



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,

Last month Cabot Oil & Gas had philosopher and bestselling author Alex Epstein speak to employees about his book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, and share his thoughts on energy issues that affect the world. Alex champions the positive impact of inexpensive, plentiful and reliable energy on the wellbeing of humanity and defends the idea that the benefits of using fossil fuels greatly outweighs the risk. Alex's view is that human flourishing requires that humanity use more fossil fuels, not less. He provides numerous studies supporting his position and personal stories of people whose lives have been negatively impacted by not having access to inexpensive, plentiful and reliable energy.

I believe that Alex's voice is extremely important as we enter the presidential election season. Many citizens lack a basic understanding and are poorly informed about the oil and natural gas industry. These same citizens will be increasingly exposed to the pandering negative sound bite opinions from politicians and will not appreciate the true principles and integrity of leading oil and natural gas companies. This is a crucial time for all of us to stand up to political demagoguery and rhetoric that demonizes the oil and natural gas industry. We need to promote our companies and defend ourselves and our livelihood, because according to Bernie Sanders, the oil and natural gas industry should be "shut down."

I have always been very proud and grateful to work in the oil and natural gas industry and will support and voice Alex Epstein's view that humanity and societies thrive, life expectancies increase, and the wellbeing of humans is maximized when inexpensive, plentiful and reliable energy is readily available to all.

As Alex Epstein, author of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, says:



Maria Champagne, CSP, REM
GCSTG President

notice of meeting

When: **Friday, July 12, 2019**

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, checks, and credit cards.
Please note: For payment by credit card, add \$2 to cover cost of credit card fees.)

RSVP Required by Thursday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m.
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to ljgunter@lusfiber.net

meeting agenda

- 07:30 - 08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 08:00 - 08:15 Welcome & Self Introductions
- 08:15 - 08:30 Committee Reports
- 08:30 - 08:45 Science Fair Winners
- 08:45 - 09:00 Networking / Break
- 09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: Boater Safety**
Speaker: TBA
Company: Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
- 09:45 - 10:00 Networking / Break
- 10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: Hurricane Preparedness**
Speaker: Jason Nappi, Chief Meteorologist
Company: KADN News 15
- 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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meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on May 10, 2019 at 8:00 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 were acknowledged. 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

- 131 members currently.
- Finances can be found in the newsletter and balance \$46,880.15.
- Thanks to the members that come on a regular basis.
- Crawfish boil saw a good turn-out last night, Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Science Fair, Leonard Nederveld

GCSTG Science Fair Committee Report July 12, 2019

There will be winners of three Science Fair projects attending the July meeting. One project has three participants, so we will have five students attending. They are Emile Aucion - Southern Association of Flood and Evacuation Relief; Eliana (Ellie) Manual - Multitasking at the Wheel; and Collin Coon - The APP that Aids in Natural Disasters, with two others that assisted with the project. There could possibly be an additional student for the fourth project, but so far there has been no response from that student.

Leonard Nederveld
Science Fair Committee Chair

SafeGulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

PEC will be hosting the next SafeGulf Advisory Group meeting in Houston. The meeting will be held on July 25, 2019.

**Hope you had a
Safe and Happy
Independence Day!**



Quality Committee

The next ASQ meeting will be held August 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Franks International.

ASQ will be providing the following courses locally:

Guide to Process Improvement and Change	August 12 - 15, 2019	List: \$1199 Member: \$999
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Preparation	October 09 - 10, 2019	Early Bird Ends April 07, 2019 List: \$1599 Member: \$1399 Regular List: \$1839 Member: \$1609

For more information contact Nic McCormic (nic@dutyms.com) or ASQ.org for course details.



Welcome New Member

CHAD BUFORD, CSP
TALOS ENERGY

2019
Meeting Schedule

July 12, 2019
September 13, 2019
November 8, 2019

membership report

Category	Count
Air Service Companies	1
Associations	2
Contractor Production Operators	3
Diving Service Companies.....	1
Governmental Services.....	27
Independent Safety Consultants.....	13
Industrial Medical Services	9
Insurance Companies	1
Marine Service Companies	1
Oil/Gas Production Companies	18
Safety Equipment Suppliers	1
Safety/Training Services Companies	15
Service Companies.....	36
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training	1
Total	132

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

	June 30, 2019
General Fund	\$45,547.40
Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$45,547.40

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, July 11th at 10:00 a.m.
to: lgunter@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).