

MINUTES
Board of Directors
National Propane Gas Association
February 1, 2023
New Orleans, Louisiana

Call to Order. Chair Michelle Bimson Maggi called the meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors to order at 8:39 am CST and welcomed all to the Winter Board of Directors meeting. Mr. John Alario, Executive Director of the Louisiana LP Gas Commission, welcomed attendees to Louisiana. Louisiana State Director Dominique Monlezun then gave the invocation. Chair Bimson Maggi next led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Each NPGA officer introduced themselves along with NPGA President & CEO, Steve Kaminski. Chair Bimson Maggi had a moment of silence for John Brooks.

Chair Bimson Maggi thanked Bergquist Inc. and Quality Steel for sponsoring the Chair's Reception the previous evening; Aegis General Insurance Agency for Tuesday afternoon's beverage and snack break, and Ray Murray, Inc. for sponsoring the morning's coffee.

She next thanked PropanePAC Administrative Fund sponsors: AmeriGas Propane LP, Bergquist Inc., Ferrellgas, the Missouri Propane Gas Association, Ray Murray Inc., and Superior Plus Propane for their \$5,000 PACage sponsorships; Anova, Boehlke Bottled Gas, DCC Propane, Energy Distribution Partners, IPS Equipment, Kindsvatter Dalling & Associates, the Michigan Propane Gas Association, the Southeast Propane Alliance, and Westmor for their \$2,500 PACage sponsorships; and the Alabama Propane Gas Association, Arrow Tank & Engineering Co., Cargas, Iowa Propane Gas Association, McMahan's Bottle Gas, Metsa Tank, Nottawa Gas, Otodata, PGANE, Quality Steel, Tennessee Propane Gas Association, and the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association for their \$1,000 PACage sponsorships.

Additional thanks went to the PropanePAC event sponsors: AmeriGas, Missouri PGA in honor of Johnny Brooks, Ray Murray Inc, Superior Plus Propane, and Energy Distribution Partners.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the September 28, 2022 Board meeting were approved as written. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 MEETING IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA.

2. **New Directors.**

Chair Bimson Maggi announced that:

- Brian Brooks of Brooks Gas is the current Missouri State Director, assuming the Board seat of his late uncle John.
- Kevin Bennett of DCC Propane is now the Colorado State Director, replacing Alan Martin who is no longer with DCC Propane.
- Alex Gallard of Blue Star Gas is the new Washington State Director, replacing Mark Detloff who is no longer with Blue Star Gas.
- Lance Dalton of Quality Steel has assumed Lynn Hardin's Manufacturers Section Director seat as Lynn is now the President of Quality Steel.
- Bruce Thompson of Thompson Energy Insurance Services has taken Lisa Gerwitz's Services Section Director seat as Lisa is now with Barrett Propane.

3. Chair's Report.

Chair Bimson Maggi delivered the Chair's Report. NPGA seeks to be an obstruction remover. She congratulated Stephanie Hennen on getting award for WLPGA's Young Woman of the year award. She also noted opportunities exist on the executive committee.

4. Executive Committee Report.

Chair-Elect Jeff Stewart delivered the Executive Committee Report. Chair-Elect Stewart spoke about PHMSA grants, NPGA investment allocations and cylinder issues. Chair-Elect Stewart also discussed the restructuring of the PERC partnership agreement. He also noted updates from the Legislative Team, the Regulatory Team, updating the Foundation, and issues of note from the States, as well as a NIST cylinder study. Chair-Elect Stewart also discussed the strong relationship between NPGA and PERC. Finally, Chair-Elect Stewart reported on the Executive Committee's discussion on DME.

The Board accepted the Executive Committee report by motion.

5. PERC Selection Committee Report.

Vice Chair Tom Van Buren delivered the PERC Selection Committee Report. Warren Patterson has been named Marketer Member of the PERC Advisory Council filling in a vacancy. The PERC Selection Committee will be gathering on April 23 to interview candidates, and Mr. Van Buren solicited applications.

6. Treasurer's Report.

NPGA Treasurer, Mr. Michael Hopsicker delivered the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hopsicker noted that NPGA's financial position is strong, with better than anticipated figures for interest, dividends, and dues. Costs decreased in compensation and taxes. Certain elements of events expenses cost more than anticipated.

Mr. Hopsicker walked through the FY '24 budget, which had been approved by the finance subcommittee of the Executive Committee and by the Executive Committee and called for the Board to approve by acceptance of the Treasurer's report.

The Board accepted the Treasurer's report.

7. President's Report.

NPGA President, Mr. Steve Kaminski delivered the President's Report. He provided thanks to guests from Hurricane response and Shannon Watt and Randy Hayden, and Renewables guests. He provided kudos to codes and standards for work with ASHRA and NFPA. Mr. Kaminski also thanked the state executives. Mr. Kaminski noted the work NPGA is accomplishing and the scrutiny on our work, as well as increasing issues in the states. Mr. Kaminski noted that propane sales are up and that NPGA was looking forward to the 75th anniversary of Expo, as well as Propane days, and the Board of Directors meeting in Louisville in October. The next Winter Board meeting will be in Monterrey, CA next February 6th-8th.

8. **Standing Committee Reports.**

Chair Bimson Maggi announced that with the exception of the Technology, Standards & Safety Committee and the PAC Steering Committee, there would be no oral standing committee reports. She referred the Board to the appropriate tabs in the Board materials.

Technology, Standards & Safety Committee Report. Mr. John Cadenhead provided the report of TS&S Committee, referring everyone to Tab L for more specifics. He then asked the Board for approval of a proposal outlined in Tab L, intended to modify NFPA 58 and establish that tracer wire is not required to be a specific color.

THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE. NO OBJECTION.

PropanePAC Steering Committee Report. Ms. Stephanie Hennen provided the report of the PropanePAC Steering Committee, referring everyone to Tab M for more specifics. Ms. Hennen noted the successes of PropanePAC and money raised. Further, she commended the work of Kate Singleton, PAC events, and thanked the sponsors of the reception.

9. **Other Reports.**

Chair Bimson Maggi explained that there would be no oral reports for the PERC, NPGF Scholarship Committee, or for the Benchmarking, Cylinder Exchange, or Women in Propane Business Councils and asked the Board to refer to the appropriate tabs in the Board materials.

10. **Old/New Business.**

There was no old or new business for the Board.

11. **Notification of Next Meeting.**

Chair Bimson Maggi announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held from June 4 – 7, 2023 in Washington, DC, in conjunction with Propane Days.

12. **Adjournment.**

Chair Bimson Maggi adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am CST.