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Register today 2021 OGA VIRTUAL Annual Conference – Oct. 5-6

The 2021 OGA Annual Conference returns in a VIRTUAL format October 5-6 for the second year in a row due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic and for the safety of our members.

From the American Gas Association, Sue Forrester, will begin the conference discussing “Emerging Challenges to Natural Gas: Trends & Advocacy.” She serves as the association’s Vice President of Advocacy and Outreach.

Major General Michael Thompson, Adjutant General of Oklahoma, will bring his decades of experience in managing emergencies and rapidly moving events in his session titled “How to Prepare for Unexpected Times.” In his role, he serves as the top military advisor to the Governor and commands the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard.

The event consists of an additional six individual webinar sessions covering a wide variety of topics of interest to natural gas professionals.

The registration fee is \$49 for individuals or \$600 for groups or companies (includes unlimited seats for the event). Registration is open on the OGA website, www.okgas.org, and will remain open until the close of business Monday, October 4.



Sue Forrester



*Major General
Michael Thompson*

ABOUT REGISTRATION

- After payment is received, an email will be sent with the information to register for individual sessions of interest.
 - For company/group registration, the information to register for individual sessions will be sent to the primary contact making the registration who, in turn, may share it anyone in their organization.
- To be able to access any of the sessions, registrants must register for each session and provide a valid email address.
- After individual session registration is complete, confirmation emails will be sent for the session registered for.

(see VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, page 2)

OGA to host webinar in conjunction with Okie 811

The OGA in conjunction with Okie 811 will present a free, one-hour webinar titled “Understanding Recent One-Call Law Changes” at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 18, 2021.

During the 2021 session of the Oklahoma Legislature, HB 2028 was passed and enacted into law effective November 1, 2021.

Susan Bohl, Okie 811 Executive Director, will present the session and will discuss updates resulting from HB 2028 to the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act. Highlights of the changes, she will cover include:

- The Life of a Ticket will be 14 Calendar Days
- Mandatory Positive Response for Members, Excavators & OKIE811
- Provisions for State of Emergency Declaration
- Required Damage Reporting to OKIE811 in addition to the Operator
- Better Defined Excavator Responsibilities around Hazardous Pipelines HB-2028
- Excavator may be liable to Operator for misuse of Emergency Tickets
- Excavator may be liable to Operator for Excessive & Unreasonable Updates on a Ticket

Click here to register for the free event: [Understanding Recent One-Call Law Changes](#).

Registration questions may be directed to Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@okgas.org.



Virtual Conference

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The VIRTUAL Annual Conference offers attendees a first-hand opportunity to learn about current, relevant issues from recognized industry leaders. The sessions are impactful and will provide insight into navigating changing situations particularly in the unprecedented time we are all in today.

SESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- **9 a.m. – Emerging Challenges to Natural Gas: Trends & Advocacy** – Sue Forrester, American Gas Association
- **11 a.m. – How to Prepare for Unexpected Times** – Major General Michael C Thompson, the Adjutant General, Oklahoma National Guard
- **1 p.m. – Natural Gas’s Active Involvement in the Green Conversation** – Panel Discussion with representatives from ONEOK, ONE Gas, and Summit/AOG
- **2:15 p.m. – Renewable Gas: Sources, Resources and Use** – Norman Herrera, Sparq Renewables, Inc.
- **3:30 p.m. – Hydrogen: The Conversation** – Larry Alspaugh, T.D. Williamson

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

- **8:30 a.m. – OK, Boomer – A Generational Cheat Sheet & Awareness Journey** – Greg McReynolds, Energy Worldnet
- **9:45 a.m. – Understanding the Wants, Needs, and Expectations of the New Workforce** – Carol Bailey-Carney, PHR, SHRM-CP, Summit/AOG
- **11 a.m. – Inclusion & Diversity: Why Have the Conversation** – Seth Smiley-Humphries, ONE Gas, and Justice Waidner Smith, ONEOK
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Registration questions may be directed to Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@okgas.org or Michelle Danner at michelle@okgas.org.

Deadline for VIRTUAL Annual Conference Sponsorships is September 30

The 2021 OGA Annual Conference returns in a VIRTUAL format October 5-6 provides a great opportunity for companies to put their name in front natural gas professionals.

The event returns for the second year in a row due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic and for the safety of our members, the 2021 Annual Conference will be in an online, webinar format. However, there is a way to put your company's name in front of customers.

The VIRTUAL Annual Conference offers attendees a first-hand opportunity to learn about current, relevant issues from recognized industry leaders. The sessions are impactful and will provide insight into navigating changing situations particularly in the unprecedented time we are all in today.

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The Sponsorship Fee is \$150, and the benefits include:

- Recognition in the 4th Quarter OGA newsletter
- Recognition through gift certificate drawings during the Virtual Conference (based on number of sponsors)
- Recognition on the OGA website
- Recognition on the OGA LinkedIn account
- List of all registered attendees
- Recognition of support of OGA Scholarship Fund donation – \$75 of sponsor fee

Registration may be made through the OGA website, www.okgas.org or clicking here: [2021 OGA VIRTUAL Annual Conference – Sponsor Registration](#).

Registration questions may be directed to Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@okgas.org or Michelle Danner at michelle@okgas.org.

Annual Meeting of Association Online

1:30 p.m. • Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Contact Deborah Gonzales at deborah@okgas.org
or Jeff Kaufmann at jeffk@okmainc.com for more information.

Meet the OGA Board of Directors

The Oklahoma Gas Association (OGA) Board members works tirelessly to serve and promote both the association and the industry. They are recognized industry leaders. All of the time and effort put into the OGA is on top of their “real” jobs and is greatly appreciated.

We continue to introduce you to these dedicated professionals.



Larry Alspaugh
T.D. Williamson

Q: How did you get your start in the natural gas industry?

A: My first job out of college in 1977 was with Parker Drilling as an International Expediter. I purchased and shipped equipment and materials for Parker’s ten rig project in Algeria as well as for the world’s largest rig in Kuwait. Both projects involved drilling for natural gas.

Q: What do you see as the biggest issues facing the natural gas industry today?

A: I see several things, to begin as an industry I believe we need take steps optimize the talents and skills of today’s workers, and when achieved properly, this is a win for both the worker and the industry. Next, while pipelines are proven to be the safest method of energy transportation, we are witnessing increased anti-pipeline efforts. Also, an electric utility bias is increasing among activists, while for heating, hot water supply, and cooking natural gas is much more efficient and safer compared to electricity. Lastly, I believe as an industry, we need to prepare for hydrogen blending of our natural gas delivery systems.

Q: What do you think the benefits are of natural gas?

A: As I’m always quick to say, the industry is safe and reliable and outperforms other energy delivery methods, such as electricity for heating, hot water supply, and cooking. I think everyone in the business needs to be sharing this information along with the fact that natural gas is 99.9 percent safe, and estimates are that an all-electric government mandate policy would increase the cost of energy for a consumer by more than \$900 per year.

Q: What is your biggest accomplishment?

A: I think life is made up of many daily accomplishments. For example, yesterday’s “big” accomplishments may pale when compared to what lies toward and beyond the horizon. I am honored to serve on the Oklahoma Gas Association Board as well as on American Gas Association’s committees where I believe I am able to contribute to our industry. .

Q: What is the biggest mistake you ever made and what did you learn from it?

A: Answering a question such as this. I learned some time ago to not answer a question such as this.

Q: Will you tell us a little about your family, kids, pets?

A: Anyone who knows me well, knows I am blessed to be married to the lovely Mrs. Alspaugh, Deb. We have four children and five grandchildren. We have lived in a 100 plus year-old house, for the past 30 years. Deb and I have created our own “This Old House”. Five of our family’s generations have lived in this home.

(see MEET OGA BOARD MEMBER KALEY WILSON, *page 5*)

Meet OGA Board Member Kasey Wilson

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Kasey Wilson **Oklahoma Natural Gas Company**

Q. Consumers may not always understand the natural gas industry, if you teach them one thing, what would that be?

A: Natural gas is odor-less until it is intentionally odorized (stinky rotten egg smell!) for the average individual to detect. If you smell the odor – please contact your local distribution company and leave the area. Safety first!

Q. What do you think the benefits are of natural gas?

A: I believe it is important for everyone in the industry to promote natural gas as environmentally friendly, cost-efficient, and reliable!

Q. Is there one thing that you tell every member of your team?

A: Always ask questions. It's perfectly acceptable to understand the 'why' behind what you are doing.

Q. What is the biggest mistake you ever made and what did you learn from it?

A: I would say it was not allowing myself to truly be myself at work for the first few years of my career. When I started out of college, I was very fearful of what others would think of me. As a highly motivated, assertive young individual contributor to my organization, I believed that I needed to keep to myself and avoid standing out for thinking differently.

About two years into my career, I had a great mentor/leader who helped me find my strengths and leverage them. By doing so, I became more comfortable in my own skin and eventually 'brought my whole self' to work. I now mentor others in our organization and challenge them to find out what really makes them stand out and how they can leverage these natural abilities to further their careers and find the "thing" that really motivates them

Q. Will you tell us a little about your family, kids, pets?

A: I have been married to my husband, Jonathan, for almost 10 years. We met at the University of Oklahoma in business school and started our careers together in Tulsa. We have one fur-child, Copper, a very energetic golden retriever and two sons, Cole and Trent.

Q. Will you tell us something you think is cool about your hometown?

A: Most of my youth was spent in Okmulgee. It has a really neat downtown with many historical buildings that have been preserved over the years. For this reason, it has been featured in quite a few movies and is even being featured right now in a FX series called "Reservation Dogs."

Q. Do you like the Sooners or Cowboys? If someone else, why?

A: Boomer! And some people may not know that I was a member of the Pride of Oklahoma for two years while I was in college at OU.

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Natural Gas Continues to be the Most Affordable Residential Energy Source Says DOE

From the American Gas Association

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has forecasted the average costs of five residential energy resources for 2021, finding natural gas to be approximately one-third as expensive for consumers compared to electricity, and half as expensive for consumers compared to heating oil, propane, and kerosene. The forecast was released as part of a [public notice](#) in the Federal Register on August 25th.

“Americans know they can rely on natural gas as a safe and reliable source of energy in their home, and this data from the Department of Energy reiterates it is also more affordable,” said Karen Harbert, AGA President and CEO. “This is an important differentiator at a time when families across the country are still working to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19. The natural gas industry is proud to support communities and customers with the reliable energy they need at affordable prices to ensure they can stay safe and warm and more economically secure.”

In the notice, the DOE estimated national average cost of electricity remains 3.6 times more than the cost of natural gas.

Table 1 -- Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy for Five Residential Energy Sources (2021)

Type of energy	Per million Btu ¹	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity	\$39.83	13.59¢/kWh ^{2,3}	\$0.136/kWh
Natural Gas	\$10.93	\$1.093/therm ⁴ or \$11.36/MCF ^{5,6}	\$0.00001093/Btu
No. 2 Heating Oil	\$21.62	\$2.97/gallon ⁷	\$0.00002162/Btu
Propane	\$21.06	\$1.92/gallon ⁸	\$0.00002106/Btu
Kerosene	\$25.59	\$3.45/gallon ⁹	\$0.00002559/Btu

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (August 10, 2021), *Annual Energy Outlook* (February 3, 2021), and *Monthly Energy Review* (July 27, 2021).
Notes: Prices include taxes.
1. Btu stands for British thermal units.
2. kWh stands for kilowatt hour.
3. 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.
4. 1 therm = 100,000 Btu.
5. MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.
6. For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,039 Btu.
7. For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 13,738 Btu.
8. For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.
9. For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

For more information:

[Implications of Policy-Driven Residential Electrification](#), a national study, found that policy-driven electrification could be burdensome to consumers and to the economy, have profound impacts and costs on the electric sector and be a very costly approach for a relatively small reduction in emissions.

[Grounded in Reality: The Implications of Electrification](#) looks at individual cities and the impacts of policy driven electrification on customer costs, GDP, jobs, and our environment.

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Direct registration questions to Jeff Kaufmann, jeffk@okgas.org. Click [here](#) to register.

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