



## Petroleum Accountants Society of Houston

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# PASH Newsletter

October 2015

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### Meeting Location

The Doubletree by Hilton is located at  
6 Greenway Plaza East, Houston, TX 77046

For a map, use the following link:

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-houston-greenway-plaza-HOUGWDT/index.html>

### 2015-2016 Meeting Dates

October 15, 2015  
November 19, 2015  
December 3, 2015  
January 21, 2016  
February 18, 2016  
March 17, 2016  
April 14, 2016  
May 9, 2016

### Committee Meetings:

3:00 - Joint Interest and Audit - 20th Floor - Plaza III  
Joint Interest Breakout session - 20th Floor - Plaza I  
Audit Breakout session - 20th Floor - Plaza III  
3:00 - Revenue - 20th Floor - Plaza II  
3:00 - Website / Social Media - 20th Floor - Plaza IV

### Technical Session:

4:30 - 5:30 - 20th Floor - Plaza III

### Dinner Reservations

### Social Hour:

5:30 - 6:00 - 20th Floor - Hallway

### **\*\*New This Month\*\***

**Please make dinner  
reservations prior to  
5:00 PM on Friday, October  
9th.**

### Dinner:

6:00 - 8:30 - 20th Floor - Plaza Ballroom

Late reservations will be placed  
on the wait list for dinner.

To make a reservation,

please click on the  
link: [dinner@pashcopas.org](mailto:dinner@pashcopas.org)  
or call 713-526-6070.

## October 15th Technical Session - 4:30 - 5:30

The Technical Session will include a presentation on ***State and Local Use Taxes*** given by Caroline Wright, Tax Manager from Grant Thornton. The session will help provide insights on tax updates as well as various state and local use tax information affecting the oil and gas industry. Please come join us and Bring your Questions!

## October 15th Dinner Speaker

Speaker: Tom Wierman

Topic: "A COPAS Smorgasbord"

Mr. Wierman's presentation will provide an update on the APA® program, and highlight the changes coming. He will also cover the activity that has taken place in COPAS Energy Education with the expansion of course offerings, the status of online offerings, and review of the 2016 course calendar. He will also touch on the projects taking place at the COPAS level as well as answer any questions.

Tom Wierman (Wire-man) has been COPAS Executive Director since March, 2012. Prior to that Tom worked as an E&P accountant for nearly 30 years. Tom held assignments in Wichita, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Calgary Alberta (Canada).

Tom has served as a society president and a board member for both the Kansas and Canada societies. At the COPAS level, he served as Tax Committee Chair, and was a board member for six years. In 2009 he served as COPAS president. Tom was also a major contributor on the COPAS 50th Anniversary celebration in 2011. He was awarded the COPAS *Eagle Award* in 2013.

Tom is married to Paula; they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 29. They have three children, Chris (22), a recent Geology graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Molly (20) a Junior at the University of Dallas and Justin (17) a Senior, at Kapaun-Mt. Carmel Catholic High School.

Tom is involved in many different things. He is active in his church, directs a choir, is a member of the Kapaun Booster Club, is beginning his second term as the President of the Wichita Swim Club, and recently participated in two Habitat for Humanity building projects. When he finds time he enjoys do-it-yourself projects around the house. He is still an active High School Soccer official but recently retired from officiating collegiate soccer. He replaced officiating with weight training.

## Parking Information

Parking is to be billed to PASH's master account and paid by PASH. Any member who drives an oversized vehicle or otherwise is unable to park in the underground parking will need to use the valet service at the hotel and pick up a validation sticker for their valet parking ticket.

Ken Morris (President)  
Charlene Lutkenhaus (Vice President)  
Brandon Brown (Treasurer)  
Shari Sanderford (Secretary)  
Mark Gibennus (Assistant Treasurer)  
Billy Moye  
Jill Coble  
Mary Mosley  
Joel Leal (Past President)  
Helen De La Roas (Board Assistant)  
Rich Moring III (COPAS President)

### Picture Roster Committee

The Picture Roster Committee will have the photographer at the October Dinner Meetings from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We encourage all members who do not have a picture in the Roster or who would like an update to plan on stopping by our booth, it only takes several minutes. If you are unable to attend these meeting dates, please send me, Bill Mize at([w.mize@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w.mize@sbcglobal.net)) a passport type photo for processing by November 1, 2015. The Picture Roster is an important part of our organization, we need everyone's participation.

### Joint Committee: Website, New Professionals, Social Media, Publicity

Please join us at 3:00pm on Thursday October 15th, in Plaza IV as we meet to discuss final details of the new PASH website. Additionally, we welcome Jeremy Schooley, owner of Thunderhead Marketing providing comprehensive web design & internet marketing solutions for attorneys and law firms to be on-hand for assistance in our discussion of where we want to take PASH into the Social Media frontier. We're also excited to be making plans for a sensational year of New Professional activities-come help us make plans!

### Opportunity to Give Back

**Star of Hope Monthly Opportunities:** As in the past, toiletries for SOH will be collected monthly at the Hospitality table when you check in. When you travel throughout the year, you can immediately donate those shampoo, conditioner and lotion bottles to a worthy cause. **Everyone that makes a donation will receive an additional ticket for the post-dinner drawing.**

**New this year,** we will be taking those donations a step further in 2016: Jan - Apr (4 Saturday's) following the monthly meetings (keep an eye here as these dates have yet to be confirmed by SOH), we will be sorting those and other donations at the Donation and Distribution Center located across the freeway from the George R Brown at 2320 Lamar, Houston, TX 77003 713-748-0700

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Light of Hope Festival	10 people (HS or adults) and small groups to host booths	November 7 <sup>th</sup> , Time TBD (morning/ afternoon)	Location TBD	Di Tubbs, Outreach Coordinator	Star of Hope is partnering with local churches and organizations to put on our annual festival for several low-income local communities. We are need about 10 volunteers to assist with set-up and clean-up as well as other various tasks. We are also looking for organizations to host special booths of games/crafts/activities to bless the families in these neighborhoods.
AT&T Christmas Party	10 Adults	December 18th	Location TBD	Di Tubbs, Outreach Coordinator	Star of Hope is hosting its annual AT&T Christmas Party for all of our Extended Services Programs. We are in need of 10 adult volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up of the event as well as helping with various needs during the event.

## Audit Committee Report

The Audit and Joint Interest Committees had a lively discussion during the September meeting. Thanks for all that participated. We had so much fun we are doing it again in October! We look forward to seeing all of you at 3:00pm on Thursday October 15th, in Plaza III. We will meet jointly to discuss some of the draft publications and emerging issues. A detailed agenda will be forthcoming including voting items for Audit.

A special thank you goes out to Larea Arnett who has graciously volunteered to be the Audit Committee's Vice-Chair. Please introduce yourself if you don't already know her and remember to state your name when making a motion. That would be so very helpful for her as she records the minutes each month. We are excited about this year and all that COPAS currently is working on. We value your knowledge and feedback so please join us at our next meeting.

The Audit Committee also plans to hold discussions on general audit topics throughout the year. These round table discussions always prompt dynamic debates among the members. Please forward any topics that you feel may be of interest to the group. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Suellen King at [suellen.king@cop.com](mailto:suellen.king@cop.com) or Larea Arnett at [larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com](mailto:larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com).

## COPAS Spring 2017 National Meeting - Volunteers Needed

Join us for some fun. PASH is assisting PAS-ALT (Ark-La-Tx) with hosting the COPAS Spring National Meeting in Shreveport, LA in April 2017. A special thanks to everyone who has worked very hard to get us this far.

It seems like it is so far off in the future, however, there is still some planning that needs to be done in order to make this a great event. Volunteers are needed today as well as many will be needed during the event.

Areas of interest include Fundraising, Promotions and Gifts, Transportation, Registration, Facility Coordinator, Guest Activities, Evening Activities, Golf Tournament, Hospitality Suite, and Committee Chair Liaison.

Sign up today to volunteer by contacting Suellen King at [Suellen.King@cop.com](mailto:Suellen.King@cop.com). Stay tuned for more information!

## Education Committee Report

The Education committee will have its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (both at Oxy in Greenway Plaza at 4pm). The committee will continue to focus on Education Day speakers and the Scholarship program.

Ethics course - Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Oxy offices Greenway Plaza, Houston. This

has been a popular course and qualifies for your TSBCPA four hour ethics requirement. Look for an email from constant contact for registration information. We also plan to place a registration link on the Education Committee page of the PASH website.

Scholarships - The committee is always proud to give back to the local schools and their brightest oil and gas accounting students in the form of scholarships, sponsorships and grants. We also want to remind PASH members of the opportunity for you to nominate an intern who is currently working at your company to also receive a scholarship. You can find more information on the intern scholarships on the Education Committee webpage.

The Education committee has two sets of APA study materials. The materials are housed at Tana Exploration Company LLC in The Woodlands and at Oxy in Greenway Plaza. The materials can be checked out by contacting Jennifer Holt-McKellar at 409-790-9047 or [pashjennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:pashjennifer@yahoo.com) (Woodlands) or Billy Moye at 713-366-5366 or [Billy\\_Moye@oxy.com](mailto:Billy_Moye@oxy.com).

## Financial Reporting and Tax Committee Report

HELLO Financial Reporting/Tax Members!!

The Committee will not be holding a monthly meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015. We are however are holding the Technical Session at 4:30PM - 5:30 PM at the Double Tree Hotel - U.S. Highway 59 & Edloe on 20th floor. The technical session will include a presentation on **State and Local Use Taxes** given by Caroline Wright, Tax Manager from Grant Thornton. Please come join us for this informative session! This presentation will be accredited for 1 hour of CPE for all Texas CPA's; no prerequisites are required.

If you know of any friends or co-workers who are new to the industry or would be interested in joining PASH please invite them to our PASH activities. We always welcome guests! Guests are encouraged but are not required to be members of PASH in order to attend our committee meetings.

Join us to learn something new and share your experiences to help influence and share the future of our vast ever-changing stimulating industry.

The Financial Reporting/Tax Committee will also hold discussions on general Financial Reporting and Tax topics throughout the year. Please forward any topics that you feel may be of interest to the group. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at [ttran@altamesa.net](mailto:ttran@altamesa.net)

## Membership Committee

### New Member - Company

Brian Cote - Anadarko Petroleum  
LaWanda Washington - Linn Energy  
Matthew Jeide - Hein & Associates  
Betsy Barkley - Eagle Rock Energy Partners LP

## New Professionals Committee

The New Professionals Committee will be holding an event at Top Golf in Katy on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> (specific time tba). If you are planning on attending this event please email me

your RSVP by 10am October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have a preference of what area of Houston you would like to meet for later meetings please be sure to let me know so that I can plan the locations accordingly. In addition, if you have any suggestions for the committee or future events please be sure to contact me.

If you know of any friends or co-workers who are new to the industry and you believe would be a great candidate for PASH and the New Professionals committee, please feel encouraged to invite them to the next meeting.

For information on the New Professionals committee and their activities please contact Chris Mathews at [Chris.Mathews@bp.com](mailto:Chris.Mathews@bp.com).

## COPAS Member Benefits

Did you know that as a COPAS member you are entitled to reduced rates from several rental car companies? Use the following IDs to get discounts with:

Avis: AWD - L039224  
Hertz: CDP - 1970958  
National: Contract ID - ESHB51C (includes Loss Damage Waiver)  
Enterprize: Customer Number - SB00001, Pin - ENT

For more savings opportunities go to the COPAS website:  
<http://www.copas.org/memberbenefits>

## WEBSITES

[www.pashcopas.org](http://www.pashcopas.org)

Please take the opportunity to view the PASH website at [www.pashcopas.org](http://www.pashcopas.org)  
Reservations for the monthly general dinner meetings can be made on-line by using our website.

You can keep up-to-date on planned events and key contacts for the various activities.

Membership information is available to help with your recruitment for PASH. Membership application forms may be printed from this site.

Check out the job line section for posted job opportunities.

Review the announcements for current PASH activities or other news such as COPAS meeting registration information.

Click on the Links for access to other COPAS Societies and industry organizations.

[WWW.COPAS.ORG](http://WWW.COPAS.ORG)

For COPAS Membership information, you can visit the COPAS website at [www.copas.org](http://www.copas.org). To access the membership directory you will need to utilize the username (usually your email address) and the password provided by the COPAS office. If you have not received this information, please contact COPAS at 877-992-6727. Access to this membership area and all related directory listings contain private data and therefore should not be disclosed to any solicitors or non-members. Please safeguard your personal password information.