry."**
Speaker: Shelby Simpson
Company: PEC

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

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: SafeGulf.Updatefor 2018**
Speakers: Laurie Knape, SafeGulf Chairman
Alma Roberts, Director Accreditation Programs
Pete Eustis, Director PEC

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

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from the presidency *Continued from page 1*

Paul Clarke with the OCS Group spoke on Hazardous Area Electrical Regulatory Requirements and Training Developments.

At our January meeting, we have two great topics lined up.

First, Shelby Simpson with PEC will speak on “Preparing for the Influx of New Inexperienced Workers into the Industry.”

Second, Laurie Knape SafeGulf’s Chairperson will provide a SafeGulf update for 2018. In addition Alma Roberts, Director Accreditation Programs for IADC and Pete Eustis, Director PEC, as representatives from SafeGulf’s accrediting organizations, will participate in the 2018 update.

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

meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on November 10, 2017 at 8:08 a.m. 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 Edie Tranchina introduced our new executive team followed by self-introductions.

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

- 186 members currently
- Crawfish Boil: Date and location are set.
- Newsletter will be sent out until Dec 2017, after that the newsletter will be found on <http://www.gcstg.com/Newsletter.html>.
- General Fund - \$64,816.28
- Scholarship Fund - \$2000.00

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Safe Gulf, Edie Tranchina

SafeGulf Report-17-10 Hosted by Laurie Knape 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.

Quality Committee, Nic McCormic

Dee Duhon with Lafayette Threaded will be the ASQ Chair for 2018. She is currently working on the business plan for 2018. If any companies would like to provide quality related training this coming year please contact Nic McCormic (nic@dutym.com).

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield / Tiffany Hebert

OPITO's 2017 donation of \$2000.00 will be distributed between for candidates.

Southern Tool Inspection will match up to \$1,000 for the 2018 scholarship.

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

Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

Officer nomination will be June/July.

Topic 1: Arc Flash / NFPA 70E Speaker: Kevin

Weidman Company: Cintas

- Flame Resistant What Does it Mean?
- Inherent vs Treated
- Secondary Protection
- What Is The "Life Of A FR Garment"
- NFPA 2112 2018 Changes
- Hazards that Require FRC
- Proper Use
- Care and Maintenance

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

- What are OCS doing with the NFPA?
- OCS also Collaborates with UL
- IECEx Personnel Competency
- Types of Training
- Regulatory Outline
- Fixed Facilities Responsibilities

Round Table:

- Proper Location for a Gas Monitor to be Worn.
- When is SEMS being Updated?
- Office Security
- Cell Phone Safety

Door Prizes

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

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

November 2017

General Fund \$63,373.24

Scholarship Fund \$ 0.00

TOTAL: \$63,373.24

GCSTG Science Fair Committee Report January 12, 2018

The Science Fairs are just around the corner. The first one will be on February 8 at Nichols State for Houma-Thibodaux. Please contact Bill if you can assist him with the judging. Jim Lina had to give up his position of co-chair due to a job change. Gary Clifton, with Anadarko, has volunteered to take his place. Thanks, Gary. All of the fairs this year will be held in February. This will be the last meeting prior to the judging, so if you are interested in assisting with the judging for your region, please contact the respective chair or the general chair. The information for each region is given below.

There has been some renewed interest in the Houston Regional Fair. With the new volunteers we will be judging the Houston fair this year. Thanks to all who volunteered.

The medals are being ordered and will be distributed shortly. 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 reduced meal fee.

Region	Fair Date	Chair(s)	E-mail	Phone
General Chair		Leonard Nederveld	leonardned@gmail.com	337-781-3050
New Orleans	Feb. 27-28	Kent Bordelon	kent.bordelon53@gmail.com	504-559-7961
Lafayette	Feb. 24	Danny Viator	dannyviator@cox.net	337-380-0684
Houma-Thibodaux	Feb. 8	Bill Womack and Gary Clifton	bill.womack@anadarko.com gary.clifton@anadarko.com	985-448-1440, 713-409-4403 832-636-2506
Houston	Feb. 27-28	Chuck Praznik	chazpraz@msn.com	337-344-0089

Leonard Nederveld
Science Fair Committee Chair

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

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, January 11th at 11:00am,
to: genebarf@bellsouth.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).*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Wishing you a
safe, healthy, and
prosperous 2018!**

Welcome New Members
NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH