



## 2012 Annual Report

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## **GPA CANADA MISSION STATEMENT:**

Provide added value to the Canadian gas processing and gas liquids industries from source to market by being a forum for:

- Expanding technical knowledge
- Sharing best practices
- Discussing, debating and providing input into legislative and regulatory issues
- Industry networking

## **GPA CANADA VISION:**

- Be the premier technical association representing gas processing in Canada.

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# GPAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Q1 LUNCHEON - AGENDA

Friday, April 12, 2013

The Westin Hotel

320 – 4 Avenue SW | Calgary, Alberta

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

1. Call to order
2. Reading and Dispensing of the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of April 3, 2012
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
  - Approval of the 2012 Financial Statement
5. 2012 Directors' Highlights
6. Ratification of the Actions of the Board of Directors
7. Board of Directors Elections

## **Adjournment of the Annual General Meeting**

8. Outstanding Award Presentation
9. Luncheon Presentation

**The Honourable Ken Hughes, Alberta Minister of Energy**

# GPAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

The Petroleum Club

Calgary, Alberta



## 1. Call to Order

Al Niven welcomed the members and indicated that there was a quorum of at least 20 members present, so the meeting was duly constituted. Materials for reference were on each table in the Annual Report:

- Agenda
- Minutes from the 2011 AGM
- Financial and Directors Reports

## 2. Approval of the March 2011 AGM Meeting minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2011 Annual General Meeting were circulated.

Moved by Dayle Chadbourne that the minutes of the March 2, 2011 Annual General Meeting be approved as written

Seconded by Paul Homik

Carried.

## 3. President's Report

A. Niven noted that the 2011 and 2012 President's reports could be found in the Annual Reports on the tables. He then acknowledged the current and past Presidents, Executive and Board Directors of the association.

## 4. Financial Report

Last year's financial report was distributed as part of the Annual Report. The financial books of the Association were reviewed by two members of the Association this year, Paul Homik and Michael Gordon, in order to reduce the expense of an auditor.

Moved by Josh Carter that the 2010 Financial Statement be approved as presented in the Annual Report

Seconded by Joel Hayes

Carried.

## 5. Ratification of Board Actions

J. Carter again referred to the Annual Report that summarized the actions of the Board in 2011 and asked for motion to ratify those decisions.

Moved by Dawn Wambold that the actions of the GPAC Board of Directors be ratified for the year 2011

Seconded by Josh Carter

Carried.

## 6. Elections

A. Niven reminded the attendees that the Association is run by volunteers; both the individuals who sit on the committees and the companies that sponsor them do so because they are genuinely interested in the goals and activities of the GPA CANADA. Without them, the organization could not function. He thanked the members of the 2011 Board of Directors for their dedication and service.

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Retiring directors this year include:

- Miriam Mitchell-Banks, Entertainment
- Jeff McPhail, Safety
- Dayle Chadbourne, Past President
- Kelly Gerry, Vice President

Returning Board for 2011 that require re-election include:

- Jonathan Balint
- Steve Summers
- Brian Maksymetz
- Mark Guirguis

The following positions are vacant:

- Vice President

The following is the nominee for one of the vacant positions on the Board:

- Greg Bury
- Dawn Wambold
- Paul Homik
- Michael Gordon

A call for nominations from the floor was made. There being none, a call was made for a motion to approve the slate as presented for 2012.

Moved by Rob Nadalutti that the slate of Directors for 2012 be approved as presented

Seconded by Richard Bosomworth

Carried.

Your complete list of 2012 Directors is:

- Josh Carter – Past President
- Al Niven – President
- Jonathan Balint – Treasurer
- Rob Nadalutti – Academic/Careers
- Brian Maksymetz – Programs, Conference
- Mark Guirguis – Safety
- Steve Summers – Membership
- Paul Homik – Entertainment
- Michael Gordon – Entertainment
- Greg Bury – Director at Large
- Dawn Wambold – Programs Co-Chair, Technical Sessions
- Art Kowalchuk – GAS Alumni liaison
- Cam Nichols – Northern Committee

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no new business raised from the floor, A. Niven asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by J. Hayes that the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 pm

Seconded by R. Nadalutti

Carried.

# LOOKING BACK

## 2012 PRESIDENT

It is with a heavy heart that I write this Year in Review; on December 10th we lost our beloved leader Al Niven (63). He passed suddenly, but peacefully at his home with his wife Debbie. Al loved many things in his life: his wife, his children, his family, his community, and we are lucky to have counted GPAC among them. Al devoted 9 years of his life to GPAC, our longest standing Board member, and was looking forward to completing his year as President.

Al and I have seen many changes over our collective 16 years on the Board. We have helped reshape GPAC after the merger, creating a new vision and moving forward with a strong sense of purpose. As the gas industry as a whole is challenged, GPAC continues to grow through the hard work and dedication of the Board of Directors and volunteers. Sometimes attracting great Board members has its own risks, Kelly Gerry, Vice President GPAC, relocated to Houston, TX with his company Stantec. Kelly, and all Directors, have worked tirelessly and are instrumental to GPAC's growth. This past year we were proud to introduce several new initiatives.

Directors Michael Gordon and Paul Homik have successfully orchestrated two plant tours, with attendees from both industry, UofC, and SAIT. Great feedback from all is reaffirming the value of the tours for all types of members, so look forward to several different plant tours coming up.

Listening to member and company feedback, Director Dawn Wambold has successfully created a technical luncheon series, focusing on engineering and technical topics of great educational value to gas processing industry members, both young and experienced!

For the first time ever, we're hosting the Plant Safety Awards Banquet in Grand Prairie, bringing the event closer to the northern plants, facilitating the northern operators attending the event. The Joint Conference success continues, with the multiple stream presentation approach growing so quickly, that we had to move to the BMO Center in the Stampede Park to facilitate the attendance.

We are strengthening our ties with GPA USA, and will be hosting presentations by some of their members, as well as increasing our attendance at the GPA Conference in the US.

We hosted our first GPAC Funspiel at the Calgary Curling Club in February, and were happy to have Silver Medalist Cheryl Bernard hosting, and coaching those less experienced throwers among us!

All of this, in addition to all of the great events that GPAC already brings you year after year. We continue our sponsorship of Engineers without Borders, and all of the global projects that they sponsor. The Joint GPAC/CHOA/SPE Stampede Breakfast, again hosted close to 1000 members. The Golf Tournament was blessed with a beautiful summer day at Earl Grey. And the Operations and Maintenance Conference continues to provide great training content.

It's been a great 53 years! With the 2013 Board of Directors, members, volunteers, and of course Corporate Sponsors, it will be another great year!

**Josh Carter P.Eng**  
**President, Gas Processors Association of Canada**







## 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of  
Gas Processing Association Canada  
P.O. Box 4091, Station C  
Calgary, Alberta  
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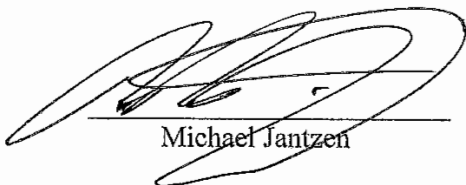
As members of Gas Processing Association Canada and representing the membership at large, we have reviewed the Balance Sheet of the Gas Processing Association Canada as at December 31, 2012 and the Statement of Income & Expense for the twelve months then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the association's management company. Our responsibility was to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our review. A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

In common with many charitable organizations, a society derives revenue from members and the general public in the form of membership sales and donations which are not susceptible to complete verification. Accordingly, verification of such revenue was limited to review of the accounting for the amounts recorded in the records of the society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue and assets.

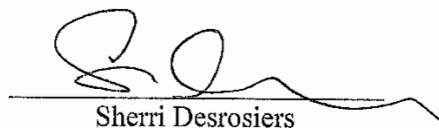
Except for the limitation, as described in the preceding paragraph, based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. They present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at December 31, 2012.

Dated at the City of Calgary  
In the Province of Alberta  
This 06<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013



Michael Jantzen



Sherri Desrosiers





**Gas Processing Association Canada**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at**  
**December 31, 2012**


**Assets**

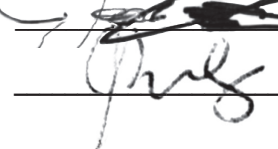
<b>Current Assets</b>			
National Bank	\$	143,301.34	
Investments		-	
Total Cash and Investments			143,301.34
Prepaid Expenses		13,616.10	
Sub-Total: Prepaid			13,616.10
Accounts Receivable		10,614.13	
Allowance For Doubtful Accounts			
Total Receivable			10,614.13
Inventory - PFS Data Books		759.00	
Inventory - SI Data Books		4,433.00	
Total Inventory			5,192.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>172,723.57</b>
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**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
GST Owing (Refund)	\$	(7.75)	
Accrued Liabilities		-	
Accounts Payable		15,804.69	
Northern Chapter Payable		-	
PJVA Payable		17,705.09	
Deferred Membership		6,881.00	
Deferred Sponsorship		8,000.00	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			<b>48,383.03</b>
<b>Members' Equity</b>			
Members Surplus, Beginning of Year **		149,284.18	
Surplus, current year		(24,943.64)	
<b>Total Members' Equity</b>			<b>124,340.54</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Members' Equity</b>			<b>\$ 172,723.57</b>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 \_\_\_\_\_ Director

 \_\_\_\_\_ Director

# 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



## Gas Processing Association Canada Statement of Income and Retained Earnings Year Ended December 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

	2012	2011
<b>Revenue</b>		
GPAC/PJVA Conference	\$ 86,373	\$ 78,215
Membership	56,681	58,954
Classic Golf Tournament	45,970	56,308
Operations and Maintenance Conference	28,820	40,230
Safety/Awards	38,208	39,120
Social Functions	3748	16535
Publications Sales	16,617	18,234
AGM and Board Meetings	1,275	1,675
Interest and Others	802	3622
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 278,494</b>	<b>\$ 312,893</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
GPAC/PJVA Conference	\$ 68,667.00	\$ 66,414.00
Administration	49,942.00	59,183.00
Classic Golf Tournament	48,234.00	57,829.00
Operations and Maintenance Conference	36,765.00	37,923.00
Safety/Awards	47,315.00	45,589.00
Social Functions	7,944.00	17,854.00
Publications Sales	12,567.00	10,674.00
AGM and Board Meetings	15,589.00	15,580.00
Publicity and Promotions	10,519.00	10,670.00
Education/Careers	5,896.00	1,813.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>303,438</b>	<b>323,529</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(24,944)</b>	<b>(10,636)</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS- BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>149,284</b>	<b>159,919</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS- END OF YAR</b>	<b>\$ 124,340</b>	<b>\$ 149,283</b>

# CONFERENCE REPORTS

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE

The theme for the 2012 GPAC Operations and Maintenance Conference, held at the Telus Convention Centre on Friday, May 11, 2012, was “Seeking Opportunities in a Challenging Gas Environment” and featured an impressive roster of speakers who delivered on a wide range of topics designed to leave delegates with information on safety and cost-effectiveness in the Canadian gas processing industry. With the annual Safety Awards Banquet taking place the evening of the conference, we took the opportunity this year to include a panel discussion featuring three of the organizations being recognized that evening for their success in the workplace safety realm entitled “Success Stories in Safety”.

Thank you to all the speakers, volunteers, sponsors and exhibitors who helped to make the 2012 conference a success. We are currently planning for the 2013 conference, the theme of which is “Operating in a Market Shift”. This year, the O & M Conference is breaking off from the Safety Awards Banquet (which was held in Grande Prairie on March 15), allowing us to move away from a Friday date. The conference will be taking place at the Metropolitan Centre on Thursday, May 9.

## GPAC/PJVA JOINT CONFERENCE

250 delegates were in attendance at the 2012 GPAC/PJVA Joint Conference. This year's took place in a new venue – the BMO Centre, to accommodate the growth of the conference. 2012 was the first year that the conference was expanded to four streams:

1. Plenary stream, which brought all conference goers together to take in such presentations as “Natural Gas Under Siege”, “Multi Generations at Work: The Power of 4” and “Processing Enhancements for Duvernay”
2. Business stream, in which presentations with more of a general business slant, such as “The Economics of the Proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project” were featured
3. Technical stream, which appealed to delegates looking for presentations that were more technical in nature, such as “Shutting Down a Sour Gas Operation – Strategies for and Lessons Learned” and “Liquid Field Extraction”
4. The JV Analyst/Admin stream was a new addition to 2012, and this half day stream included a panel discussion on “Career Paths in the Joint Interest Field”, as well as two additional presentations: “Operated Dispute Management” and “Efficient Administrative Processes – Your System can Help”

Planning is well underway for the 2013 conference, which will be held again at the BMO Centre on Wednesday, October 23rd. Mark your calendar, and look out for program and registration information to hit your inbox this summer. If there are any burning topics or speakers you would like to see featured, please notify the GPAC office.





## ACADEMIC REVIEW

This has been a busy year for reaching out to students and activating them as members, volunteers, and participants. Early in the year, Academic Director, Rob Nadalutti, made good contacts with the Presidents of the University of Calgary (UofC) and SAIT Petroleum and Energy Engineering students gaining insights to the expectations of students and faculty members. The first event GPAC attended and sponsored was a mixer arranged by UofC and SAIT Petroleum and Energy Engineering Students – hosted by CADE (Canadian Association of Drilling Engineers). We were encouraged by the student involvement and motivation, and we capitalized the remainder of the year on the relationships forged at that event.

A meeting with Mary MacDonald, Dean of the McPhail School of Energy, SAIT, led to introductions with the Academic Chairs.

We did our best to have a presence at as many SAIT and UofC events during the year as well as inviting students to attend, or volunteer at, GPAC events. GPAC was a Gold Sponsor at the 2nd Annual SAIT SPS Industry/Student Social Golf Tournament.

GPAC was able to arrange a tour of Wildcat Hills Natural Gas Processing Plant in November 2012, and Empress Straddle Deep Cut Gas Processing Plant in February 2013. Both had 20 attendees; Wildcat had 6 students and Empress had 12 students registered.

Our potential student member list increased by 133, and student membership increased by 9. We look forward to continuing to develop the connections between student and industry via Lunch and Learns, Beer and Chats, and various volunteer opportunities throughout 2013.

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## G.A.S. ALUMNI

There were 8 paid GAS ALUMNI in 2012, including Gordon Barnes, David Bowman, Steve Kotyk, William C. Lareshen, Ken MacRae, Tom E. Morimoto, Les Spalding and myself. Unfortunately, membership in GAS ALUMNI continues to decline as three former colleagues passed away, including John Parder, Jim Wolter and Rollie Lazerte.

To qualify for GAS membership one has to have worked in the oil and gas industry for 20 years, be at least 50 years old, be retired from full time employment and have been a member of CGPA, CGPSA or GPAC. Annual Membership fee is \$9.00 + GST. Potential members must submit a letter to Arthur Kowalchuk, P.Eng. c/o GPAC office.

For Arthur Kowalchuk, it has been a very busy year. He sold his Calgary house February 08, 2012 and moved to the Athabasca farm, after spending 62 years in Calgary! Arthur was also awarded the NACE 35 year membership pin at the Annual General Meeting.

Arthur had the pleasure of presenting the GPAC 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award to John Martin, a retired chemical engineer and 1975 CGPA President. He is known for his work organizing tours for other retired CGPA and CGPSA alumni seniors to Kananaskis, Banff and Jasper.

**Arthur Kowalchuk, P.Eng.**  
**G.A.S. Alumni Liaison**



## 2012 GPAC SAFETY REPORT

For over 30 years, GPAC has continued to support the Gas Processing industry in Canada with the recognition of the outstanding dedication of the operating teams to safety. To qualify for a GPAC Safety Award, gas handling facilities and supplier companies must achieve zero Lost Time Incidents (LTI) at their specific gas handling facility or supplier company for 2011.

The Safety Awards banquet was held on May 22, 2012 at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre again hosted by CTV's Darrel Janz, as well as entertainer Gery Schubert aka "Rene Mauve Toupee" who ushered guests down the red carpet and on to an elegant night of 'Gassy Awards'.

Qualifying facilities and companies decreased slightly due to purchases and shut-ins but attendance remained level over the previous year. Of special note, the following facilities achieved outstanding safety performance without a Lost Time Incident:

ConocoPhillips – Medicine River Gas Plant – 25 years

ConocoPhillips – Niton Gas Plant – 35 years

ConocoPhillips – West Paddle River Gas Plant – 35 years

Imperial Oil Resources – Lone Pine Gas Plant and Field – 40 years

For 2013, we moved the event to Grande Prairie providing opportunity for plant personnel to attend. The event was scheduled earlier in the year – March 15th – to accommodate plant scheduling and we added a half-day Safety Conference to facilitate hands-on training for all parties involved. We hope to show Alberta that we are not just a Calgary association.

**Mark Guirguis**  
***2012 GPAC Safety Director***



## GPAC TECHNICAL SESSIONS

2012 was a rebuilding year for the technical sessions. After a period of not having any sessions for the Calgary area, the feedback from our members was loud and clear: bring back the technical sessions!

We restarted the program in October with a presentation from Norm Blatz of Ammonite Corrosion Engineering Inc. His topic was "Challenges to Instituting a Successful Integrity Management Plan". This presentation offered strategies to help mitigate integrity challenges at the design, construction and operation stages of facilities.

Future technical sessions will include an overview of the NACE code, project updates and many other topics. All sessions are held at the Calgary Petroleum Club and include lunch. We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 technical sessions!

**Dawn Wambold**

*Program Co-Chair Technical Sessions*



Once again the jointly hosted GPAC, CHOA and SPE Stampede Breakfast was a huge industry success. This was the 3rd consecutive year the event was held at Flames Central in downtown Calgary. A conservative estimate of attendance would put the crowd at 1100.

The MC, GPAC's own Rob Nadalutti kept the crowd interested and involved in the many on-stage games. The games were organized and executed by SPE's Erin van Boeschoten. A 50/50 draw was added to this year's program which raised approximately \$5,000.00 for a very deserving charity.

Another new item that was added to the program was a photo booth. By all accounts the photo booth was an overwhelming success. It should be seriously considered for a repeat showing in 2013 as the cost of having the booth was covered by a sponsorship that was sold very quickly.

The event raised almost \$20,000.00 in sponsorship funds from a wide range of Oil and Gas companies. The three associations had no problems finding a number of organizations that wanted to add their names to this event.

Going forward, the 2013 event will see some changes as GPAC is looking for a new partner to jointly host the event for 2013. This provides opportunity for another industry association to get in on the party! Whoever this ends up being, we fully expect another successful event at Flames Central on July 10th!





## CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

2012 was the 51st year of the Annual Classic GPAC golf tournament and once again we were blessed with a beautiful day and a perfect setting for getting out and sharing a good time with colleagues.

The tournament was held at the Earl Grey Golf Club, with lunch and registration getting underway at 11:30 am, and shotgun start at 1:30 pm. Each hole was sponsored by individual companies and included this year were two 'hole in one' holes, one with a new Harley Davidson up for grabs!! Unfortunately, these went unclaimed but 2013 will provide another chance for would be golfers. The banquet and award presentation followed shortly after 6:00 pm and was emceed by one of GPAC's newest Directors, Greg Bury of Gas Liquids Engineering.

The GPAC tournament has become a popular event and a favorite within the industry. We are already in the planning stages for the 2013 event so be sure to register early and contact us if you are interested in hole sponsorship opportunities. Although you must be a GPAC member to register a team, it is not necessary for team guests to all be members of GPAC. Tournament format is four person Texas scramble, low net competition established by team handicaps.



Sponsorship opportunities are always available if your organization is looking for a great way to increase its profile in the gas processing community. Please contact the GPAC office for further information and to book your spot for the September 5, 2013 tourney.





## GPAC 2013 GOLD SPONSORS



## GPAC 2013 SILVER SPONSORS

