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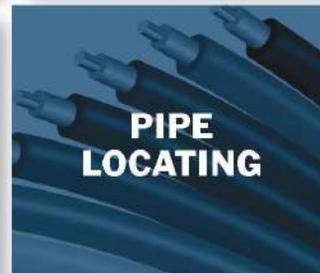


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BRAXTON WILLIAMS



How quickly a year can pass. It seems like a few weeks ago that TGA members from across the state were gathering in Destin, Florida to celebrate our great industry at the Annual Meeting. I was expecting an eventful year when I selected “Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity” to be this year’s theme, but little did I know what was going to be in store for our association, our industry and our country. The last twelve months have been a good reminder that waves can be calm and

gentle or they can be tumultuous and powerful.

The first half of our association year provided opportunities to progress the TGA tenets of Promote, Advocate, Collaborate, and Educate. A successful Safety Summit was held at Montgomery Bell State Park with many first time

gas industry leader by ensuring that Tennessee consumers will continue to have the option to choose the right energy source for their needs. In addition to the work by the Legislative Committee, the Bylaws Review Task force concluded their work with a thorough revision of the TGA Bylaws that was approved by the Board of Directors.

Then a little microscopic virus called COVID-19 changed things not only for TGA but for our entire country. We all became amateur epidemiologist overnight. Terms like N-95, Zoom, essential worker, social distancing and flattening the curve became common in the work place. And who would have thought we would ever need to be concerned about running out of paper towels and toilet paper?

Due to the pandemic, the Association made the decisions to cancel the Legislative Day and Customer Service

FROM THE PRESIDENT

attendees. The Business, Accounting and Professional

Development Conference proved to be an excellent educational offering along with the Fall Management Conference.

While these were some of the signature events, several regional training opportunities were equally successful. I

would be remiss if I didn’t mention the time, energy and effort of the Customer Service, D&O, Marketing and

Membership Committees, and Business Partner Council.

Capitalizing on opportunities continued in the new calendar year. The diligent work of the Legislative Committee led to the passage of the All Fuels Bill by the Tennessee General Assembly. Passage of this law solidified the roll of TGA as a

Seminars, and postpone the D&O and Safety Summit. The most difficult decision was to cancel this year’s Annual Meeting. Despite the challenges, we are a stronger association. May we continue to rise to embrace the changes that are before us and reach for the opportunities that are around us.

Through it all, it has been my pleasure to serve as your 56th TGA President. I want to thank my Executive Committee, Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and staff for a great year. I would like to say a special thanks to our Executive Director, Kelley Zamboni, for her patience and perseverance as our association has navigated these unprecedented times. It has been my pleasure to serve as your 2019/2020 TGA President.

TGA Training Classes

September 1-2 Fisher Regulator School

Greater Dickson Gas Authority

September 10 TPUC Valves, Leak Survey &

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Lexington Gas System

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GTI Introduction & Advanced Pipeline Safety

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September 19 TPUC Valves, Leak Survey &

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September 22 TPUC Valves, Leak Survey &

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KELLEY ZAMBONI

My first year as TGA Executive Director has been both eventful and uneventful. Since January, I have witnessed members standing strong against multiple tornadoes, coming to the aid of those affected and responding to a pandemic. Time and time again our members meet the test head-on and come out more resilient on the other side.

I never dreamed TGA and sister organizations would be forced to cancel major events for 6 months out of a year. I can say I never doubted the strength our Association would show in looking out for our membership. At no time did the health and well-being of our members take second place. To accomplish these changes the support and understanding of the membership was necessary, as well as, the flexibility of our wonderful committees. Everyone stepped up where needed, made the tough decisions and put TGA in the best position possible to withstand the storm. We

website gives you direct links to all of the active conferences. Simply click on the icon and you will be directed to meeting information and registration if it is open. I hope you take a moment to familiarize yourself with the website. Jamie and I are certainly proud of the outcome but more importantly we are pleased with the enhanced resources it offers our members. Things will continue to improve and I can guarantee you will find mistakes, so when you find one please let Jamie and I know so that we can make the correction.

TGA Tuesdays is a new more organized way of communicating information to our membership. Our hope is that you will grow accustomed to receiving these updates from TGA on Tuesday so when you have a question about what is going on in the Association you think to search your inbox for



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

are stronger together.

This first year has also presented opportunities to improve services to our members by way of a redesigned website. If you haven't already explored the new site please take time to visit www.tngas.org and take a look around. To access the Members section of the website you will need to login. Your login is your email address and unless you updated it, your password is welcome123. A new feature on the website is the real-time online member directory which is searchable in various ways. You may search for a group of members in a particular Interest Group like Human Resources which will render a listing of Corporate members in that category. The information used came from the joint StrataG/TGA project from 2018 -19. The Member Directory is also searchable by name or company and well as other pieces of information. The homepage of the

the most recent Tuesday email. Jamie will include valuable information concerning upcoming conferences and deadlines. Just one more way we are trying to make TGA membership more valuable.

TGA's events will begin picking back up the first of September so check out the [TGA Calendar](#) and get registered for the training and educational opportunities happening the remainder of the year.

I want to thank the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and members for their support and encouraging words thru these uncertain times we have all faced. We traveled uncharted waters together created solutions that still met the needs of our membership. Thank you for a great first year and I hope to see you soon.

TGA Conferences

September 24

Scholarship Golf Tournament

Franklin Bridge Golf Course
Franklin, TN

October 6-8

D & O Conference

Embassy Suites Hotel
Murfreesboro, TN

November 3-4

Fall Management Conference

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Knoxville, TN

November 4-5

Business, Accounting & Professional Development Conference

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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”.

Check out the links below for hotel and area information.

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Date	Educational Opportunity	Location	Registration Open	Exhibitor Opportunities
September 1-2	2-Day Fisher Regulator School	Greater Dickson Gas Dickson, TN	Yes	
Sept 10	TPUC Valves, Leak Survey & Patrolling	Lexington Gas Dept	Yes	
Sept 21-22	GTI/TGA <u>Intro</u> to Pipeline Safety Compliance	Cookeville Gas Dept	No	
Sept 23-25	GTI/TGA <u>Advanced</u> Pipeline Safety Compliance	Cookeville Gas Dept	No	
Sept 24	Light-up School - Virtual	Taught by MTNG	No	
Sept 29	Light-up School - Virtual	Taught by MTNG	No	
October 5-7	D & O Conference	Embassy Suites Murfreesboro, TN	Yes	Yes
October 19	TPUC Valves, Leak Survey & Patrolling	Lebanon Gas Dept	Yes	
October 21	TPUC Valves, Leak Survey & Patrolling	Sevier Co Utility Dist	Yes	
November 3-4	Fall Management Conference	Crowne Plasa, Knoxville	No	Yes
November 4-5	Business, Accounting & Professional Development	Crowne Plaza, Knoxville	No	Yes

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TGA's Redesigned Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the newly redesigned TGA website, www.tngas.org. Ease in navigation, organized information and conference materials and new online Member Directory are just a few of the enhancements to the website.

Conference Registration

The homepage puts conference registration at your fingertips. All active events will have the conference's logo for one-click access to that conference registration site.

Members

All the drop down menus located under the Members tab will require your member login and password to access this Members Only information. Here, members can access the Membership Directory, Committee Information, Public Awareness Reports, Marketing Materials, By-Laws, Legislative Reports and PAC, Presentation & Conference Materials as well as a Corporate Member Service Territory map.

Improved Membership Directory

The Membership Directory gives you real-time access to member contact information which is linked to your member profile. You can edit your member profile information by clicking under your name in the upper right-hand corner after you login.

The names and contact information that appear for each company were submitted to TGA during the membership dues renewal process. The names that appear for each company are the designated representative for each company as well as any associate members that company paid for during the membership dues renewal period.

The Membership Directory is divided into each of the member categories; Corporates, Business Partners, Pipelines, Marketers, Public Housing Authorities and Retired Past Presidents. You will noticed when you click on the member category it will take you to an alphabetized company listing for each member category. You can click on the company name and all the paid contacts for that company will appear.

For Corporate Members there is an added search feature where you can search by region or you can search by interest groups. For example, if you want to reach out to Human Resource contacts of our Corporate Membership then you simply choose the Human Resource option from the Interest Group drop down menu in the Corporate Directory and find the person you want to contact. This information came from the joint project that TGA and StrataG conducted in 2018-19. We hope our members will find this added search feature beneficial when trying to locate industry peers or contact a particular department at a member company.

Public Awareness

The NCSA advertising reports are organized under the Public Awareness option in the Members section.

Marketing Materials

This section is new. The items listed in this Members Only section were provided by Marketing Committee members. This is a place that members can go to get ideas for various natural gas & safety materials. If you have items that you would like to share please email them to Kelley at kzamboni@tngas.org.

Events

This section gives you all of the information you will need about upcoming conferences and training opportunities. The Calendar of Events offers a list of all the events currently scheduled by TGA. If you prefer a monthly calendar view then you can change the way the information displays. Once you select an event you will receive more detailed information and a link to register if registration is open.

News

This section member company job postings, member announcements (promotions, retirements, etc.) and conference highlights. We will post conference pictures and summaries in the conference highlights sections at the conclusion of the conference. Conference materials/presentations can be found in the Members section. Please submit any job postings and member announcements to Jamie at jwellman@tngas.org.

We hope you find the new website a valuable resource. If you have any questions please reach out to Kelley or Jamie for assistance.

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COVID-19 Response

The Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) acknowledges the ever-changing times we are experiencing as it pertains to Covid-19. Inspections have been ongoing during this time but have been conducted very differently. We encourage all operators to submit as many documents as possible electronically to reduce the amount of time that inspectors are physically at your facility. This step is as much for your protection as it is for the inspector. We can conduct the document portion of the inspection at our offices to allow for concentration on the physical aspect when we are onsite. Please do not misunderstand this safety precaution as a means to reduce our availability to you. We are always available to you to help through the inspection process so please reach out at any time. Thank you for your understanding and we will make every effort to work through this process together so that everyone stays safe.

Regulator Station Relief Valves: Required Capacities and Allowable Setpoints

In accordance with §192.743(a), pressure relief devices at pressure limiting stations and pressure regulating stations must have sufficient capacity to protect the facilities to which they are connected. The capacity must be consistent with the pressure limits of §192.201(a). This capacity must be determined (or at least reviewed and verified, if parameters have not changed) at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year. During my inspections last year, a common observation was errors with regard to regulator and relief valve capacity calculations. Such errors included: the wrong flow coefficient being used (e.g., wrong model valve, wrong orifice size, wrong line/pipe size to main valve body size ratio); actual operating pressure rather than full inlet MAOP being used to calculate the wide-open regulator capacity; required pressure build-up not included when calculating a relief valve capacity or its setpoint; and various math errors or typos when performing and documenting the calculations.

In addition, in accordance with §192.201(a), each pressure relief station or pressure limiting station or group of those stations installed to protect a pipeline must have enough capacity and must be set to operate to ensure that the pressure in the pipeline does not exceed the limits specified in §192.201(a)(2). It is very important to note that the pressure build-up required for the relief valve to fully open must be taken into account when adjusting the setpoint; the sum of the setpoint plus the required build-up cannot exceed the limits specified in code. (Note that the required build-up is typically specified in the manufacturer's bulletin or specs for the particular valve.) During my inspections last year, it was also observed on a few occasions that the setpoints for some relief valves were too high as required build-up was not taken into account.

Our operators (and their contractors, if applicable) are encouraged to review their regulator and relief valve capacity calculations in detail. The Gas Pipeline Safety Division would be happy to assist with this exercise. Any identified errors must be promptly corrected and the associated records updated. It must be noted that, in accordance with §192.743(c), if a relief device is found to be of insufficient capacity, then a new or additional device must be installed to provide the required capacity. An undersized relief valve could potentially result in an overpressure situation.

PHMSA's Recent Transmission Rule Amendments

Several final amendments to PHMSA's transmission pipeline regulations were published in the Federal Register on October 1, 2019 and will be effective as of July 1, 2020. As a convenience to our operators, a summary of the more substantive requirements of the amendments is hereby provided. Please contact your assigned Gas Pipeline Safety Division inspector if you have questions or require clarifications.

The rule amendments apply to gas transmission pipelines only. They *do not* apply to gas distribution pipelines.

Wherever required by code (e.g., MAOP reconfirmation), operators of onshore steel transmission pipelines must now document and verify material properties and attributes; such parameters could include pipe diameter, wall thickness, seam type, and grade. Records must be maintained for the life of the pipeline and must be traceable, verifiable, and complete. If such records are not available, the operator must develop and implement procedures for conducting nondestructive or destructive tests, examinations, and assessments in order to verify material properties and attributes. For buried pipe and components, such activities must be conducted whenever excavations occur at certain specified opportunities such as anomaly direct examinations, repairs, or pipeline replacements. The rule amendments specify the minimum numbers of tests and excavations required as well as sampling plan requirements.

(§192.607)

Operators of onshore steel transmission pipeline segments must now reconfirm the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of all pipeline segments if either:

Records necessary to establish the MAOP in accordance with §192.619(a) (i.e., design pressure of the weakest element) are not traceable, verifiable, and complete and the pipeline is located in either a high consequence area (HCA), a Class 3 location, or a Class 4 location; OR

The pipeline segment's MAOP was established in accordance with §192.619(c) (i.e., the "grandfather clause"); the pipeline segment's MAOP is greater than or equal to 30% SMYS; and the pipeline segment is located in either an HCA, a Class 3 location, a Class 4 location, or a moderate consequence area (MCA) in which the pipeline segment can accommodate instrumented in-line inspection (ILI) tools (i.e., "smart pigs")

The MAOP reconfirmation must be completed for at least 50% of the affected, existing pipeline mileage by July 3, 2028, and for 100% of such mileage by July 2, 2035. The MAOP must be reconfirmed using 1 of 6 methods specified in the rules; these methods include pressure testing, pressure reduction, and pipe replacement. (§192.624)

A 6-month extension to the 7 calendar year reassessment intervals required under the integrity management rules may now be requested by operators, if written notice with sufficient justification of the need for the extension is submitted to PHMSA. (§192.939)

Safety device requirements for ILI tool or maintenance "pig" launchers and receivers have been added to code (effective July 1, 2021). (§192.750)

Any exceedance of the MAOP for a transmission pipeline that exceeds the build-up allowed for operation of pressure-limiting or control devices must now be reported as a safety-related condition. There is no exception from reporting for correction of the condition by repair or replacement before the deadline for filing. (§191.23; §191.25)

When conducting in-line inspections (ILI) of pipelines for purposes of compliance with code requirements (such as integrity assessments), an operator must now comply with certain industry consensus standards (i.e., API Standard 1163, ANSI/ASNT ILI-PQ, NACE SP0102). (§192.493; §192.7)

Guided wave ultrasonic testing (GWUT) is now specifically allowed as an integrity management assessment method where appropriate. (§192.921; §192.937; 49 CFR Part 192 Appendix F)

Integrity management assessment requirements have now been expanded to include any onshore steel transmission pipeline segment with MAOP greater than or equal to 30% SMYS, if the segment is located in either a Class 3 location, a Class 4 location, or a "moderate consequence area" (MCA) in which the segment can accommodate inspection by means of instrumented ILI tools (i.e., "smart pigs"). Initial (baseline) assessments must be performed based on a risk-based prioritization schedule and must be completed for all applicable pipeline segments no later than July 3, 2034, or no later than 10 years after a segment first becomes subject to the requirements (whichever is later). Periodic reassessments must be performed at least once every 10 years, with intervals not exceeding 126 months. (§192.710; §192.3)



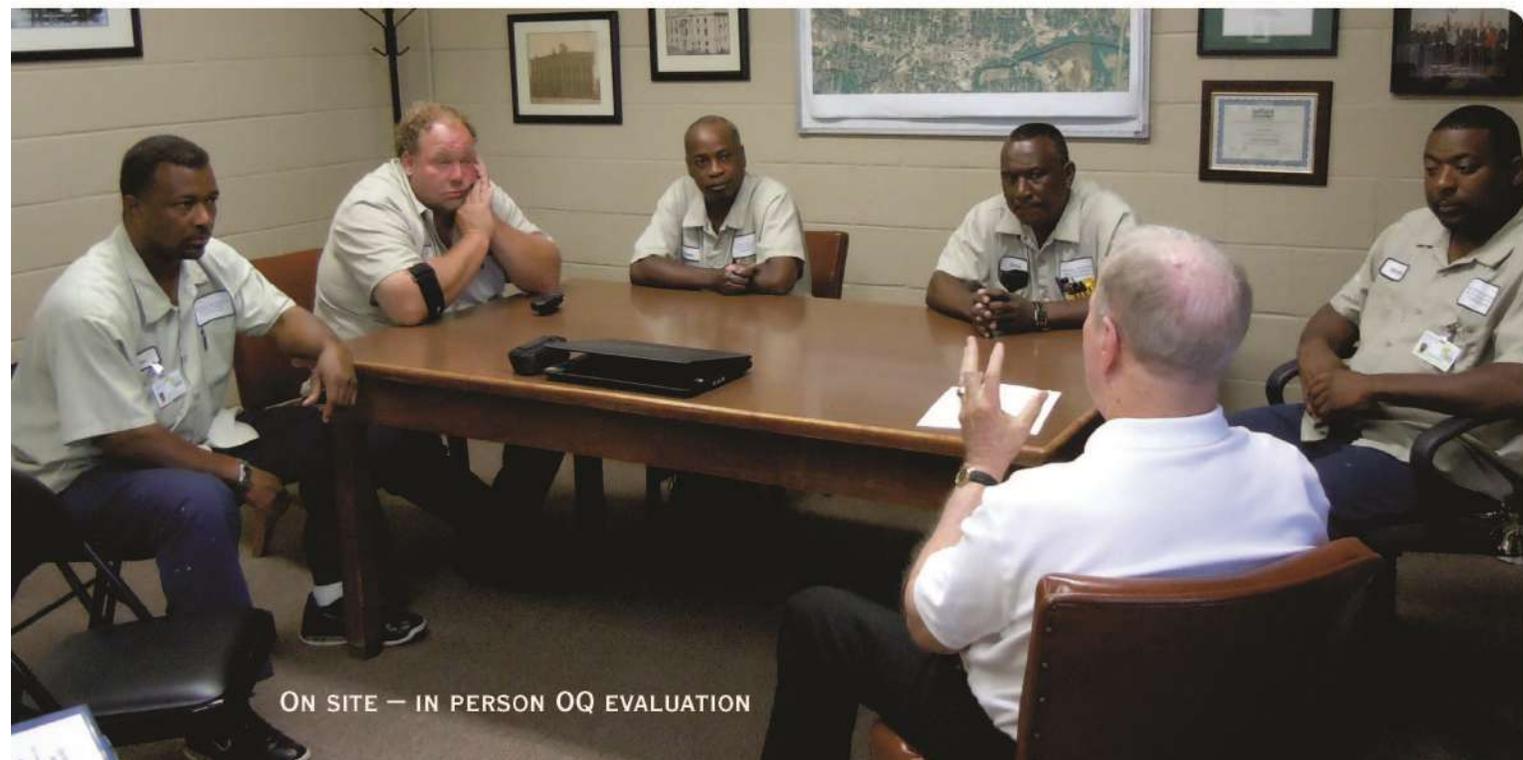
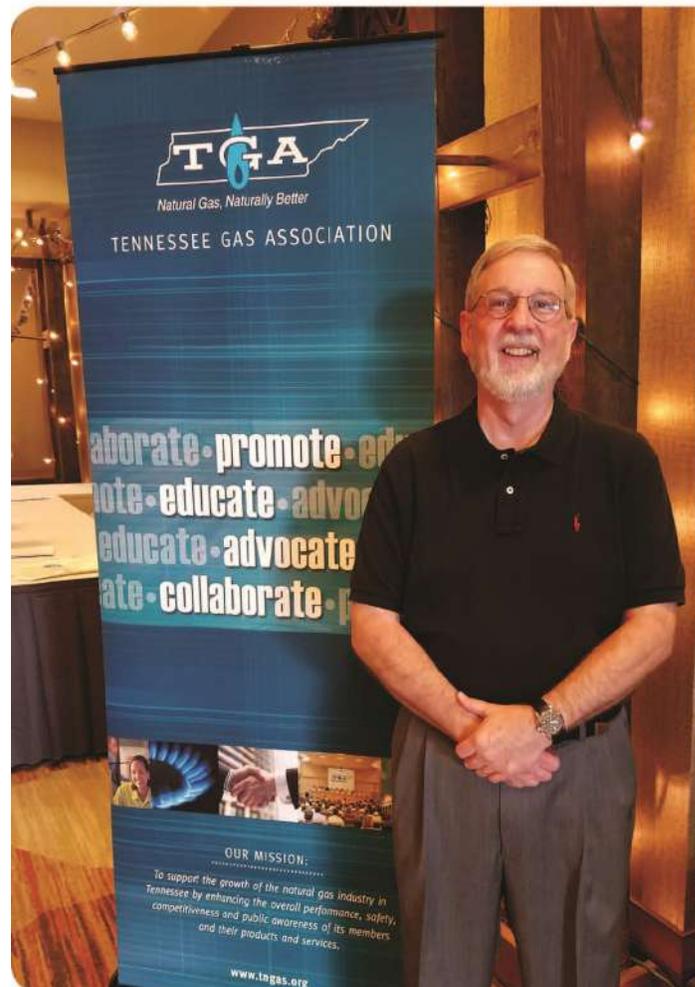
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Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Foundation and its activities carried out by the Scholarship Committee.

One of the Foundation's most important functions is now under way. Seventeen 2020 Scholarship recipients have been chosen. The schedule and deadlines had to be adjusted this year due to the Covid pandemic. We received sixty four applications: forty four from high school students and twenty already in college. Eleven of the recipients are graduating from high school and six are already in college. Five are from east Tennessee, seven from middle and five from west. Letters to notify the recipients and their gas system managers are now in

process. Press releases will also be sent to local newspapers in the recipient's area. Letters are also sent to unsuccessful applicants. Check are issued after proof of acceptance/enrollment is received.

Since the 2020 Annual meeting will not be held in its usual form, the next Silent Auction, which is one of our best fundraisers, will be held at the Annual Meeting in June 2021. The Scholarship Committee will solicit a few nice items to raffle at the D & O Conference in October and the Fall Management Conference in November.

It is also time to be thinking about supporting the Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held once again at the Franklin

Bridges Golf Club in Franklin on September 24th. We appreciate Bill Turner's help and the sponsors that work with him to make this event successful.

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.

See the list that follows and please thank these donors for their generous support in providing increased educational opportunities for the children of TGA Member Employees.

Thank you for all you do!

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Submitted by:
Stephanie Howell

The UUDPEB met in Nashville on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 and met electronically via WebEx on May 13, 2020. Chairman Kevin Tubberville began each meeting with the roll call and review and adoption of the prior meeting's minutes.

TPUC provided updates for the Board. As of May 13, there were 69 complaints submitted thus far for 2020. The UUDP Quarterly Reports for October – December 2019 and January – March 2020 are available on the website. Discussion about rulemaking for the Board continued in both meetings. Comments were initially due in April and a draft was provided after the May meeting by Aaron Conklin. Further suggestions and/or revisions are due to him by August 1, 2020.

During the May meeting, Bill Turner of TN 811 reported that a total of 382 individuals representing 293 organizations have been trained thus far, with 28 more individuals scheduled through July, 2020. Compliance training was suspended due to COVID-19 beginning in March. A motion for Alternative Online TN 811 Training passed with a roll call vote (12 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions), however, identity confirmation for the online training is a concern.

At the January meeting, Aaron Conklin reported on behalf of Chris Eaton that there was no quarterly invoice to approve as quarterly billing would be changed to a single annual billing per the MOU. MOUs between the Enforcement Board and TPUC and TN811, respectively, were approved later in the meeting. There were no significant changes in the cost for the last quarter of 2019. The fund balance as of January 23, 2020 was \$35,725 and the balance as of April 30 was \$37,600.

David Applebaum spoke about the PHMSA Federal Audit during the

January meeting. PHMSA was impressed with Tennessee's program overall. David stressed the importance of equitable enforcement so that all stakeholders are held accountable. Less than 2% of the approximately 7,500 damages in 2018 yielded violations. Of these 135 violations, only 20 penalties were assessed – all violators were excavators. Data collection and assessment is key: we need to get more complaints logged as we can't fix what we don't know. Significant discussion regarding mandatory reporting of damages rather than Tennessee's current complaint-based reporting continued. Voluntary reporting is not working well overall. If all utilities are required to report, public safety would improve through accountability.

Proposed legislation was the dominant item for the January meeting. There were two votes held. The first was on the bulk of the legislation, which was approved with the consolidation of the concepts within items 1-7 and 10-12 below. The consolidation of concepts 8 & 9 failed with 8 nays, 5 ayes, and one abstention. Items are summarized below:

1. Define "Damage Notice" to include reference to the 811 damage ticket system
2. White Paint Requirements in 65-31-108(a)
3. Correct language in 65-31-107(b)(1) to remove the term "fines"
4. Billing of Location Services by Operators is prohibited in 65-31-108(a)(1)(A)
5. Amend 65-31-108(c) to require excavators to use reasonable care to require hand digging
6. Amend 65-31-111 to require excavators to report damage to 811
7. Increase UUDPEB Enforcement penalties in 65-31-112(a)
8. Add a member to the Enforcement Board to represent the National

Utility Contractors Association in 65-31-114(c)

9. Increase the Executive Committee from 3 to 5 members and further specify staggered terms and addressing vacancies in 65-31-116
10. Remove restrictions for use of the Underground Damage Prevention Fund per 65-31-117(b)
11. Cross reference corrections in 65-31-120
12. Increase maximum civil penalties for violations found by TPUC in 65-28-108 (a) to better align with PHMSA requirements

The Tennessee Legislature was in recess

until June 1, therefore, the TN811 bill (HB2158, SB 2491) was on hold. As of June

3, it was placed on the Finance Ways and Means Committee calendar for June 11.

Any questions can be addressed by Ryan McGehee (ryan.mcgehee@tn.gov, cell 615-

305-7252). It was expected that COVID-related items would take precedence and

a budget shortfall might be likely.

Vacancies

and appointments have not been addressed

since the legislative recess. Two seats (A&B)

will be elected at the next UUDPEB meeting.

The January and May UUDPEB meetings adjourned with no public comments. The Executive Committee did not meet in March, however, a meeting was held via WebEx on May 13. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held electronically via WebEx on June 17, 2020. The next UUDPEB meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2020.

The State Energy Policy Council continues to meet and make progress towards our goals, even in this unique time. The council met by virtual conference on April 6th and June 4th.

As was mentioned in our last report, the council has established four sub-committees in an effort to both accelerate our progress and to focus on four key areas that were established in our whitepaper. A reminder of what those subcommittees are:

1. Exploit Tennessee's unique comparative advantages in distinct areas of the energy landscape for research, supply chain, and operations of nuclear technology –

- a. Lou Qualls
- b. Hash Hashemian
- c. Joe Hoagland

2. Capitalize on the resources and infrastructure to expand electric vehicle adoption, use, and production within the state to reduce the environmental impacts and increase the resiliency and efficiency within the transportation sector.

- a. Molly Cripps
- b. Jasbir Singh
- c. Brian Solsbee

3. Expand opportunities for fuel source diversification to support broader application like mass transit and commercial transport, where appropriate.

- a. Sue Kristjansson
 - b. Mike Ellis
 - c. Zach Sims
4. Evaluate opportunities to utilize conservation and advanced energy technologies to support and improve health, education, and economic status of Tennessee's rural and underserved areas.
- a. John Kenny
 - b. Dale Barnett
 - c. Stephen Smith

Subcommittee number 3 continues to advance discussions about fuel source diversification and refine what that looks like for the State of TN. At the June 4th meeting of the SEPC, subgroup #3 presented their finding and recommendations to date that include:

-the State investing in medium to heavy duty vehicle fueling with natural gas. The beginnings of an incentive program were introduced that could be used by private businesses to transition their fleets to this alternate fuel;

-a recommendation to explore moving governmental fleet vehicles (when practical) to natural gas fueling as a State mandate;

-having the legislature actively pursue supply of natural gas from the NE to enable more economic development and to serve the significantly underserved

agriculture community. Mike Ellis and Sue Kristjansson had an informative discussion with a representative of Enbridge to ascertain the hurdles of introducing expansion of interstate pipelines to accomplish this effort.

Of particular importance, we need to be able to clearly state "the problem, or challenge", and then develop a plan to recommend approaches to recommend policy that would address those "problems and challenges". As our subcommittee continues our work, we will provide updates on our progress in future reports.

In summary, the State Energy Policy Council is making good progress in our second year.

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Submitted by: Matt Stennett

On May 12th, the EESI conducted a conference call and approved two new loans, one unanimously and one with a single no vote:

1. \$610,502.00 to Manchester City Schools for an LED lighting, low flow plumbing, and HVAC and controls project.
2. \$897,474.00 to Millington Municipal Schools for an LED Lighting and Building Automation System project.

Both of these projects are "natural gas neutral" – in that gas HVAC units are being replaced by gas HVAC units and not swapped for electric units. The meeting concluded with discussion of the Council soliciting Federal COVID-19 money to install UV lighting in HVAC systems throughout the state. The process is just beginning, but the goal is to get \$300 million in Federal dollars to distribute to school systems throughout Tennessee.

On June 23rd, the EESI conducted a conference call and addressed two issues:

1. The interest rate for EESI loans was lowered from 1.5% to 0.5% to better match the current market conditions.
2. A \$200,000 grant was approved to pay for a 3rd party study and repair of a geothermal HVAC system installed in Lawrence County in 2009 under the original EESI grant program. This system has NEVER worked correctly and has been a sore spot for both the Council and the School System, and this grant will hopefully fix it for good.

Both items were unanimously passed. It is interesting to note that the Council has a VERY bad taste in their mouths about anything geothermal. It's unlikely that any new geothermal projects will be funded, but if they are they will be very closely scrutinized to be sure they actually perform as advertised.

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Committee Communications

Randall Griner
Annual Meeting



Well the TGA 2020 Annual Meeting was the best meeting that never happened. Like the Robert Burns quote “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry” so did TGA’s Annual Meeting. The Annual Committee did an excellent job putting together a great agenda and activities. Since they did not get the accolades at the Annual Meeting that they deserve, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the Annual Committee, Sponsors and TGA Staff. Canceling the meeting was without a doubt the correct decision for the safety of everyone. I hope everyone has stayed safe during these trying times and I hope to see everyone very soon at whatever turns out to be the next TGA event. Again Thank You to everyone for your continued support of TGA.

The Business Partner Council would like to express its appreciation for The hard work of TGA’s Corporate and Pipeline Members during the COVID-19 pandemic. The continued operation of your system plays an important role in the survivability of Business Partner companies and our ability to maintain a workforce during this global crisis.

The Business Partners were scheduled to meet during the D&O Conference in April, but the meeting will be rescheduled for the new date of the conference or an earlier TGA event, if possible. I’ve appreciated the opportunity to chair this committee and I’m confident that the Business Partner Council will be in good hands when I step down in June and turn the title over to Kelli Tidmore of Equipment Controls.

Craig Ingram
Business
Partners



I would like thank Braxton Williams for the opportunity to serve as Chair on the 2019/2020 Customer Service Committee. It has been a pleasure working alongside this incredible group of customer service professionals to plan our workshop. Although our workshop has been cancelled, we built an agenda full of wonderful speakers that will be a great foundation for next year’s event. Due to extenuating circumstances the current Vice Chair will be unable to fulfill her role as Chair this coming year and since our workshops were cancelled Randall Griner asked me to serve this coming year at Chair. I am excited that I will be able to work with the Committee again and we will see our fabulous agenda come to life.

Amanda Kimery
Customer
Service



The D&O and Safety Summit Committee held a joint meeting on June 1, 2020 to revise the agenda for the upcoming D&O meeting. The combined team evaluated topics from both agendas to develop a new agenda for this year's D&O Conference. This year's conference will have a great balance of technical, health and safety, and compliance related topics. The new agenda will be finalized and posted to TGA website by the end of June.

Since Covid -19 has created travel challenges for some businesses, the committee is actively staying in contact with our speakers to confirm availability for our October meeting. Monthly committee meetings are held the second Monday of the month via Teams to prepare for the upcoming conference.



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Our industry's response to the COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact on TGA's training calendar for 2020. The training events and conferences were planned as in-person events where maintaining social distancing would not be feasible. Also, many of TGA's members have cancelled all travel for varying lengths of time. Take a look at the calendar in this publication or at www.tngas.org.

I want to thank the members who had offered their facilities for the training events that had to cancelled or rescheduled. The Educational Steering Committee remains committed to providing value-added training to our members.

As I step down as Chair of the ESC, I want to thank all of the Board and Committee members I have worked with throughout the past 6 years. I leave you in capable hands and don't worry I will still be involved in TGA.

As we transition, 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.



Cliff Swoape
Education
Steering

The 111th General Assembly is drawing to a close. The COVID-19 pandemic of this spring has justifiably disrupted legislators from the ordinary ebb and flow of the legislative session. The session continues at this writing; however, the focus remains on COVID-19 issues and its effect on the State budget. One of our bills interest affecting municipal systems by establishing guidelines for devoting natural gas revenues to chambers of commerce and similar organizations has passed the Senate and is scheduled for the House floor on June 17. This bill, **SB1961/HB1633**, is poised to become law. The General Assembly is not expected to address other bills of interest to the association such as:

1. **HB1281 / SB1414** – Sale of Utility Districts
2. **HS2158 / SB 2491** – One-Call Law Amendments

The Legislative Committee has named three legislators as Friends of the Flame recipients. Senator Art Swann, Senator Ed Jackson, and Representative Clark Boyd will be presented this award. Due to the disruption of the association and legislative calendars, the awards will be presented at times and places to be announced. We appreciate their efforts to insure Tennesseans have viable energy choices. The Committee continues to monitor the General Assembly until this session adjourns.



Mike Corley
Legislative

**Pat Riley
Marketing**



We had our first meeting on September 1, 2019 at the TGA office and follow up conference calls on December 3, 2019, January 6, 2020, and March 5, 2020. The newsletter received a new fresh look and will continue to be a work in progress. Unfortunately, the pandemic has halted our visits to other smaller utilities for our Spotlight. However once this is over, we will pick right back up with them.

We met our goal of completing our poster by March 17th.

In time for the legislative breakfast only to have that canceled. However, it too is a work in progress, and I am sure more additions will be forthcoming. We were able to get a segment in the newsletter with 30 Climate Change facts. Other items we were pursuing have been put on hold for the time being due to the pandemic.

The Membership Committee is glad to report that 2 new members were presented and approved at the April Board Meeting. We welcome both to TGA and encourage our members to get to know them. In addition we are pleased to let you know that KCI Technologies has renewed its membership. Brent Dillahunty (Vice Chair) and I want to thank all Committee members and the TGA staff for their tireless efforts and we want to thank all TGA members, especially all Operators for providing the essential services and first responders support they do for their communities during these challenging times. Stay Safe and Well.

**Jerry Forman
Membership**



**Thomas
McCutcheon
Safety Summit**



The Safety Summit Committee and I want to start off by thanking the Board of Directors for their dedication to safety, we appreciate all the hard work you put in day in and out. Our Committee has been working with the D&O Committee to provide topics that will be discussed in this year's D&O Conference. We believe these topics will be extremely informative given the current fluid environment and appreciate the D&O Committee's willingness to supplement these topics into their agenda. Thank you again for your continued support, and the Committee is looking forward to helping promote safety in the State of Tennessee.



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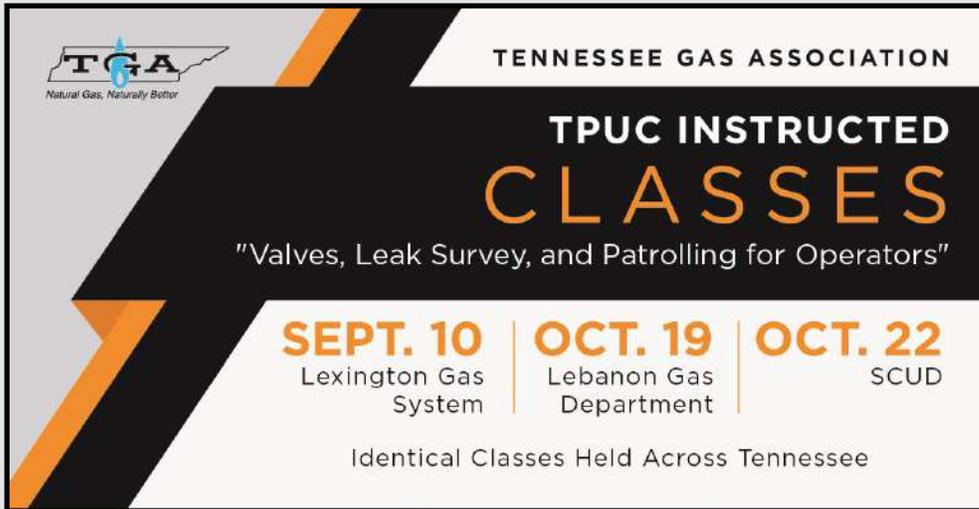
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11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch and open discussion (lunch provided)
12:30pm-2:00pm	Operator Qualification Inspection for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discussion of Report Questions ◆ Past Issues Found ◆ Requirements for Compliance ◆ Questions/Open Discussion
2:00pm-3:30pm	Corrosion Inspection for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discussion of Report Questions ◆ Past Issues Found ◆ Requirements for Compliance ◆ Questions/Open Discussion
3:30-4:00pm	Open discussion and closing.

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