



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,

How many worksites have you gone to where every hazard has been eliminated using the hierarchy of controls? Probably not very many. This fact reminds me of how critical personal protective equipment (PPE) is in protecting employees from hazards that cannot be eliminated.

PPE is provided free of charge to employees and, in most cases, proper use is a condition of employment. PPE can prevent a head injury, a lost eye, third degree burns, hearing loss, loss of toes, or quite possibly even a death! Why is it that with all of the benefits of PPE it still so difficult to get employees to wear it properly and on a consistent basis?

Employees have justified the nonuse or misuse of PPE for as long as safety professionals can remember. Statements such as "it is uncomfortable, it is hot, it takes too long to put on, this job will only last a minute, no one is watching and no one will know if I do not wear it this time" are some of the myriad excuses used.

In addition to those excuses, I believe a very significant cause of employees not wearing PPE is the lack of support from supervisors of company safety programs and supervisors dismissing the importance of a strong safety culture.

When a company does not have buy-in on their safety programs and the support of a strong safety culture from supervisors, getting employees to wear their PPE is an arduous task. It is extremely rare that a worker would embrace the use of required PPE when their supervisor is dismissive of the company's safety programs and unconcerned with the advancement of its safety culture.

I believe that we as safety professionals need to be more cognizant of the importance of the supervisor's role in preventing worker injuries. We must also help

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notice of meeting

When: **Friday, March 8, 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 or checks. We are NOT set up for credit cards.)

RSVP Required by Thursday, March 7, 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: Medications in the Workplace**
Speaker: Francisco J. Silva MD (MRO)
Company: Acadian Health Services, Inc.

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

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: Flash Fire 2018 OSHA Energy and of Flash Fire and Performance of FRC**
Speaker: Brian Morris
Company: Tyndale

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 January 11, 2019 at 8:06 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.

Nominated officers were sworn in (see Nominations & Elections below).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 155 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 is schedule for the Thursday night, May 9, 2019 before the Friday May 10, 2019 membership meeting

Science Fair, Leonard Nederveld

Science Fair that are schedule for 2019. Lafayette February 16, New Orleans February 18-21, Houma-Thibodeaux TBD, Houston TBD. There are copies on the tables and also on the back table with committee chairs in each regions contact information, if anyone is interested in judging.

Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019. The syllabus is done. No oil company-operator participation for past year or more. When SEMS 3 kicks in, including contractors, then they will have equal status.

Regulatory Affairs, Laurie Knape

The Regulatory Affairs Report was emailed to members and is posted on webpage (www.gcstg.com) 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

No Report

Scholarship Activities, Jim Gunter

Nic McCormic's Company, Southern Tool Inspection will donate \$1000 and a donation of \$250 from ASQ.

Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

2019 Officers were sworn in during January 11, 2019 meeting.

President – Maria Champagne

President-elect – Buddy White

Secretary – Rick Keen

Treasurer – Gene Barfield

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Speaker Arrangements, Maria Champagne

Maria asked the group to send her any suggestions for future speakers for 2019 meetings.

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: When you are doing hazard identifications/hazard planning, are you putting that in your pre-job assessment? SEMS III re-write, we ask, are you looking for the hazards from sub-contractors tools, chemicals, equipment? Are you just going to include this in your bridging document? Or, as SME, are you going to research this at the project

- management level? How deep are you going?
- Pete Goodman discuss Diving Crews on Coast Guard rule on service years industrial work(MMC Credentials) difference in passengers 12-hours OSV and 24 hour I-Boat working on or off boats.
- Erik Reutling discuss on boats working oversea passport required to work in other countries flagged boats.
- Jim Gunter discuss API one day and BOSIET program three day.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 01:30PM

Next Meeting

March 8, 2019

Quality Committee

Next meeting will be held on April 11, 2019 at Frank's International.

Upcoming Training: ISO 14001:2015 Lead Auditor Training (Exemplar Global Certified) March 25-29, 2019 <https://asq.org/training/iso-140012015-lead-auditor-training-exemplar-global-certified-la142015>

Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

The Safe Gulf Advisory Group met in January and finalized the Syllabus for SafeGulf which will be posted on the PEC website soon.

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supervisors with the tools they need to view safety as a value to their operations and not another line item expense to their operating overhead. Supervisors who wholeheartedly embrace their company's safety programs and strive to advance a strong safety culture will have safer employees, and the company will reap the business benefits of providing a safe workplace for their employees. It is a win/win situation for everyone involved.

Maria Champagne, CSP, REM
GCSTG President

GCSTG Science Fair Committee Report, January 11, 2019 - Leonard Nederveld

At the time of this report two of the Regional Science Fairs were completed. The remaining two will be complete prior to the meeting. Thanks to all of the Regional Chairs and the judges for another great year.

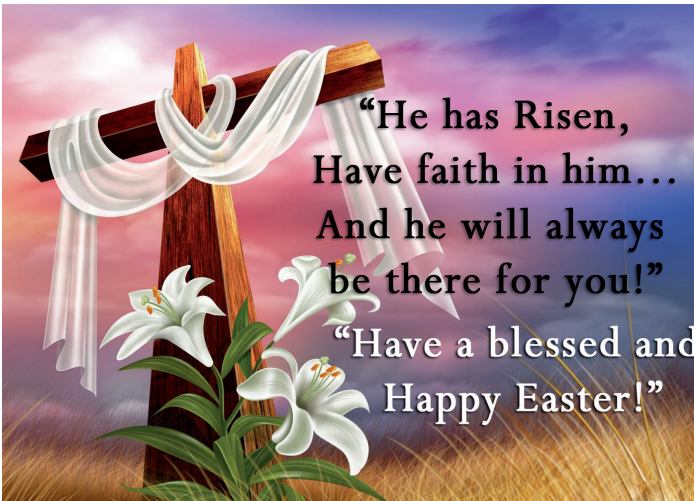
The winners for the completed fairs are below.

Two of the Houma/Thibodaux winners are planning to attend the March meeting. They are Terra Bardarson and Alisa Robichaux. We are looking forward to two very interesting presentations by these students.

Region	Fair Date	Chair(s)	Judges	Winners
New Orleans	Feb. 18-21	Kent Bordelon		TBD
Lafayette	Completed	Danny Viator	Ryan Lasseigne Rick Keen Danny Viator	Emile Aucoin – Southern Association of Flood and Evacuation Relief Michael Domingue – The effects of bleach on the accumulation of Bacteria Eliana (Ellie) Manual – Multitasking at the wheel William Delatte – 3D printed CTS splint Collin Coon – the APP that aids in Natural Disasters
Houma-Thibodaux	Completed	Bill Womack	Bill Womack	Terra Bardarson – Which Speed Limit Sign Works Best? Emani Payne – Structural Triangles Alisa Robichaux – EMF, The Unwanted Roommate
Houston	Feb. 23	Maria Champagne		TBD

Leonard Nederveld
Science Fair Committee Chair

Happy Mardi* Gras!



2019 Meeting Schedule

March 8, 2019
 May 10, 2019
 July 12, 2019
 September 13, 2019
 November 8, 2019

Welcome New Member

TRAVIS CANTRELLE
 FIELDWOOD ENERGY LLC

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

JANUARY 2019
 General Fund \$47,833.93
 Scholarship Fund \$ 0.00
TOTAL: \$47,833.93

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, March 7th at 10:00 a.m.
 to: ljunter@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).

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.....	46
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training	1
Total	153