

OGA NEWS

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What's next for natural gas? OGA Annual Conference explores the future

"What's Next for Natural Gas?" was the theme of the 2026 OGA Annual Conference, where industry leaders and professionals gathered to explore an important question: What's next for the natural gas industry — and are you ready?

The conference featured presentations from industry leaders and professionals, including Jake Hillemeier of Dolese, who discussed the importance of emotional intelligence. Representatives from the American Gas Association, Alan Chichester and Sue Forrester, also provided a regulatory update and a report on activities taking place in Washington, D.C.

Attendees also explored several issues shaping today's workplace and industry, including artificial intelligence, the growing importance of people skills, and leadership's role in building and maintaining a strong safety culture.

Mark your calendar: The 2027 OGA Annual Conference is tentatively scheduled for August 23-25, 2027.

OGA selects 2026 Scholarship Winners, and a new partner raises the bar

Each year, the Oklahoma Gas Association awards \$1,000 scholarships to help high school seniors cover educational expenses. The 2026 recipients were selected by the OGA Scholarship Committee and approved by the OGA Board of Directors.

OGA scholarships are funded through select association events and the generous support of R.B. Williamson Energy Advisors (RBWEA). RBWEA is committed to supporting the OGA Scholarship Program with an annual \$2,500 contribution to create the RBWEA Scholarship. This year's first RBWEA Scholar, honoring Larry Alspaugh, is Sean Walling (Son of Angela Walling, ONEGas); Bryna Bacy (Daughter of Lee Bacy, Oklahoma Natural Gas); Keegan Jones (Son of Darren Jones, Summit Utilities); and Ella Williams (Daughter of Carrie Williams, Summit Utilities).

The association also introduced a new raffle this year, generating more than \$4,000 for the scholarship fund.

For more information about OGA Scholarships, click here: [OGA Scholarship Program](#).



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**2026 RBWEA Scholar honoring
Larry Alspaugh
Sean Walling**



Bryna Bacy



Keegan Jones



Elanor "Ella" Williams



New board officers selected

At the 2026 OGA Annual Business Meeting, members elected Mark Haptonstall (AOG Arkansas) as board chair, Andrea Mosley (ONE Gas/ONG) as vice chair, and Nathan Henson (Energy Worldnet) as board secretary for the next 12 months.

Members also reelected Jason Crowe (Green Equipment), Josh DeWitt (Irby), and Andrea Mosley (ONE Gas/ONG) to fill board terms expiring in 2026. The remaining board members are Jeff Althoff (City of Tuttle), Andy DeWitt (Energy Transfer), Jimmy Eastham (Northeast Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority), Bryson Parker (Summit Utilities–Oklahoma), and Travis Whitenack (Municipal Utility Board of Pryor Creek). Advisory board members are Jonathan Beam (R.B. Williamson Energy Advisors), Jeremy Brown (Grove Municipal Services), and Andy Shingledecker (Applied Consultants).



About the OGA

The Oklahoma Gas Association is a professional association serving the natural gas industry. We assist our members in developing leaders and safety best-practice performance through education and networking.

Our core values are:

- Safety: To share information and best practices for continuous improvement.
- Training: To provide specialized training to benefit workforce development.
- Leadership: To improve leadership skills and build future leaders.
- Networking: To provide opportunities to build strong industry connections.

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