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Ideas, concerns, ways to make the
association more effective for you.*

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2015 OGA Annual Conference to Address Crisis Management

Early Bird Rates End Soon — Register Today!

Registration for the OGA 2015 Annual Conference & Exposition is now open at www.okgas.net with “early bird” rates available until August 15.

The Annual Conference theme is “ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A CRISIS?” and is scheduled for August 31 to September 2 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma.

Frank Barnes, Emergency Manager for the City of Oklahoma City, will start the conference with opening remarks addressing “Crisis Management: Lessons Learned from the Community Perspective.”

Breakout sessions will be presented in three tracks — Production/Gathering/Transmission, Distribution/Municipal, and Environmental/Regulatory.

The individual sessions are:

- 3rd Party Incidents: Watch & Protect
- District Regulator Station Damage/Damage to the City Gate
- Incident Reporting Process
- Environmental Incident Reporting Process
- Effectively Handling Pipeline Encroachments
- Physical Security Issues for Distribution Systems
- Crisis Levels within an Organization: Best Practices
- Best Practices in Responding to a Crisis
- Cyber Security: Preparation Begins with Awareness
- Crisis Communication in an Instant
- Communications in a Crisis Event
- Mapping Inconsistencies and Irregularities
- Best Practices in Responding to a Crisis: Releases from a Facility or Pipeline
- Emergency Pipeline Inspections: Pipeline Safety’s Perspective
- Responding in a Hostile Environment
- Pipeline Safety Hot Topics

In addition to informative sessions, participants will be able to see the latest technology, products and services when they visit with exhibitors.

In addition to conference sessions, networking sessions, and exhibit hall, there is a golf event and a sporting clay shooting event Monday, August 31, 2015.

For questions about the conference, contact Tom Rider at tom@meso.org. For registration or billing questions, contact Deborah Miner-Gonzales at deborah@meso.org.

OGA Hosts Scholarship Classic

OGA members gathered at Cimarron National recently for the Annual OGA Scholarship Classic.

Despite multiple days of rain and the possibility of precipitation during the annual tournament, the event had a strong showing. All funds raised at the event benefit the Annual OGA Scholarships.

The team of Larry Johnston, Rick Thomas, Brian Webb and Kurt Westmoreland won the tournament. Scott Jackson won both long drive holes, and Gordon Carson won the closest to the hole prize.



OGA Awards FOUR Scholarships

The OGA – for the first time ever – awarded four scholarship to some of Oklahoma’s brightest students to help offset the cost of college.

Kaylee Phillips, the daughter of the late Jon Phillips (CenterPoint Energy); Daniel Battles, the son of Enable’s Danny Battles; Garrett Reed, the son of Enable’s Mike Reed, and Callie McMullen, the daughter of Williams’ Catreana McMullen and ONEOK Partners’ David McMullen, each received \$1,000.

“As an association, we are honored to be able to help deserving young people who are part of our members’ families with a scholarship,” said David Vise, OGA Board Chairman. “They are only possible by the support of our members and our industry.”

Scholarship recipients are selected by the OGA Scholarship Committee and approved by the OGA Board of Directors.

The OGA has awarded scholarships for more than 10 years. To qualify, an applicant must meet all of the requirements and be a dependent child, grandchild, or ward of an employee or retiree of an OGA member company in good standing.

Kaylee Phillips

Kaylee was Number One – graduating with a 4.12 GPA - in her class at Marlow’s Central High School while also taking classes at Cameron University. Her high school career includes a long list of extracurricular activities, academic success, athletics, and band.

After “falling in love” with chemistry, she plans to attend Cameron University and study Chemical Engineering. She is interested in Environmental Remediation or Bioengineering to help prevent contamination of water, air and soil.



Kaylee Phillips



Garrett Reed



Daniel Battles

Daniel Battles

Daniel — who has struggled with reading and comprehension issues his entire life — will take his strong academic performance at Burns Flat/Dill City High School to Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He says, “I overcome this obstacle daily, it does not overcome me.”

He enjoys taking apart and repairing countless household items, and he expects this will help as he pursues a degree in Industrial/Mechanical Engineering and a career in the natural gas industry.

Garrett Reed

Garrett, an Eagle Scout and Deer Creek High School graduate, will be in The Honors College at Oklahoma State University. He played football, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was active in his local church group at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church.

At OSU, he plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering and then continue to law school. His long term goal is to be a Patent Attorney.

Callie McMullen

Callie is a graduate of Minco High School and plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma. A recognized leader, Callie was selected to attend Girls State. As the only senior on her high school softball team, she provided needed leadership.

Her part-time job at Swadley’s BBQ led to her role as a spokesperson for Jim’s Chicken Restaurant. This experience will provide a strong foundation for her academic pursuit of business and marketing.

New AGA Initiative Will Help Connect Veterans with Natural Gas Jobs

*AGA partners with government,
energy utility trade associations to hire military veterans*

The American Gas Association (AGA) is participating in a new initiative to help connect military veterans with energy jobs. A partnership between key government agencies and leading energy trade associations, the Utility Industry Workforce Initiative is a multi-year effort dedicated to facilitating the recruitment, training and retention of exiting service members, veterans and their spouses into employment in the utility industry. While demand for natural gas continues to grow, much of the current workforce is expected to retire in the next decade, creating tremendous employment opportunity for the approximately 200,000 veterans leaving the military each year.



“Having courageously served their country in our armed services, America’s military veterans are an excellent fit for the nation’s natural gas utilities,” said AGA President and CEO Dave McCurdy. “The leadership skills, focus and dedication honed through military service are ideal qualities for building a workforce focused on service and meeting critical energy needs. We are honored to assist these dedicated men and women with education and ongoing career development, and to welcome them into our member companies and communities as we work to deliver America’s energy future.”

In addition to AGA, the Initiative is supported by government agencies including the U.S. Departments of Energy, Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs, and the other founding members of the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD), including the Edison Electric Institute, the Nuclear Energy Institute and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Participation will be open to other interested stakeholders, including individual military services, which may choose to join voluntarily.

The Initiative joins other energy industry efforts to connect military veterans with energy careers. Many natural gas utilities have a long history of encouraging veterans to join their workforce, and offer training and continuing education that help new employees advance, as well as support programs specifically developed for veterans and employees who may also serve in the Reserves or National Guard. Utilities throughout the nation partner with veteran and labor organizations, participate in and sponsor career fairs and employment events, and work with veteran-focused agencies and hiring firms to publicize job openings. In 2011, the CEWD, launched the Troops to Energy Jobs program, which accelerates the training and employability of veterans for key energy positions, and provides a roadmap for veterans seeking to enter the industry.

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August 31 – September 2, 2015

Embassy Suites Hotel

2501 Conference Drive • Norman, OK 73069

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HIGHLIGHTS – “ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A CRISIS?”

- Industry reception at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 31.
- General Session with remarks from Frank Barnes, Emergency Manager, City of Oklahoma City.
- Bidding wars, silent auction, giveaways & prizes.
- Breakout sessions focusing on “Communications in a Crisis Event;” “Environmental Incident Reporting Process;” “Best Practices in Responding to a Crisis;” and more.
- Information about Industry Best Practices, Environmental Issues, and New Equipment.

WHY ATTEND

- The latest on real issues experienced by the natural gas industry in the face of natural disasters.
- First hand opportunity to discuss relevant issues with industry leaders.
- Interact with your peers and learn what others are doing and what might make your operations more successful.
- See the latest technology, products and services when you visit with exhibitors.

ALL RATES IN THIS PACKET ARE CONSIDERED “EARLY BIRD” AND ARE GOOD THROUGH AUGUST 14, 2015. SELECT RATES WILL INCREASE BEGINNING AUGUST 15.

[Click here](#) to register online

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Silent Auction

Proceeds go to the OGA Scholarship Fund

For more than ten years, OGA has annually awarded \$1,000 scholarships - three in 2014. This year will be no exception. To raise the funds necessary for these scholarships, the association will be conducting its second Silent Auction in conjunction with the Annual Conference. The OGA Scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are dependents or grandchildren of **OGA Member employees or retirees**. For more information, go to www.okgas.net.

The auction will take place Tuesday, September 1st during the annual conference. Donated items may be brought to the conference or delivered to the OGA offices prior to August 21st. Members who plan to donate silent auction items or need more information should contact Tom Rider at tom@meso.org.

Silent Auction Items

What can be donated to the Silent Auction? Practically everything of value. Members willing to donate are encouraged to put together a theme basket with a value of \$100 or more. The baskets could have themes such as – “A Night at the Movies;” “An Evening with the Thunder/Dodgers;” “Rainy Day Activities.” The possibilities are only limited by the imagination of the donating organization.

Auction items should be delivered to the Annual Conference Registration table by 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1st. OGA staff will then develop the auction sheet for each item in the auction.

Live Auction

Donated items with a \$500 or greater value will be sold through a live auction during the Tuesday, September 1st dinner. Not only do live auction items increase the scholarship funds, they also increase the evening's entertainment.

Bidding Wars

All attendees will have the opportunity to participate in Bidding Wars. This is a great way to meet with Exhibitors and learn about their latest products and services. In doing so, you'll collect cash (play money) which can be used to bid for great prizes donated by our exhibitors. Strategy and planning will be required when you begin bidding against friends and acquaintances. You may even have to pool your “money” for the big gamble.

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Speed Visits

Time will be set aside for conference attendees to have “Speed Visits” with conference sponsors from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, September 2. These conversations are meant to be a few minutes long and to learn about various products and services. Attendees may be given tickets by the exhibitors. Those tickets will be used for a drawing for a prize.

People’s Choice Awards

The People’s Choice Award is a friendly competition where participants can show off their cooking skills. During lunch Tuesday, September 1, participants will dish out samples of their entries. Conference participants, after sampling - and probably coming back for seconds - will vote on the entry they enjoyed the most.

Wanted: Teams willing to cook for hundreds. Bring or prepare on-site the dish you enjoy preparing the most, the one your friends always ask you to prepare. And share it with 200 of your closest gas industry buddies.

CONFERENCE COSTS: Primary **Early Bird** Registration - \$240 (rates increase August 14)
Additional **Early Bird** Registration - \$220 each

CONFERENCE HOTEL: **Embassy Suites Hotel**
(Conference Rate \$123 until August 16)
2501 Conference Dr., Norman, OK 73069
Phone – (405) 364-8040
[Click here to make lodging arrangements](#)

GOLF EVENT

EARLYWINE GOLF COURSE: 11600 Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

From the hotel - start out going northwest on Conference Dr toward 24th Ave NW, Take the 1st left onto 24th Ave NW, Turn right onto W Robinson St, Turn right onto 60th Ave NW, 60th Ave NW becomes S Western Ave, Turn left onto SW 149th St, Turn left onto S Portland Ave, If you reach Beaux Jangles Rd, you've gone about 0.5 miles too far or if you reach the end of S Portland Ave, you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.

SPORTING CLAYS

QUAIL RIDGE SPORTING CLAYS: 2401 S. McLoud Road, Oklahoma City.

LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN

From the hotel – proceed north on I-35 to I-240. Go east on I-240 (towards Fort Smith, Shawnee). I-240 merges into I-40 east bound. Continue east on I-40 to McLoud Road. Exit McLoud Road. Turn left and go north on McLoud Road approximately 1.25 miles. The range will be on your right.

Conference Schedule-*

Monday, August 31, 2015

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open for Set Up

Golf Event – Earlywine Golf Course,
11600 S. Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City
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1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sporting Clays– Quail Ridge Sporting Clays,
2401 S. McLoud Rd, OKC
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6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wine & Beer Reception in Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

12 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. 2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

Opening General Session – Frank Barnes,
Emergency Manager, City of Oklahoma City
Transition between sessions

Breakout sessions

Break with Exhibitors

Breakout sessions

Lunch in Exhibit Hall

General Session

Transition between sessions

Breakout sessions

Break with Exhibitors

General Session

Dinner in Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

OGA Annual Meeting

Exhibit Hall Activities – Speed Visits

Breakout Sessions

Break with Exhibitors

Breakout Sessions

Closing Lunch

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REGISTRATION FORM

[Click here](#) to register online now.

Name		
Company/Organization		
Mailing Address		
City/State/Zip		
Phone	Fax	E-mail

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Primary Registration - \$240 Early Bird (on or before August 14) Registration Includes: Tickets to all meals and entrance to all sessions. Reservations are required for Tuesday evening dinner.	Conf. Reg. @ \$240	Joining us for Tuesday evening dinner? (please circle)	Golf @ \$85	Sporting Clays @ \$85	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:	\$240	Yes or No			
Additional Registrations - \$220 early bird (on or before August 14) Each Additional Attendee Registration Includes: Tickets to all meals and entrance to all sessions. Reservations are required for Tuesday evening dinner.	Conf. Reg. @ \$220	Joining us for Tuesday evening dinner? (please circle)	Golf @ \$85	Sporting Clays @ \$85	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:	\$220	Yes or No			\$
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NAME:		Yes or No			\$
NAME:		Yes or No			\$
Total Registrations					\$

Registration Continued

Additional Meal Tickets for **Guests**

	Beer & Wine Reception, Monday @ \$40 per person	Lunch, Tuesday @ \$40 per person	Steak Dinner, Tuesday @ \$50 per person	Lunch, Wednesday @ \$40 per person	TOTAL/ Per Person
NAME:					\$
NAME:					\$
NAME:					\$
NAME:					\$
Sub-Total (add'l meal tickets)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Payment Enclosed (Total registrations + add'l meal tickets)					\$

Registration is not complete until registration form and payment are received.

Make Payment to: OGA • 308 N. E. 27th Street • Oklahoma City, OK 73105-2717
Please call (405) 528-1752 if you have any questions.

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or

**[Click here](#) to take advantage of the
Early Bird Rates that end August 14th.**

About the OGA

The Oklahoma Gas Association (OGA) brings together the gathering, transmission, distribution and municipal segments of the natural gas industry. We develop strong relationships between our members, enhance best practices, and address regulatory issues. Our goal is safety first while promoting natural gas as the energy source of choice.

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