



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 had the pleasure of listening to philosopher and bestselling author Alex Epstein speak to 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. Most citizens of this country 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, November 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, checks, and credit cards.
Please note: For payment by credit card, add \$2 to cover cost of credit card fees.

RSVP Required by Thursday, November 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 - 08:10 Welcome & Self Introductions

08:10 - 08:20 Committee Reports

08:20 - 08:30 Networking / Break

08:30 - 09:00 **Topic 1: Advanced Robotic Technologies for the Elimination of Confined Space Entry**
Speaker: **Jerad Moneaux**
Company: **Ecoserv, LLC**

09:00 - 09:10 Networking / Break

09:10 - 09:45 **Topic 2: Risk Management**
Speaker: **Rosemary Rodriguez-Mazor**
Company: **UL**

09:45 - 10:00 Networking / Break

10:00 - 11:30 **Topic 3: DOT updates**
Speaker: **Joseph House**
Company: **FMCSA - USDOT**

11:30 - 11:40 Networking / Break

11:40 - 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 September 13, 2019, at 8:09 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 of emergency response services. 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/Treasurer's report: Gene Barfield

- 132 members currently.
- Finances can be found in the newsletter and balance is approximately \$40,000.00.
- Thanks to the members that come on a regular basis.

Science Fair, Leonard Nederveld

Science Fairs winners of the Lafayette Science Fair presented their projects today.

Safe Gulf, Co-Chairs Buddy White and Jim Gunter

Please see the website for information and opportunities to get involved.

Regulatory Affairs, Laurie Knappe

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.

Laurie informed the membership of the upcoming release of API RP 75 SEMS rewrite. Meetings will be held in Houston and New Orleans to discuss changes and effects on industry.

Quality Committee, Nic McCormic

The next ASQ Section 1423 Meeting will be held October 10, 2019 at Frank's International. Upcoming training will be Certified Six Sigma GREEN Belt Cert Prep on October 9-11, 2019, held at Fairfield Inn, Lafayette LA.

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield

There are currently no funds in the Scholarship account.

Nominations & Elections, Maria Champagne

Maria announced that the 2020 election of officers is open for nominations:

- President – Buddy White
- President-elect – Open
- Secretary – Open
- Treasurer – Open

Please submit a bio to Maria Champagne by October 15, 2019, for consideration. The nomination committee will review and prepare to distribute the candidates to the membership by December 1 for consideration thru December 31, 2019. At the January meeting, the winners will be announced.

Speaker Arrangements, Buddy White

Buddy will take suggestions for future speakers during 2020 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 to share experiences.

Meeting Close

The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 8, 2019

GCSTG Science Fair Committee Report November 8, 2019

All of the Regional Chairs will serve again for the 2019 – 2020 School Year Science Fairs. Kent Bordelon will need some assistance if there are some members in the New Orleans area that can commit to assisting him.

Please let the Regional Chair know if you are willing to assist in the judging. Most likely the fairs will be held in February of 2020.

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Leonard Nederveld
Science Fair Committee Chair

Quality Committee

The next ASQ Meeting will be held Thursday, December 12, 2018, at Fezzo's Seafood, Steakhouse & Oyster Bar, 6701 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy., Broussard, LA 70518 from 5:45 - 8:00 p.m. Corinne Dupuy, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering UL Lafayette will present "The House of Lean Building Blocks." For more information contact Nic McCormic (nic@dutylms.com) or ASQ.org for course details.

SafeGulf Committee

The SGAG met on October 24, 2019, at a Chevron location near Lafayette area. Reviewing and updating the website was discussed.

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

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

Buddy White will be ascending to the 2020 GCSTG President's Office. Buddy has done an excellent job as 2019 President-Elect and I am looking forward to working with him as he carries on GCSTG's mission of providing the membership with educational and networking opportunities. My sincerest thanks to all of the 2019 officers for their hard work and for volunteering their time to continue to make GCSTG a great resource for Safety Professionals in the Gulf Coast Region.

No New Members

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

September 30, 2019

General Fund	\$40,138.67
Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$40,138.67

2019 Meeting Schedule

November 8, 2019

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 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).