

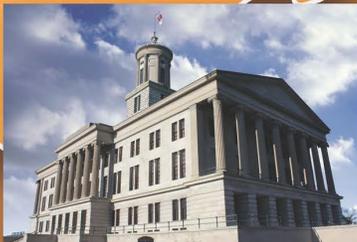
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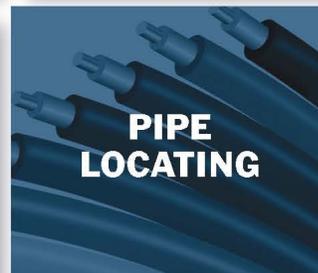
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MARK O'NEAL



TGA Family,

It is a great honor, and I am humbled to serve as President of such a great group of professionals who work tirelessly to serve their fellow human beings. Since one of my mentors, Ben Andrews, first introduced me to TGA in 1986, it has been very evident that the Tennessee Gas Association is a special and uncommon Group, strike that, Family!

What a great joy it has been to restart meeting together without cameras and microphones. Starting with our Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach. It has been so good to see each other in person and to renew relationships. Our Annual Meeting was just an awesome event. From the location to our speakers and presentations, culminating with the President's Dinner with the very emotional presentation of our

On November 29 through December 1, The TGA Board of Directors and staff came together for our Strategic Planning Retreat. It was the most inspiring event in my TGA experience. The love for our organization/industry and respect for each other was simply amazing to experience. The Goal of our 2022 Plan is to become an even bolder, more agile, more focused, more respected team throughout the State of Tennessee, while reimagining our educational experiences to better serve our members. There will be much more to come as we move toward finalizing the plan. Stay tuned!

Please look for information regarding our 2022 TGA Legislative Event that is in the planning stage as this is written. We are making changes in that event to give us more time with

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Silver Flame Award honoring Mr. Jerry Snodgrass with his family accepting the award and the keynote presentation by Andy Andrews, just a wonderful time together! Thank you to our Annual Meeting Committee, Kelley, and Jamie for helping to make this meeting a reality. Then, we moved on to excellent Fall Management and Business, Accounting & Personal Development Conferences in Franklin. Both conferences provided timely information and topics to enhance our knowledge. Many thanks to Jocelyn McInturff, the Education Steering Committee and to James Sager along with the BA&PD Taskforce for their work in planning these conferences.

our legislators and to provide timely content. Please make plans to attend and engage!

I want to thank to Kelley, Jamie, and Nathan for their work in the last year. Such awesome and dedicated people. Also, my deep appreciation to our Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for their commitment and leadership.

In closing, I am grateful for each of you, our members, who are committed to our industry and embody the Rotary Club Motto of "Service Above Self" without exception. May God bless you with a Wonderful Christmas with Family and Friends along with a Healthy, Successful 2022.

Excitement is in the air as we approach the kickoff to 2022. After the rollercoaster ride of 2020 & 2021, TGA is back running on all 6 cylinders. Wrapping up 2021 with a couple of in person meetings and the Board of Directors' strategic planning session re-energized the membership. The Annual Meeting was well attended given the circumstances in September and the Fall Management and Business, Accounting & Professional Development conferences in November wrapped up the conferences for the year.

The TGA Committees are hard at work planning conferences for the 2022 year. As directed by TGA President O'Neal, the Committees are breaking out and mixing things up a bit by bringing in new topics and speakers to their agendas. The full Calendar of Events can be found in the newsletter and on the TGA website.

mean to you. As the strategic plan begins to take shape and be presented to the membership in the coming year, think about where you can get plugged in. This doesn't mean you have to Chair a committee, maybe it is sending employees to meetings that you have not supported before or reaching out to a current Board Member to learn about what it means to be a Board Member of TGA. The industry and TGA are in a fast-moving state of growth and progression. We have seen countless retirements and employee moves in the past 18 months with several announcements on the horizon. We all need to be in tune with what is happening to and in our industry and prepare this next generation of leaders to carry the torch. So, in 2022 let's challenge,

KELLEY
ZAMBONI



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am encouraged by the excitement of the leadership of TGA. From the Board of Directors to Committee Chairs, the future of TGA is bright. I look forward to the coming years with a renewed anticipation of how much more this Association can accomplish. The Board will begin to work through the strategic planning session results and set the stage for the next several years. The outcome will help guide the work of the Board and Committees giving the framework by which decisions are made. This will give room for growth and evolution for the offerings of TGA.

As you reflect on 2021 and prepare for 2022, I challenge you to think about what your TGA membership and involvement

encourage and nurture each other for the future of TGA and the natural gas industry. If you are new to the industry or member company, find a mentor, reach out for words of wisdom and actively listen to what is said. "Old timers" reach out a hand of acceptance and support to a new attendee at a meeting and help them as they learn to navigate this great industry that we have all grown to love. TGA and the natural gas industry's future success depends on us working together.

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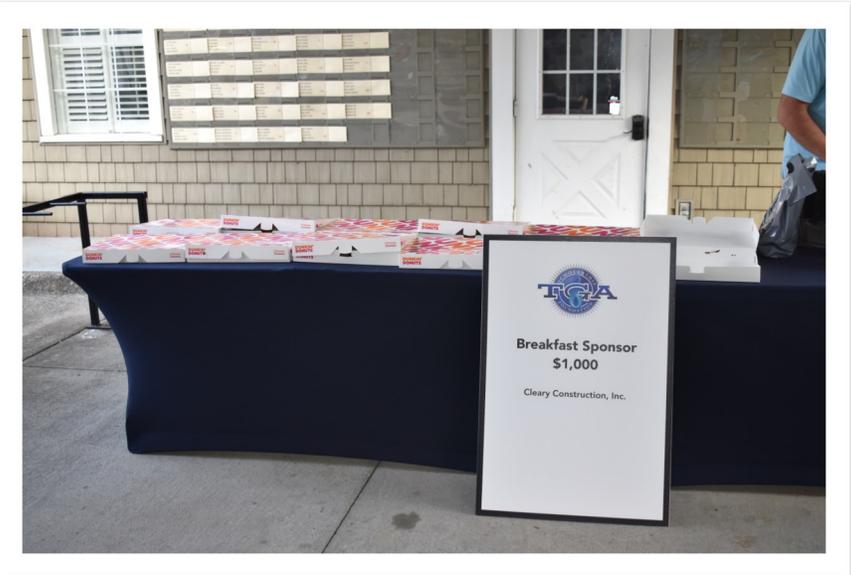
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Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament

The Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament was held at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, TN on August 24th. The event had 116 golfers participating. The TGA Scholarship Foundation greatly appreciates those that sponsor the event and help make it a success. The event raised \$20,973. This even would not have this level of success with out the hard work of the Committee who was let by Chairman, Bill Turner this past year, as well as, member support. The Scholarship Foundation Committee plans to hold the event at the Hermitage Golf Course again for 2022. Dates will be set after the first of the year.







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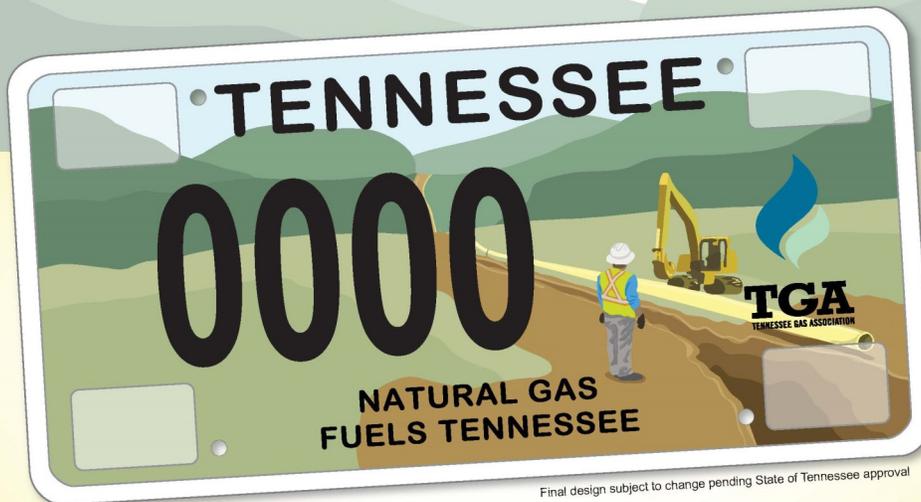
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from the
**SCHOLARSHIP
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PRESIDENT**

DANIEL C. HICKS



I am pleased to report that the Foundation remains financially strong. Our main fundraising activities, the Golf Tournament and Annual Meeting Silent Auction are strong once again. Donations from related associations, groups remain consistent and strong. We have received multiple large personal donations from individuals, some still working, and several that are retired. Recent donations also have been received recently in memory of one of TGA's most involved Business Partners, Pat McCabe.

The Foundation Board held its required Annual Meeting by Zoom September 8, 2021. Officers were re-elected: James Sager, Vice President; Kelley Zamboni, Secretary; Rob Neil, Treasurer; and myself, President. As Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Richard Clark will serve on the Foundation Board during his term as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, replacing Bill Turner. Mike Davidson

becomes an ex officio member due to his election as 2nd Vice-President of TGA.

Subsequent to this meeting, the TGA Board of Directors at their September 19 meeting appointed Sasha Benjamin and Mark O'Neil as new permanent Foundation Directors.

The Foundation Board met again November 8 during the Fall Management Conference to adopt the Budget for 2022 and review and approve the applications for use in 2022 for graduating high school applicants and those that are already enrolled in higher education. In addition, the Board approved establishing four scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to be awarded to TGA Member employees pursuing higher education opportunities while employed. A new application and selection criteria were established to begin in 2022. In addition, the Board elected Sasha Benjamin to become

Foundation Secretary immediately to relieve Ms. Zamboni from those duties due to her responsibilities as Executive Director of TGA. Ms. Zamboni will continue as a Foundation Board Member.

Please continue to remember the Foundation as you consider ways to honor or memorialize individuals close to you and/or our industry.

In addition, we now have a new income stream available if we can accomplish 1,000 pre-orders of the TGA developed "Natural Gas" license plate. I would hope that out of over 5,700 active natural gas employees in the state and who knows how many retirees, we can find 1,000 proud enough of their industry to get these license plates into production next year. Our friends in the electric industry sold their 1,000 "Linemen Power Tennessee" plate pre-orders within 6 weeks, two years ago.

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Portions of the following text were used in the video, stadium and radio announcements. “As we near the conclusion of the 2021 regular season, we want to reflect back on an important event that took place in UT history exactly 50 years ago. In 1971, John Ward signed on the Vol Network’s *first* statewide sponsor. And now, some five decades later, the Natural Gas Utilities and Pipeline companies of Tennessee continue an uninterrupted run with Big Orange Athletics. Tonight, here at Neyland Stadium, the University of Tennessee is recognizing several of the key individuals associated with this long-standing partnership and all of us in the broadcast booth want to say a sincere thank you as well. Without the partnership of Natural Gas and our other loyal sponsors, it would not be possible for us to bring



Pictured left to right: Danny White, UT Athletic Director; Joey Sauls, Enbridge; Kelley Zamboni, TGA; Rob Neil PCUD & 2021 East TN Group Chair; Tommy Bible, JCCUD & 2020 East TN Group Chair; Brandon Parks, Vol Network



these broadcasts to you. 50 years is quite a run and you

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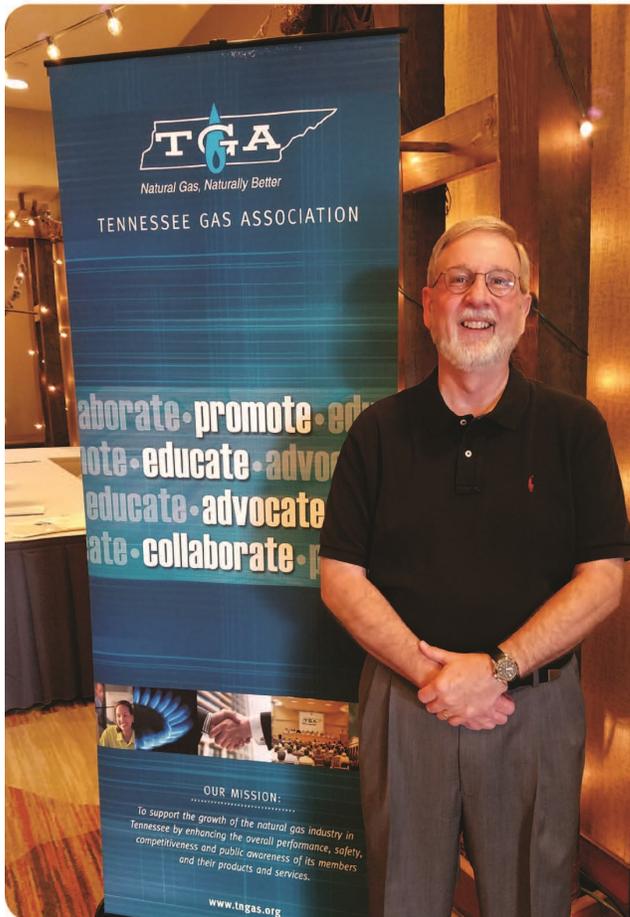




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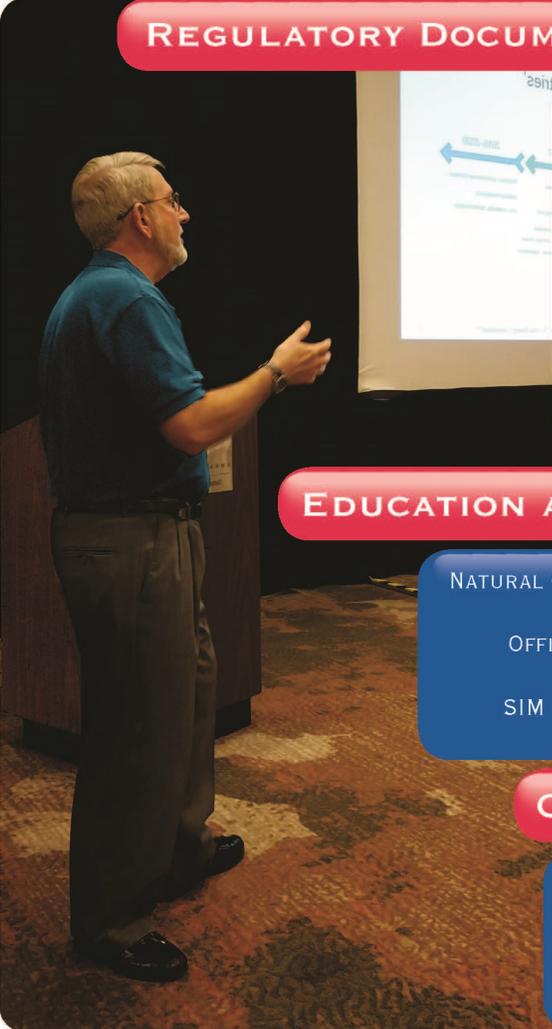


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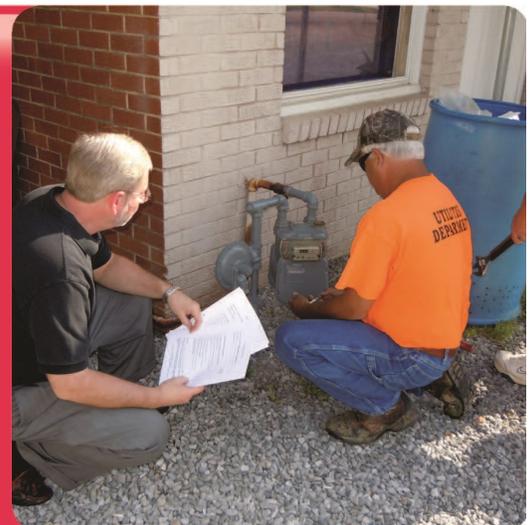
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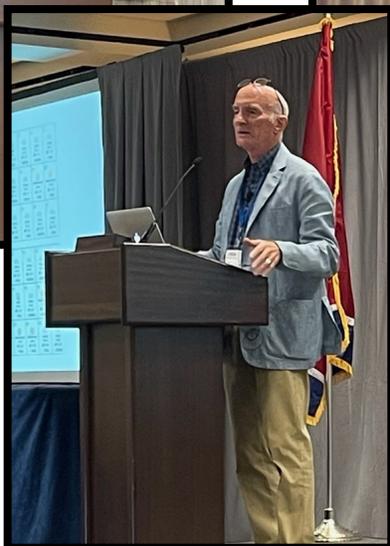




The membership happily gathered in person at the TN Gas Association Annual Meeting at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC, September 20-22. Attendees were glad to be back in person and networking again with their TGA family. TGA 1st Vice-President, Mark O'Neal and the Annual Meeting Committee assembled a remarkable slate of speakers. They challenged the attendees to step up as leaders and dared them to make the hard decisions for their organizations. The meeting kicked off with a

reflective look at the Texas winter storm by Taylor Sherwood. He gave everyone key factors to consider as it pertains to preparedness in the energy sector. After networking time for dinner, attendees gathered for the Dessert Social to recognize TGA Committee Chairs, Board Members and Officers with expiring terms for their service during 2020-21. Day two dove deep into change and adaptation with Eileen Soisson and Juan Williams presenting thought-provoking ideas to impact their future as well as their company's. The day concluded with an inspiring message from John DeBerry on staying true to what is right even when your decisions may not be the most popular. The last day brought valuable industry related updates from the State of TN and APGA. The President's Reception and the Scholarship Foundation Silent Auction began the Wednesday evening festivities. The Scholarship Foundation raised over \$10,000 during the event, which would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Scholarship Foundation Committee and everyone who donated or purchased items. The evening continued with the passing of the gavel from 2020-2021 TGA President, Randall Griner to 1st Vice President Mark O'Neal. The past year certainly continued to present challenges for TGA which were met and overcome under President Griner's leadership. An emotional Silver Flame presentation, posthumously honoring Jerry Snodgrass, was made to his wife, Diane and two sons, Dylan & Jessie. In true TGA fashion, the membership stepped up their level of donation to the Together Giving to Another giveback program created largely by Jerry. The decision was made to bring the collected funds back to TN to the Helping Hands of Humphrey's County organization to assist in the flooding recovery. The total donated to the organization was \$3,682 which is a one-time giving record. The evening and conference concluded with an exceptional

keynote speaker, Andy Andrews who challenged the attendees to go to *The Bottom of the Pool* by "thinking beyond your boundaries to achieve extraordinary results." TGA appreciates everyone who sponsored or attended the conference. It would not have been successful without your commitment to TGA. The 2022 Annual Meeting will be in Chattanooga, TN, June 13-15 at the Westin Hotel. Registration and hotel reservation information will be available after the first of the year.





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Every item & each step of manufacturing is carefully monitored and documented. The results are placed in a file, a copy of which is given to the end user as an Operation & Maintenance manual.



TENNESSEE STATE ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL

Submitted by: **Matt Stennett**

The TN State Energy Policy Council (SEPC) is tasked with looking at all of the energy needs and security for the State of Tennessee, and doing their best to ensure we stay competitive and have a balanced portfolio of safe, reliable, and affordable energy. The limited natural gas supply, especially in the eastern third of the state, is well understood within the Council and is a priority for further study and/or action. However, there are many in various offices who do not understand this issue and are not yet willing to fund further development without better documentation of the problem. As a first step toward that goal, the SEPC just approved and funded a survey to be performed by the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy from the University of Tennessee.

Direct interviews with:

- Economic development practitioners who are actively involved in industrial recruitment at the state and local level, including representatives from the state Department of Economic and Community Development and local industrial development boards/chambers of commerce.
- As possible, professionals from national firms that provide site location support for industry in Tennessee.
- Natural gas suppliers, including industry representatives and local distribution companies.
- Experts representing industry (e.g., the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, Middle Tennessee Industrial Association) and the state's agricultural sector (UT Agriculture Extension, Tennessee Department of Agriculture).

A second survey that would be an online survey instrument focused on end users. The target audience includes:

- Private industry from across a variety of sectors that are representative of the state, drawing from contacts available through selected local industrial development boards and other sources.
- Large business and industry as represented by the Tennessee Business Roundtable.
- The state's agricultural sector.

I encourage TGA Members to answer these surveys as honestly as possible if contacted. And to communicate with your Economic Development and State Representatives so they better understand that we either have an issue now or will have an issue in the future if the natural gas supply in Tennessee (especially East TN) is not improved.

I know many times when I'm wearing my Economic Development hat I try to put my best foot forward, and tell everyone "we have plenty!" However, that is not a helpful answer when we are trying to allocate funds for further study and expansion throughout the state. Please help me be sure we get enough widespread understanding of the issue that we can move forward with further work to help solve it.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have, or if you'd like an example email I've sent to all of my own ECD contacts you can personalize and send to yours.





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The Cool Springs Hilton Hotel in Franklin, TN held the 2021 Fall Management & Business, Accounting and Professional Development Conferences. Both conferences represented over 140 TGA members. The conferences held 1 full day each dedicated to their specific industry and business topics. The attendees came together for ½ day of overlapping topics that were beneficial to both audiences. Jocelyn McInturff, Education Steering Committee Chair and James Sager, Business & Accounting Group Leader and their teams put together great slates of speakers. The Conferences were certified for up to 13 Commissioner Training hours and 12 CPE hours for professionals.

The Business Partners hosted a well-received reception in the exhibit hall allowing for much needed networking after the past 18 months of limited interaction. The attendees donated \$856 to the Together Giving to Another campaign benefiting Graceworks Ministries in Franklin.

Allyson Horner, License Plate Task Force Chair, announced winners from the license plate pre-sale list and awarded 2 \$50 Amazon gift cards donated by Gibson County Utility District. The winners were Jason Myers of Tracer Electronics and Robert Brackins of Symmetry Energy Solutions. Keep a watch out for the next announcement for a drawing. Reserve your plate so that you can be included.

TGA appreciates the sponsor, exhibitors, and attendees for supporting these two great conferences. Mark your calendar for October 25-27, 2022 at the Hyatt Centric in Memphis, TN for next year's conferences.

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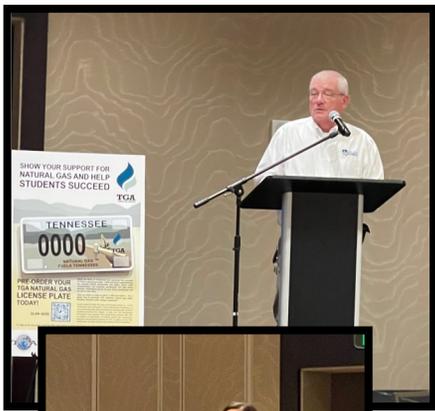
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Committee Communications



Randall Griner
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting Committee met via Zoom on October 21st. The agenda from the canceled 2020 Annual Meeting was dusted off and updated with a few changes for the 2022 Annual Meeting. The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held in Chattanooga June 13-15, 2022. We are confirming speakers and activities now and the agenda will be ready soon. Next, we will be reaching out with sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing everyone in Chattanooga in June.



Chris McCabe
Business Partner
Council

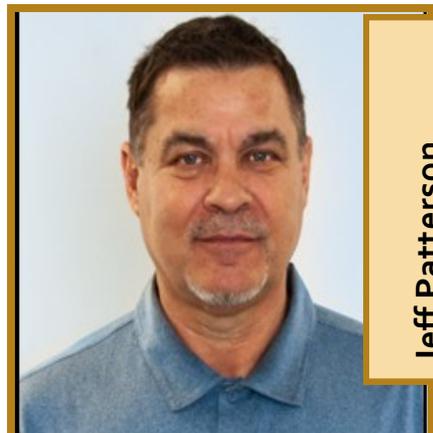
The Business Partners hosted reception at the Fall Management Conference was a great success. We appreciate the Business Partners who stepped up and sponsored the event. The venue and atmosphere was great. Everyone was so glad to be back in person and networking.



Josh Lewis
Customer
Service

The Customer Service Committee held its first committee meeting November 5th via zoom. The decision was made to continue holding regional Customer Service Workshops in May. Locations and agenda are being finalized and will be announced soon.

The D&O Committee held its first planning meeting November 3rd, 2021. The committee began planning an in person meeting with a similar format as our last in person meeting in 2019. Our goal will be to complete an agenda and out to the membership around the first of the year. The 2022 conference will be held in Murfreesboro, TN April 26-28 at the Embassy Suites.



Jeff Patterson
D&O

The Committee has planned a successful Fall Management Conference November 9 – 10 at the Hilton Cool Springs in Franklin, TN.

TPUC instructed classes for preparation for the 2022 inspections are being coordinated through Travis Aslinger for early 2022. The plan is to have in-person training at 4 – 5 locations across the state.

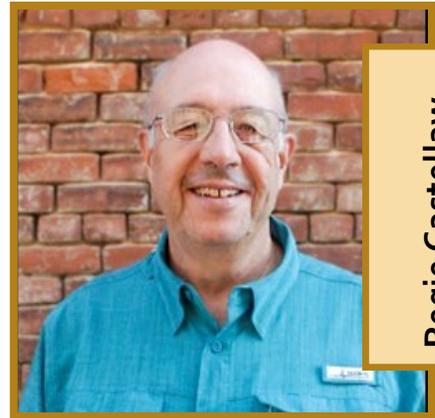
This year, the Educational Steering Committee will develop a training plan that follows the guidance and direction of TGA Executive Committee’s Strategic Plan. We look forward to including TPUC and our business partners to serve the needs of our members. Please reach out to Jocelyn McInturff (Jocelyn.McInturff@kub.org) if you have ideas or improvements that you would like to see offered.

Jocelyn McInturff
Education Steering



The Legislative Committee will be planning an event to reconnect with the State Legislators in 2022. Details will be shared as soon they are available.

Regie Castellaw
Legislative



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Marketing



The Marketing Committee met on October 20, 2021, by Zoom. The Committee determined ways to promote the sale of 1,000 license plates. Print outs, social media posts, and email blast are ways the Committee plans to promote. A flyer and social media post can be found on the TGA website and was recently sent out to members to be used in offices and public places. By these efforts, the Committee hopes to have the 1,000 commitments comfortably before the deadline. The Committee is continuing the Spotlight Articles for West, Middle and East for each TGA magazine. We hope this helps members learn about other member utilities within TGA.

The TGA Membership Committee along with TGA staff and Mark O’Neal met on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, via a Zoom session. Existing and new members of the committee were introduced, and the Objectives and Goals of the Membership Committee were reviewed.

During this meeting discussion was made about how to retain and recruit members into the TGA. A list of existing members with lapsed membership dues provided by TGA staff was reviewed and divided among the committee members for personal contact. Out of the 9 members contacted, there were 5 that committed to renewing their memberships.

Utilizing information provided by TGA staff and individual committee member’s contacts, the TGA Membership Committee will continue to strive to increase the membership for our organization.

Jerry Massie
Membership



Sam Andavazo
Safety Summit



The Safety Summit Committee has set location and date for 2022 Safety Summit which will be Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN, August 2-4, 2022. Kenneth Harper, Vice Chair is diligently keeping minutes of meetings. Committee has discussed various topics and ideas. Look for meeting details by spring of 2022.

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2022 Calendar of Events

Date	Educational Opportunity	Location
January 20, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– WEST TN	Lexington Utility
January 25, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– EAST TN	Oak Ridge Utility District
January 26, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– EAST TN	Jefferson-Cocke County Utility District
February 1, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– WEST TN	West TN Public Utility District
February 2, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– MIDDLE TN	Smryna Natural Gas
February 3, 2022	TPUC 2022 Inspection Prep Class– MIDDLE TN	Middle TN Natural Gas
February 2022	Legislative Day on the Hill & Legislator Reception	Nashville, TN
April 26-28, 2022	Distribution & Operations Conference	Embassy Suites Hotel Murfreesboro, TN
May 5, 2022	Customer Service Workshops –Middle/West	Greater Dickson Gas Authority– Dickson, TN
May 19, 2022	Customer Service Workshop—East	Oak Ridge Utility District—Oak Ridge, TN
June 13-15, 2022	Annual Meeting	Westin Hotel Chattanooga, TN
August 2-4, 2022	Safety Summit	Montgomery Bell State Park Burns, TN
October 25-27, 2022	Fall Management & Business, Accounting & Professional Development Conferencs	Hyatt Centric Memphis, TN

Watch for updates and registration information in the TGA Tuesday emails



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