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* - Luncheon

Dinner Reservations

Please make dinner reservations prior to 5:00 PM on Tuesday , February 14th.

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

To make a reservation, please click the following link:[Dinner Reservations](#).

Once registered, you will receive an e-ticket confirmation that your entry has been submitted.

New Meeting Location

Starting in January 2017 the PASH Meetings will be held in The Whitehall, Downtown Houston. Below is the address and additional information:

The Whitehall, Downtown Houston
1700 Smith Street
Houston, TX 77002

Drivers have access to PASH-paid valet-only parking via the left lane of Pease Street (One Way).

The hotel is part of the Downtown tunnel system and directly connected via skywalk to buildings having major tenants such as KBR, Chevron, and United Airlines.

According GoogleMaps, these are the Bus Routes having stops on Smith Street at the hotel: Stop ID #679: 085, 151, 160, 161, 162, 214, 216, 217, 219, 261, 262, 265, 269. Stop ID #677: 044, 221, 222, 228, 229, Light Rail has 2 stations: Bell and Downtown TC (both about 5 blocks' walk)

Opened in 1963 in the heart of Houston's Central Business District, "The Whitehall" quickly became known as the city's most iconic hotel. It was designed by Welton Becket and Associates, one of the largest architectural firms in the United States at the time. The Whitehall closed in 1991, and the late 1990s brought about investors that poured \$25 million into the redevelopment of the Houston hotel. It reopened in 2001

If you prefer, you can email:dinner@pashcopas.org or call 713-526-6070.

as the Crowne Plaza Houston Downtown. Sotherly Hotels acquired the property in November 2013 and began a \$4.8 million renovation in 2014 of the guest rooms, public spaces, and food and beverage outlets, including the casual coffee bistro, Buffalo Bayou Coffee, and an outdoor restaurant and bar, Part & Parcel.

Many of the original hallmarks of Becket's design remain today, including the spiral staircase connecting the first and second floor public spaces, and the white Italian marble flooring.

Meeting Location

For a map, use the following link:
[Map to Whitehall Hotel](#)

Committee Meetings

1:30PM - COPAS Energy Education - Oil Field Production Accounting- Bluebonnet A
2:00PM - Internationl Committee - Gulf Coast B
3:00PM - Audit & JI Committee - Bluebonnet A
3:00 PM - Joint Interest Committee Breakout- Gulf Coast B
3:00PM - Revenue Committee - Ambassador (1st Floor)
3:00PM - Small Companies Committee- Gulf Coast A
4:15PM - Picnic - Patio Bar

Technical Session

4:30- 5:30 Bluebonnet A

Social Hour

5:30-6:00 Bluebonnet Foyer

Dinner

6:00- 8:00 - Bluebonnet B

All Committee meetings will be held on the 2nd floor level of The Whitehall

Driving Directions to Whitehall Hotel

From I-10 E (Katy)

Follow I-10 E toward downtown
Use the left lane to take exit 768B for I-45 S Galveston
Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 47D for Pierce St
Keep left, following signs for Jefferson
Continue onto Jefferson
Use the left lane to turn left onto Louisiana
Turn left at the 1st cross street onto Pease
Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From Greenway

Follow 1-69/US-59 keeping to 1-69/US-59 downtown
Use the right 2 lanes to take the Gray/Pierce exit
Merge onto Chartres
Turn left onto Pease
Continue on Pease about 13 blocks

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From I-45 (Galveston)

Follow I-45 N toward downtown

Use the right 2 lanes to exit 45 toward Scott

Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Pease

Continue on Pease about 13 blocks

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

From I-45 (Woodlands)

Follow I-45 S toward downtown

Use the left 2 lanes to take exit 47C for McKinney St

Turn right onto Smith

Turn right onto left lane of Pease

From 288 (Pearland/Med Center)

Follow 288 N toward downtown

Follow 1-69/US-59 keeping to 1-69/US-59 downtown

Use the right 2 lanes to take the Gray/Pierce exit

Merge onto Chartres

Turn left onto Pease

Continue on Pease about 13 blocks

Cross Smith and turn left into the 2nd drive (the first drive is the loading dock)

Technical Session

This year, COPAS started their COPAS Energy Education (CEE) Webinars. PASH has purchased these webinar packages as a source of CPE for our members. During the February 16, 2017 meeting, a session on Oil Field Production Accounting will presented.

Please click here to register: <http://conta.cc/2kxhTHZ>

Technical Session

Topic: Production in Paying Quantities

Speaker: A. Antroy Arreola, Partner at Zabel Freeman

Calculating whether an oil and gas well is "producing in paying quantities" seems straightforward and most believe they intuitively know how to make that determination. But when one starts compiling the numbers and begins to sift through the myriad of different types of costs that may be attributed or allocated to a producing well, the simple question "is the well making money" becomes much more complex. Knowing the correct answer is not only important for monitoring overall profitability, but it is also important because whether a well is producing in paying quantities could have an impact on development obligations, the ability to pay shut-in royalties if necessary, and lease termination.

Fortunately, the Texas Supreme Court is currently considering two separate cases that may provide additional guidance on what it means to be producing in paying quantities. Thursday's presentation will discuss these two cases and will also provide a broad survey how different states have treated different types of expenses in making production in paying quantities determinations.

Antroy Arreola is a partner in the law firm Zabel Freeman, which is a litigation boutique specializing in energy litigation. Before joining Zabel Freeman, Antroy spent 18 years at Locke Lord where he tried the case Laddex v. BP America Production Company, which is a production in paying quantities case currently before the Texas Supreme Court. Antroy began focusing on energy litigation after spending over two years seconded by Locke Lord to BP's in-house legal department. Since then, he has handled cases dealing with multiple facets of the upstream industry. His past few years have been heavily focused on assisting the midstream industry with its historic infrastructure buildout.

Dinner Speaker

Topic: Review of New Partnership Tax Rules and How They Affect Your Client's Business

Speakers: Travis Austin Greaves and T. Joshua Wu

Course Description: Congress recently passed the most significant changes in partnership tax in more than 30 years, disrupting industries from oil and gas to private equity. The new partnership audit rules apply to partnership tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, but all partnerships (big and small) should take action now to begin to implement changes required under the new law. This course will briefly explain the fundamentals of the current Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) partnership audit rules with a focus on the difficulties with the process that led to the replacement of TEFRA in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. The course will then describe the new partnership audit regime, discuss how it will affect the oil and gas industry, and then detail the steps you should take now to prepare for 2018.

Bios

Travis Austin Greaves is an attorney at Caplin & Drysdale in Washington, D.C. Mr. Greaves concentrates his practice on federal and state civil and criminal tax controversies. He represents individuals, partnerships, and corporations through all stages of tax investigations and litigation, including voluntary disclosures, audits and examinations, audit reconsiderations, and negotiated resolutions with the IRS. In addition, Mr. Greaves is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he has taught tax procedure courses. Prior to joining Caplin & Drysdale, he served as the Tax and Economic Policy Advisor to Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, practiced in the tax group of a major international law firm and served as an Attorney Advisor at the United States Tax Court.

T. Joshua Wu is an attorney at Caplin & Drysdale in Washington, D.C. A primary focus of Mr. Wu's practice is helping startup companies, mid-size businesses, and individual clients remain in compliance with U.S. tax laws, as well as guiding clients on appropriate procedures to reduce their tax burdens. Mr. Wu represents clients in an array of tax controversies and tax litigation matters before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has also worked with the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility to resolve disciplinary inquiries. With considerable experience handling multijurisdictional investigations, Mr. Wu regularly works with foreign companies, trusts, and advisors to resolve inbound U.S. tax and reporting issues.

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Seeking Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to share your experience and become more involved in PASH? We have perfect opportunities for you! We are seeking to fill the following Chair, Vice Chair and Co-Chair positions:

Audit (Vice Chair) - Larea Arnett larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com

Social Media (Chair & Co-Chair or Vice Chair) - Charlene Lutkenhaus clutkenhaus@altamesa.net

Web (Co-Chair or Vice Chair) - Julie Royce jroyce@pdsenergy.com

COPAS Accounts Article Submissions

It's me again, Margie Saibara your COPAS Reporter for 2016-2017.

I am here to remind you that you still have 2 more opportunities this year for turning in articles for the PASH portion of the COPAS ACCOUNTS magazine.

Please write down these deadlines for submitting your articles to me:
Marjorie_Saibara@att.net

April 17, 2017

Everyone in PASH has a story to tell and I would like to help you tell your story. If you need help in writing your article, I can help but I need the four W's:

Who
What
Where
When

Then if you will add a note or two regarding your observations of the event, we will be off to the presses with your story.

For those who are new or if anyone may have questions regarding what type of information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As an added incentive to our budding reporters, I do award prizes for articles submitted to ACCOUNTS.

I look forward to hearing from everyone this year.

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 goes out to everyone who has worked very hard to get us this far.

Volunteers are needed today for the Fundraising Committee. Contact Suellen King at Suellen.King@cop.com if you have questions or to volunteer.

Audit Committee Report

The Joint Interest and Audit Committees will be meeting jointly to discuss emerging issues.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Larea Arnett at larea.b.arnett@exxonmobil.com.

Education Committee Report

The Education committee held its fourth and final meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017. The committee continues to focus on finalizing Education Day speakers for May 2017 and the Scholarship program for April 2017. At this time, there are no meetings planned.

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 will be recognizing scholarship recipients at the April 2017 meeting. If you have any questions concerning the scholarship program, please contact Mona Hilliard (MHilliard@linnenergy.com)

Education - Education Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017. It will be held at the Marriott Houston Westchase location (same as last year). Look for registration to be available in late March or early April. If there is a speaker you heard at a conference you attended and think others would enjoy the topic, please send the topic and the speaker contact information to Jennifer (pashjennifer@yahoo.com). Jennifer will review the topic/speaker with the committee and contact them if a slot is available.

Financial Reporting / Tax Committee Report

The Financial Reporting / Tax Committee will not be meeting in February.

If anyone has future topics they are interested in wanting to learning, please contact me at ttran@altamesa.net.

International Committee Report

The International Committee is planning to meet February 16, at 2:00, at the Whitehall Hotel. We will continue our review of the PASC 2011 Accounting Procedure. Contact Karla Bower, karla.j.bower@cop.com, or Lary Sides, larysides@chevron.com, for more information. Also, be sure to check the AIPN website for events upcoming in Houston: <https://www.aipn.org/Events.aspx>. You do not need to be a member of AIPN to attend.

Joint Interest Committee Report

The Joint Interest and Audit Committees will be meeting jointly to discuss emerging issues. Additional details and a full agenda will be circulated. Please join us for a great discussion.

The New Professionals Committee plans on holding a social meeting in the near future, please stay tuned for information regarding this event. 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 .

Revenue Committee

The PASH Revenue Committee will hold its monthly meeting on February 16, 2017 at the Whitehall Hotel - 1700 Smith St., Houston, TX 77002. Please see the PASH Newsletter "Meeting Location" for the room and/or hotel "Reader Board" upon entry. Our committee will meet at 3:00 p.m.

Our meeting will include a presentation titled "Federal Royalty Issues - Updates", given by Pam Williams with Shell Exploration & Production Co., which is one of the largest Oil and Gas Producers in the world. This presentation will be accredited for 1 hour of CPE for all Texas CPA's; no prerequisites are required.

We are glad to welcome the Midstream/Downstream Committee members who will be joining us again this year. We encourage you to bring a guest and introduce them to our activities. Guests are encouraged but are not required to be members of PASH in order to attend our committee meetings.

Please see the PASH Newsletter for the COPAS Energy Education (CEE) Webinars speaker and topic this month. Consider attending these classes as a source of CPE because PASH has purchased this training and there is not additional cost for you to attend.

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)

Enterprise: Customer Number - SB00001, Pin - ENT

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

WEBSITES

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Please take the opportunity to view the PASH website at 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.

Contact Charlene Lutkenhaus (clutkenhaus@AltaMesa.net) if you have any suggestions. The PASH phone hotline, (713.526.6070), will continue to be available for those not having access to the internet.

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

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