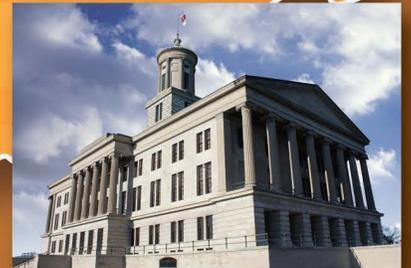


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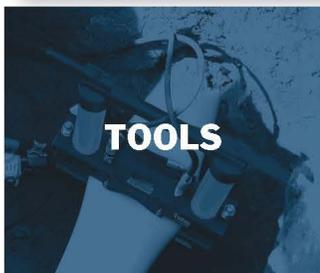
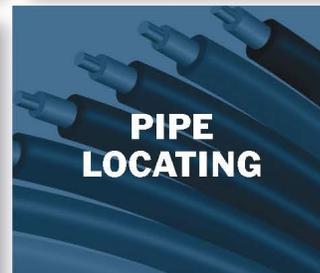
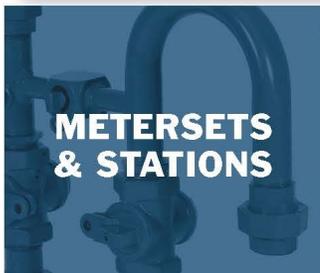
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From the President RANDALL GRINER

I can't put into words the great honor it is to serve as TGA's 58th President. In looking back at the names of the past Presidents, it is hard to imagine a boy that grew up in middle Tennessee milking cows, feeding hogs, and cutting tobacco filling this position, but here I am. I can only promise that I will do my best. With such a great Board of

Directors, outstanding Staff and the most amazing group of volunteers, there is no doubt we are "Building a ROCK Solid Future".

In preparation of this message, I looked back at the last several President's messages. They all talked about the highlights of their Annual meeting, well 2020 had different plans. The Annual Meeting Committee put together what would have been an outstanding meeting, but sacrifices had to be made. The health and safety of TGA's members and their families is way more important than the meeting. I appreciate the hard work put in by the committee, sponsors and business partners.

I think Braxton Williams must have had a crystal ball when he came up with last year's theme "Waves of Change Oceans of Opportunity". Thanks to Covid-19 we are all living the "Change", we must now make the best of our "Opportunity". Covid-19 continued its mayhem causing the Safety Summit, D&O, Business, Accounting & Professional Development, Fall Management Conferences and TPUC classes to be canceled for in person meetings. However, TGA volunteers burst into action combining the Safety Summit and D&O together into a condensed virtual meeting which took place October 6th through October 8th. The TPUC classes on Valves, Leak Survey and Patrolling for Operators went virtual on October 19th and 22nd. The Business,

Accounting & Professional Development Conference took to the virtual stage November 3-5 and the Fall Management Conference is slated to go virtual November 17th & 18th. Not one sigh, groan or complaint was heard when the challenge to convert to these conferences to a virtual platform was given. They just rolled up their sleeves and went to work. This spirit, drive and strength is why TGA is the greatest association. These traits along with our resiliency and determination are how TGA will move forward in this era of Covid-19 and emerge stronger and better on the other side. As Abraham Lincoln and many others through history have said "This too shall pass".

That's enough Covid-19 talk, time to move on to some very exciting things. TGA formed a task force to pursue the creation of a Tennessee License Plate honoring our natural gas industry and the great men and women of our industry. With the proceeds from this license plate going to the TGA Scholarship Foundation. We owe a big thank you to Keith Garth of Marion Natural Gas for coming up with the idea and sharing his thoughts with Matt Ballard who presented it to the Board. There will be more details to come as this progresses forward. Another opportunity in the infant stage of discussion is the possibility of TGA developing an apprentice program for gas employees. The initial idea is that this program would be broken down into tasks with classroom training followed with hands on performance of the tasks with you the employer making the determination if the employee is qualified. This is very preliminary and if you have ideas or suggestions please reach out to share them.

While there is no way to replace the networking in the hall of an in-person conference, we hope that the virtual conferences will assist members to stay current in the industry and to fill your training needs. Navigating through these obstacles would have been much more difficult without the great work of Kelley and Jamie. Please continue to support our business partners and thank them for their amazing support of TGA. Thank You for your continued support of TGA, TGA PAC and the Scholarship Foundation and please reach out if TGA can be of any assistance or with ideas and suggestions. Thank You again and I hope to see everyone in person in 2021.

In my last letter to you I anticipated in-person events to pick back up in September and to continue through the remaining 4 months of 2020. Well, I lost that bet. Virtual has become a common word in my vocabulary. TGA continues to adapt to the changing conditions of our surroundings and deliver valuable information to our membership in a new way.

The Distribution & Operations Committee in partnership with the Safety Summit Committee delivered a great 6-session program over three days in October. Milton Henderson, 2019-20 Chair of D&O Committee and Thomas McCutcheon, 2019-20 Chair of Safety Summit Committee moderated the three days and deserve a pat on the back for a job well done. Check out the write up of the event in the newsletter.

The Business, Accounting, and Professional Development group conducted their 6-session event as well. We are pleased to have offered 6 CPE and

This past year the Chairs and Committee Members adapted and met any request I made of them under the direction of the TGA Leadership. Look to the TGA website for additional information on upcoming events. The 2021 Training Calendar is being assembled and will be released in the coming months.

**KELLEY
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commissioner Training hours for this virtual event. We know that the professionals and board members of our member companies depend on these certification hours and look to TGA to meet this requirement. The Fall Management Conference delivered a 4-session over 2 days program November 17th & 18th which will also include 4 hours for Commissioners. We will round out the virtual year with a class from TPUC. The TPUC classes will be held on December 8th & 10th and will have identical agendas. The class will be looking forward to 2021 inspections and how to be prepared.

The 2020-21 Committee Chairs are off and running planning in-person events that we hope will take place in 2021. I cannot say enough about this group of volunteers and the work they put into bringing the membership operational information for the various groups that make up our membership.

I wrap up with “thank you”. Most organizations have transitioned to virtual applications and you are spending hours in front of computer screens attending conferences and meetings. We are glad you have chosen TGA as an organization you support virtually. We hope you have found that although the delivery method is not ideal, you do receive pertinent information that allows you to continually improve and deliver exceptional services to your customers. After all, the ultimate goal is to deliver natural gas to the great State of Tennessee.

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2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES

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The Tennessee Gas Association Annual Meeting of the Delegates took place on August 4, 2020 via Zoom. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, TGA was unable to hold the planned Annual Meeting Conference in Chattanooga, TN. Despite the situation, business of the Association must go on. During the meeting on August 4th, 2019-20 TGA President, Braxton Williams, was thanked for his service to TGA during these unprecedented times. He was awarded the Honorary Lifetime Membership award in recognition of his service as Association President. After the election of the 2020-21 TGA Officers, the newly appointed TGA President, Randall Griner, received the gavel passed on to him by Mr. Williams.

The 2020-2021 slate of TGA Officers are:

- President: Randall Griner, Fayetteville Utility District
- 1st Vice President: Mark O'Neal, Greater Dickson Gas Authority
- 2nd Vice President: Virgil Deanes, Memphis Light, Gas & Water
- Treasurer: Rob Neil, Powell Clinch Utility District
- Secretary: Sasha Benjamin, Oak Ridge Utility District

TGA thanks Braxton Williams for his service to TGA and looks forward to the coming year with Randall Griner as President.



Braxton Williams, TGA President 2019 / 2020



Randall Griner, TGA President 2020 / 2021



Hello my friends,

One of the most important positives that has blossomed over the last few months, is the blessing of slowing down and spending time with our immediate families. Of course, we have missed being together with our extended families including our TGA Family. With this in mind, I am honored to announce our plans for a “Family Centric” 2021 Annual Meeting in beautiful Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our home will be the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort. The amenities of this resort, which is currently under a multi-million-dollar renovation, are awesome and I believe you will find Myrtle Beach a great place to spend time with its vast array of family friendly venues. So please make plans to join us in Myrtle Beach, June 14-16, 2021, where “Fun Comes In Waves”.

See you on the Beach!

Mark O’Neal
Greater Dickson Gas Authority
TGA 1st Vice President



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The first virtual conference for TGA took place October 6-8, 2020. Joint efforts by the Distributions & Operations Committee led by Milton Henderson of Piedmont Natural Gas and Safety Summit Committee under the direction of Thomas McCutcheon of Chattanooga Gas provided 6 sessions spread over three days.

The first day delivered a Leak Management Roundtable discussion led by Sam Andavazo of Springfield Gas and Kelli Tidmore of Equipment Controls. Jocelyn McInturff and Chris Thomas of KUB explained the benefits of developing an Incident Command System for use during emergency response.

The second day offered a panel representing small, medium and large distribution companies and the challenges each face operating gas systems. Moderated by Mike Chitwood with EYSO, Thomas McCutcheon, Chattanooga Gas; Roger Phillips, Cookeville Gas; and Jeff Patter, ORUD discussed safety and compliance challenges, engaging employees, and succession planning. Cathodic Protection was next on the agenda. Pat Hickey of Clark Engineering presented various aspect of cathodic protection.

Day three wrapped up with information on excess flow valves by Chris Carson.

Although everyone would loved to have been gathered in a meeting room and enjoying snacks in the exhibit hall with their peers, the conference was well attended reaching 57 TGA member companies. We appreciate the member support as we have made adjustments to go virtual so that we can deliver valuable information.



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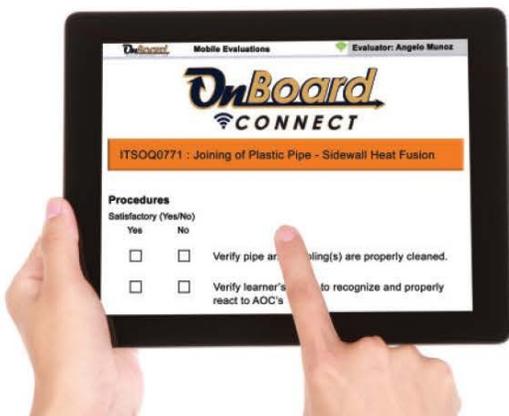
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Pat Riley of Gibson County Utility District Announces Retirement

Over two decades of service and leadership as Gibson County Utility District General Manager, Pat Riley has established himself as an industry trend setter. Pat Riley has been in the Natural Gas Business for 40 years. He started his career at Allen & Hoshall Consulting Engineers in Memphis, TN in 1980 where he worked in the natural gas department doing various engineering duties. He came to Gibson County Utility District (GCUD) 33 years ago in 1987. He has served as District's General Manager for the past 21 years.

While serving as General Manager, there have been many system accomplishments and recognitions. In 2002, GCUD installed ground breaking technology with the Fisher Grid-Boss system on the high-pressure system and appeared on the front cover of the magazine, "Gas Industries". In 2003, GCUD was featured on Pat Summerall's "Champion of Industries" television program that reached approximately 70 million viewers. In 2004, GCUD received the Gibson County Chamber of Commerce "Industry of the Year Award". The Automated Meter Reading system was introduced in 2007.

Pat created a new committee within Tennessee Gas Association (TGA), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicle Committee. It's focus was to promote and educate the public to the benefits of compressed natural gas vehicles. By 2011, GCUD began converting its vehicle fleet to Compressed Natural Gas. By May 2015, the "Greenest and Cleanest" Natural Gas Refueling Station in the nation was built. GCUD was awarded five Environmental awards in its first year of operation.

From 2010 until 2014, Pat coordinated Natural Gas Vehicle Expos in Nashville. We brought in industry experts and invited all the legislators and local officials to promote the benefits of natural gas vehicles. In 2014, the Expo was held at the Titans Stadium and the next year, Pat organized a Tennessee Gas Association CNG Rally Across Tennessee visiting 5 cities. Pat received the Sales and Marketing Award in 2016 for implementing the CNG Across Tennessee Road Rally.

After favorable response to the Tennessee rally, Pat organized a National CNG Road Rally across the country through the American Public Gas Association, NGVAmerica, and America Gas Association, with 13 media stops from California to Washington D.C. Pat received the Blue Diamond Award in 2016 from APGA, NGVAmerica, and AGA for his efforts.

Over a span of 20 years, Pat has served as a Board member or held positions on various committees for the West Tennessee Gas Association (WTGA), Tennessee Gas Association (TGA), Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD), and Tennessee Renewable Energy Economic Development Council (TREEDC), and American Public Gas Association (APGA). Governor Haslam appointed Pat to a three-year term to serve on the Utility Management Review Board from 2013-2016 and again from 2016-2019. Some other recognitions include the TAUD "M.M. Bullard Award" in 2002 and in 2010 for the Financial and Operational Excellence. In 2013, Pat received the prestigious TGA "Silver Flame Award".

Beyond GCUD and over a span of 22 years, he has held positions on the Trenton Kiwanis Club, Trenton Rotary Club, Gibson County Chamber of Commerce, WestStar, Carl Perkins Exchange Center Board, City of Trenton Alderman, TN Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and WLJTV Board in



Pat is a member of the Northwest Tennessee Photography Club and his love of photography has afforded him recognition at various photography contest. He has been the photographer for the TGA and the APGA Annual Conventions for several years. He has been published in the "Tennessee Titans of Industry and Commerce" state recruitment book, Tennessee Watercolor Association Annual magazine and in a magazine called Tea Journey.

Pat and wife, Julie will continue to make Trenton their home. We are certain that Pat will continue his interests in Gibson County and the State of Tennessee as a whole. Pat's retirement begins August 14, 2020. *Gibson County Utility District wishes him all the best in what lies ahead.*

Message from Pat:

It has been a blessing and a privilege to have worked at GCUD for so many years. To lead in a servant's role is the blessing and the privilege is to have worked along side so many dedicated employees. I feel that I have left GCUD as a better company that will continue to meet the challenges that are to come.

As this chapter of my life closes, another chapter opens. I look forward to the plans my Lord has in store for me. I will continue to be a servant in whatever I do. Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of an open highway. I wish all the best for GCUD!

Pat's updated contact information can be found in the online Membership Directory

Gibson County Utility District Welcomes Allyson Horner as General Manager



The Board of Commissioners of Gibson County Utility District (GCUD) are happy to announce, Allyson Horner as the new General Manager. Allyson has served the Utility as Chief Financial Officer for nearly 21 years and has a hands-on working knowledge of GCUD. Allyson's experience and working knowledge with GCUD and its team offers an outstanding and bright future for the community they serve.

Allyson brings her proactive, empowering leadership philosophy into her new position. The core values of safety, teamwork, integrity, and innovation, while maintaining a professional level of responsibility, commitment, accountability and respect will be the focus of GCUD in the endeavor to achieve goals and serve its customers and community.

This new era at GCUD, in which I am honored to be a part of, will be focused on growing our Utility for the future while preserving the quality of service we have always provided our customers" stated Horner. "We do one thing here at GCUD, provide natural gas for the community we serve and live in. We will do this one thing safely and in the best way possible." Horner concluded.

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After 33 years of devoted service at GCUD, a 40-year total natural gas career, with 21 years of leadership as General Manager, Pat Riley, retired on August 14, 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, GCUD has been unable to honor, Pat for his career and contribution to the natural gas industry.

All of GCUD wishes Pat the best for a long and happy retirement. GCUD hopes to honor Pat later this year.



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It is with excitement and hesitancy that I announce my retirement from East TN Natural Gas. I realize that our contact with each other may wane but, I do not want to lose touch with everyone.

My next chapter has yet to be written, but it will most certainly include an increase in travel, more time spent on my core hobbies which include sailing, spelunking, hiking/backpacking, kayaking, scuba diving, and golf (well not sure I can call golf a hobby when I am so bad at it); or perhaps a return to work in some capacity in the natural gas industry. I have recently obtained my US Coast Guard Captain’s License so am contemplating investment in a sailboat to place into charter and provide Captain services. Alternatively, I may do a bit of captaining on a freelance basis. I am also a US Sailing certified keelboat instructor so can provide sailing lessons as well. I think I will find plenty to do with my time.

I am thankful for my involvement in TGA and the forever friendships that it produced.

Bill’s updated contact information can be found in the online Membership Directory.



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- Description of minimum requirements to meet compliance for present questions
- Discussion

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- Past Issues and Non Compliances & Myths for Operator Qualification Plan/Programs
- Question to be covered for Records & Procedures
- Description of minimum requirements to meet compliance for present questions
- Discussion

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- Description of Construction Inspections - Main, Service Line - PHMSA requirements
- Report Questions to be reviewed
- Damage Prevention - Short presentation
- Description of minimum requirements to meet compliance for questions



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Valves, Leak Survey & Patrolling for Gas Operators Class

On Monday, October 19th and Thursday, October 22nd, Travis Aslinger, Deputy Director of the Gas Pipeline Safety Division of TPUC, presented Valves, Leak Survey and Patrolling for Gas Operators. As with all of TGA remaining trainings and conferences, the class was taught in a webinar format. Each session reached capacity registrants. The participants received valuable information on the above subject matters as it pertains to their yearly inspections. This class took a look back at 2020 inspections and offered insight into common non-compliance issues found by the inspectors and how to correct them. Mr. Aslinger provided understanding of past interpretations that may have caused confusion. Participants participated in question and answer session to further understand the subject matter.

Travis will be conducting 2021 Inspections- Corrosion, Construction, and Operator Qualification Inspection Report Reviews and Discussion on December 8th & 10th via Zoom Webinar. Visit www.tngas.org for registration information.

Regulator/Relief Maintenance, Odorization Inspections-2019

- Old forms, not IA forms from PHMSA
- Most of the non-compliances were regulator/relief capacities and corresponding calculations
- Some non-compliances involving odorization were noted during inspections
- Below are the most common non-compliances for Regulator/Relief Maintenance and Odorization

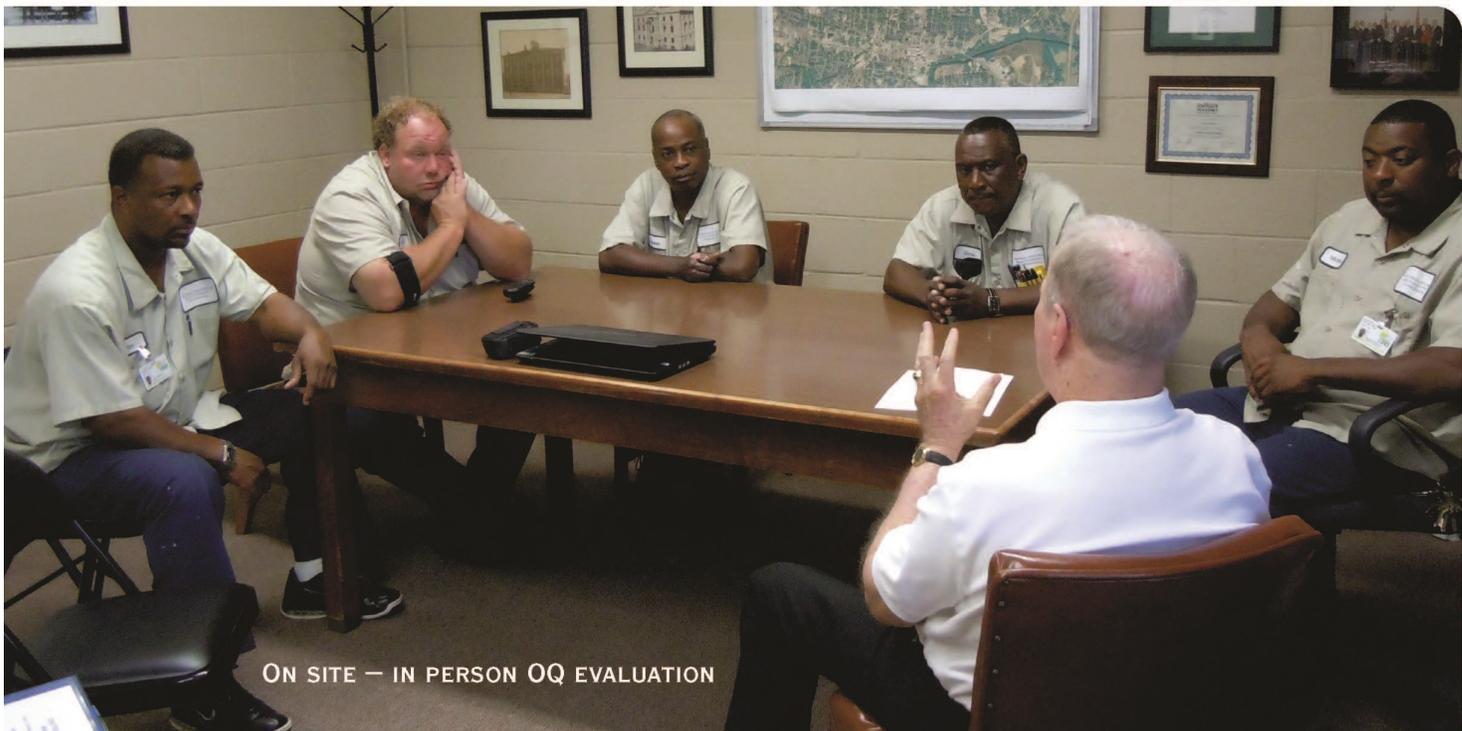
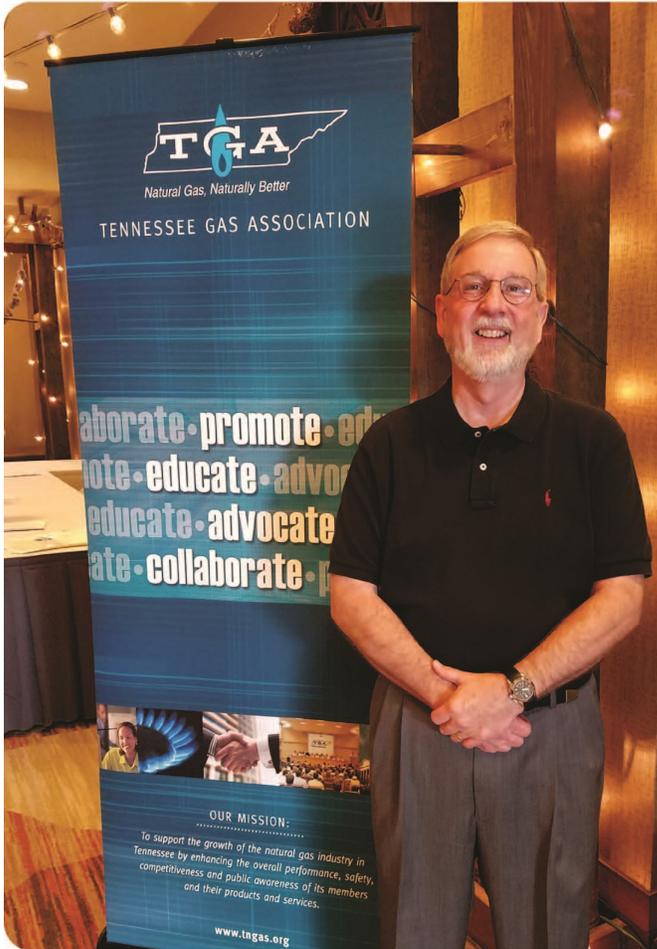




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from the
**SCHOLARSHIP
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Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Foundation and its activities carried out by the Scholarship Committee.

The Foundation held its required Annual meeting and election of officer electronically August 20, 2020. The Foundation Board re-elected: Mr. James Sager - Vice President; Mr. Rob Neil – Treasurer; Ms. Kelley Zamboni – Secretary; and myself as President. We welcome Bill Turner back to the Board due to his Chairmanship of the Scholarship Committee this year, and Virgil Deanes, as TGA Second Vice President.

The Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament did well this year. Bill Turner, and the Scholarship Committee, along with many sponsors, players, and raffle item donor, created a successful event, well beyond what anyone thought possible a few months ago, due to member organization’s travel restrictions and pandemic concerns. The Fishing Tournament was not held, but hopefully will be back next spring at the D & O.

It is time for all to be thinking about items for the Silent Auction to be held June 14-16, 2021 at the Association’s Annual Meeting at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

This event is popular and provides a significant portion of the funds used for scholarships. Success is very dependent upon having a large number of quality items that will draw spirited bidding. Chairman Bill Turner and the Scholarship Committee will be soliciting your support to make this the biggest and best Silent Auction yet.

I would also like to encourage you to remember the Foundation as you consider ways to honor or memorialize an individual close to you and/or our industry throughout the year.

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2020 TGA Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament

The TGA Scholarship Foundation held its 24th Annual Golf Tournament at the Franklin Bridge Golf Course in Franklin, TN on September 24th. There were 104 players registered for the event. Despite the dreary weather just about every team showed up to play. The event was planned by the Scholarship Foundation Committee led by Bill Turner as Chair for 2020-21. There were 3 items donated for the raffle which generated over \$1,200 for the Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to Team Construction for being the Title Sponsor and to Atmos Energy as the Lunch Sponsor. The Scholarship Foundation greatly appreciates the support from the members of TGA. The Foundation awarded 17 scholarship in 2020 to TGA member employees children from money raised in 2019.





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STATE ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL REPORT

Submitted by: Matt Stennett

In the October meeting of the SEPC we discussed and evaluated several different potential Policy Options Papers and decided to move forward with three:

1. Natural Gas Infrastructure Assessment & Development
2. Electric Vehicle Adoption
3. Rural Energy Efficiency

I have been assigned to spearhead the Natural Gas paper, and its main focus will be to justify a formal Needs Assessment to document where infrastructure has fallen short, what it is costing the State, where we can expect growth in natural gas usage (Industrial, Commercial, Transportation, and Cogeneration) and to outline a path forward to ensure Tennessee can meet these needs and stop turning prospective growth away due to lack of infrastructure.

It was extremely rewarding to have almost all of the Council members fully on board and engaged in this natural gas issue during the meeting. We'll see where this ends up, but at the moment it appears we have substantial support and interest from all sectors to make this a major focus of the Council.

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOLS REPORT

Submitted by: Matt Stennett

The EESI held a conference call in October and approved three loans:

1. \$4,966,890 to Hawkins County Schools for Lightings systems, HVAC, and Controls upgrades
2. \$2,021,390 to Cannon County Schools for interior and exterior LED lighting upgrades, HVAC PTACT Replacements, Network BAS controls, Retro-Commissioning Systems, Waste Water Conservation, and Vending Misers
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Committee Communications

Mark O'Neal
Annual Meeting



Hello TGA Family. Your 2021 Annual Meeting Committee has been very busy in the last few months planning for an AWESOME time in Myrtle Beach at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort. We are working on freshening up our format and recruiting some very informative and inspiring speakers. In order to make this a great meeting, we need the help of our members and business partners in the form of sponsorships. Your committee is contacting previous sponsors and asking for a commitment for 2021. Please if you can help in this effort, contact Kelley or me. We are looking forward to getting the family back together in 2021, so make your plans to be there. See you in Myrtle Beach!!!!

I look forward to serving as Chair of the Business Partner Council for 2020-21. The Vice-Chair of the Council is Chris McCabe of Chris George Sales. The Business Partner Council met the beginning of November to discuss the 2021 TGA year. The Council discussed the opportunities for 2021 to support TGA events and the membership.

Kelli Tidmore
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Amanda Kimery
Customer Service



I would like to thank TGA President Randall Griner for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the Customer Service Committee for a second term. I am honored to work alongside this great group again. The Customer Service Committee met on October 14th to begin planning our workshops. We have secured our dates for these workshops and they will be held on May 4th at Jackson Energy Authority and May 18th at Sevier County Utility District. We have an agenda packed full of great content and are looking forward to providing these educational and informative sessions in person in 2021.

The 2020 TGA Virtual D&O Conference was recently held October 6th through October 8th. Thanks to Milton Henderson and Thomas McCutcheon, as well as their respective committees, the event was a success with over 120 attendees from 57 different companies. In addition, several companies utilized a central location to stream the conference to multiple employees, so the actual attendance was likely much higher. The D&O Committee will have a Zoom meeting in November to begin planning the agenda for the 2021 D&O Conference, which will be held April 13-15 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro.

Jared Smith
D&O



Jocelyn McInturff
Education Steering



Our industry's response to the COVID-19 virus continues to have a significant impact on TGA's training calendar for 2020. Many of the events on the 2020 Training Calendar have been cancelled or postponed and moved to a virtual format. The following is a summary of fall activities for the 2020 Training Calendar:

- The Distribution and Operations Conference (D&O) was rescheduled to October 6 - 8 in a virtual format. Thanks to ITS for supporting technology for interactive live presentations.
- The Business, Accounting and Professional Development Conference (BAPD) shifted to a virtual format and is still scheduled for November 3 – 5.
- The Fall Management Conference (FMC) shifted to a virtual format is scheduled for November 17 – 18.
- TPUC instructed classes 2021 Inspection preparation will be December 8 and 10 in a virtual format. The topics will be Corrosion, Construction, and Operator Qualification Inspection Report review and discussion.

The TGA Executive Committee will continue to monitor the pandemic response and will adjust the training calendar as needed.

The current Educational Steering Committee had a short meeting on October 8th to discuss goals, objectives and upcoming priorities. The Committee is developing a draft 2021 Training Schedule and then begin working on a strategic 3-year training calendar for review by the Executive Committee. The Educational Steering Committee remains committed to providing value-added training to our members. Please reach out to Jocelyn McInturff (Jocelyn.McInturff@kub.org) if you have ideas or improvements that you would like to see offered. Hopefully we will all be together soon.

The TGA legislative committee will officially get started the second Tuesday in January 2021. Currently we are working on the details to file the natural gas workers license plate legislation. The proceeds from the selling of the license plate will go to the TGA scholarship fund. We will need to pre-sell a set amount of license plates. The Bill will go thru the Transportation Committee in the Senate and House. We will secure sponsors once the Bill is written.



Alison Ragsdale
Legislative



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The TGA Marketing Committee has met to discuss goals for the committee. Last year's goal was to inform political leaders, the public, and natural gas stakeholders of the impact natural gas has on our Tennessee economy. This impact study will soon be updated with 2020 data and ready to display. We need your help! An e-mail with survey questions to include more of our members will soon go out in order to develop an inclusive "snapshot" of the role natural gas is playing in our State's economy.

The Marketing Committee will also continue the spotlight of our own members, by selecting one utility from each of the grand divisions of our state. Watch out, your utility could be the next featured utility in the tri annual TGA newsletter. We will start this back up in the next issue.



Allyson Horner
Marketing

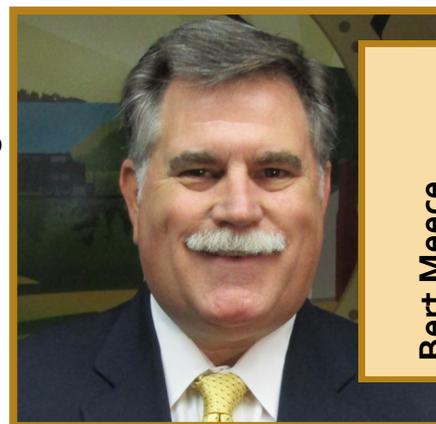


Brent Dillahunt
Membership

The membership committee is set to have a conference call on Wednesday, Oct 21st to discuss ideas for the upcoming year. Calls were made to past members whose membership lapsed to determine why they no longer desire TGA membership. The majority of those were due to the effects of COVID and financial struggles on business. We look forward to reporting further activities once we meet and discuss ideas.

First let me say, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the committee chair this next year. The Safety Summit has become an event that many of the TGA members look forward to attending and we intend to put together an agenda that will satisfy a lot of needs relative to the safe distribution of natural gas.

The Safety Summit is scheduled for August 16th to the 18th at Montgomery Bell State Park. Although we have used this location before, we are excited about going back again. The conference center and hotel have undergone extensive renovations and it is expected to be a more comfortable and accommodating location.



Bert Meece
Safety Summit

The Committee will hold its first Zoom meeting on November 9th. However, I have already met with the committee vice-chair, Sam Adavazo and we have discussed the topics for our first conference call. Please be in prayer for us as we all navigate the difficult waters of this pandemic and pray that we can actually meet in person. I know personally, I am missing the fellowship that comes with a face to face meeting of a fellow TGA member.

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April 13-15

Distribution & Operations Conference

Embassy Suites ~ Murfreesboro, TN

May 4

Customer Service Workshop

Jackson Energy Authority ~ Jackson, TN

May 18

Customer Service Workshop

SCUD ~ Sevierville, TN

June 14-16

Annual Meeting

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort ~ Myrtle Beach, SC

August 16-18

Safety Summit

Montgomery Bell State Park ~ Burns, TN

November 9-10

Fall Management Conference

Hilton Cool Springs ~ Franklin, TN

November 10-11

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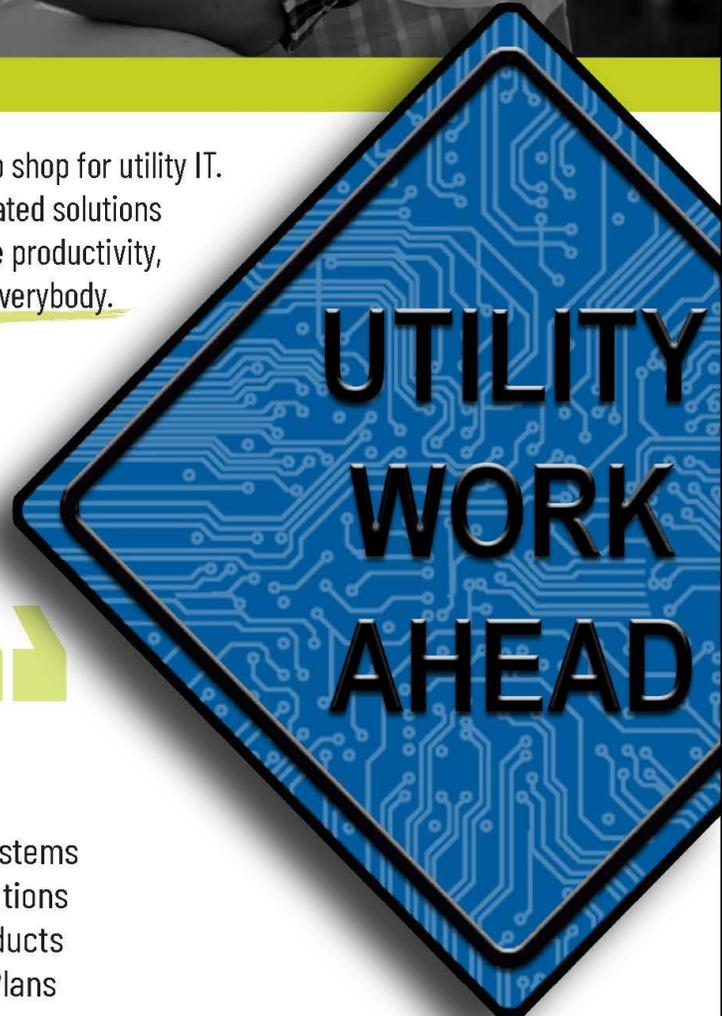
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