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Member & Alumni News

We are very sorry to announce the passing of former CGPSA director **Nick Nickel** and GPAC member **Chris Machan** just this past month.

Nick Nickel passed away **March 19, 2013** in Chilliwack, BC. Nick served as a CGPSA director in the early 90's. **Services were held Thursday, March 28 at Henderson's Chapel in Chilliwack.**

Chris Machan passed away on **March 1, 2013**. A celebration of Chris' life was held in Edmonton on March 9. His obituary can be found [at this link](#).

GPAC extends sincere condolences to the families and loved ones for their loss. Details concerning services and obituaries can be found on the [Member News page](#).

2013 GPAC O&M Conference - Registration is now open!

The GPAC O&M Conference is fast approaching. It will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Metropolitan Conference Centre. This year's conference theme is, "Operating in a Market Shift".

Find out more about the conference on the [O&M Conference page](#). As part of the 2013 conference, GPAC is very pleased to present **Ezra Levant** as the keynote speaker. Details about Ezra can be found on his [website](#).

Please note the O&M Conference will be not in conjunction with the Safety Awards this year.

Early bird registration expires April 5, so don't delay. [Visit the online registration site](#) to secure your spot.

Is there a topic or speaker you would like to see covered? Are you or a colleague interested in presenting at the conference? If so, please contact Julia Rooney at juliar@associationsplus.ca.

2013 GPAC/PJVA Joint Conference - Mark Your Calendars!

The GPAC/PJVA Joint Conference Planning Committee is getting a jump on the planning for the 2013 conference - expect to see further information hit your inboxes by the summer. Given the success of last year's expanded conference, we will be sticking with the four stream approach: business, technical, JV analyst/admin and plenary (keynotes).

The conference will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2013** at the BMO Centre. If there are any topics or speakers you would like to see covered, or if you or a colleague have an interest in presenting, please contact Erika Rauser-Holter at erikar@associationsplus.ca.

Safety Conference & Awards Banquet, March 15, 2013 - Grande Prairie, AB

Despite a nasty snow storm that hit Grande Prairie the day before, GPAC still had a great mix of industry representation at the half-day Safety Conference on March 15th. Larry Pearson of The Pearson Group did an excellent job of facilitating group exercises around hazard assessment and innovations. He also showed various ways to keep people engaged in safety and demonstrated the Safety Leadership concept and how valuable it is to be visible. Larry obtained valuable feedback for the group - both members and non members - for future association initiatives.

The awards banquet attendees had as much fun as could be handled despite the smaller numbers - again because of the horrible road conditions, many could not make it out from the Edmonton, Vermillion, and Fort St. John's areas that had been registered.

Gery Schubert put on an entertaining show as "Paddy O'Burns" teaching people how to dance the 'frozen jig' and his alter-ego "Steve Irwin" showed the crowd how to wrestle crocodiles to 'proper way'. The DJ dance and photobooth also provided interactive opportunities for everyone to keep moving until the wee hours of the night.

The big winners of the night included:

- **Spectra Kwoen, Keyera Nevis and Spectra McMahon** for the *Best of Class* categories
- 20 Year Awards: **Imperial Oil Resources, Keyera Corp. - Gilby and Simonette Plants**
- 25 Year Awards: **ConocoPhillips - Brassey & Noel Gas Plants; Imperial Oil Resources - Harmattan Field and Signalta Resources - Forestburg Plant**

There was even a 45 Year Award for **ConocoPhillips - Morrin Ghost Pine Gas Plant**.

Congratulations to this year's winners! A complete list is available on the [Safety Awards 2013 page](#).

[Visit the photo gallery](#).

Shell Kitimat LNG Project Receives NEB Approval

The National Energy Board has approved an application by LNG Canada Development Inc. (LNG Canada) for a licence to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from a proposed terminal near Kitimat, British Columbia.

The export licence will authorize LNG Canada to export 670 million tonnes of LNG (approximately equivalent to 32.95 tcf of natural gas) over a 25-year period. The maximum annual quantity allowed for export will be 24 million tonnes of LNG (approximately equivalent to 1.18 tcf of natural gas, or 3.23 bcf per day).

In approving the application, the board said it has satisfied itself that the quantity of gas to be exported does not exceed the surplus remaining after due allowance has been made for the reasonably foreseeable requirements for use in Canada, having regard to the trends in the discovery of gas in Canada.

The terminal is currently being developed under a joint development agreement among Shell Canada Limited, as managing partner of Shell Canada Energy, Diamond LNG Canada Ltd. (an affiliate of Mitsubishi Corporation), Kogas Canada LNG Ltd. (an affiliate of Korea Gas Corporation) and Phoenix Energy Holdings Limited (an affiliate of PetroChina Investment (Hong Kong) Limited). While Shell

currently owns 100 per cent of LNG Canada, these parties intend to enter into a shareholding agreement whereby each will own shares in LNG Canada."

Source: DOB, February 2013

Membership Renewals Deadline... This Weekend!

[Renew your membership online](#) or fill in the [printable form](#) and submit to the GPAC office. Deadline for renewals is **March 31, 2013**.

New Oil & Gas Codes/Standards are Now Law

Several new and updated CSA Group standards into legislation, including the B149 Gas Code Series. These standards are related to oil & gas, fuel handling & distribution and installation requirements. Operators and installers are required by law to be familiar with these changes.

To help reduce risks due to code violations, job reworks and work stoppages, can your organization run a short story in your newsletters and/or website sharing this information with your stakeholders? For more information, please visit [CSA Group Standards website page](#).

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If you have an account on LinkedIn®, we encourage you to join the **Gas Processing Association Canada group** - this will be your one stop shop for information on upcoming GPAC events, for updates on GPAC initiatives and for relevant industry information. Your participation is encouraged.

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(Please note: if you DON'T have a LinkedIn® account, this is a great time to create a profile! Just go to www.linkedin.com and follow the prompts to get started.)

You can also follow us on [Twitter](#).

Upcoming Events

GPA Convention - April 7 - 10, 2013 - San Antonio, Texas
AGM & Luncheon with the AB Minister of Energy, Ken Hughes - Westin Hotel - April 12, 2013
GPAC Technical Luncheon - Petroleum Club - April 24, 2013
O&M Conference - Metropolitan Conference Centre - May 9, 2013
GPAC Technical Luncheon - June 26, 2013
GPAC/SPE Joint Stampede Breakfast - Flames Central - July 10, 2013
Annual Golf Classic - September 5, 2013
Jim Belding Past President's Golf - September 23, 2013
GPAC/PJVA 19th Joint Conference - October 23, 2013

Event details will be posted on the [events calendar](#) as they become available.