

MINUTES
Board of Directors
National Propane Gas Association
June 5, 2023
Renaissance Downtown – Washington, DC

Call to Order. Chair Michell Bimson Maggi called the meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors to order at 2:52 pm EDT. Wisconsin Director Chad Kroening then gave the welcome and invocation.

Chair Bimson Maggi then highlighted and referred Board members to the Association's antitrust policy. Each NPGA Board officer was present and introduced themselves to the Board, along with NPGA President & CEO, Steve Kaminski.

Chair Bimson Maggi thanked Quality Steel, Bergquist Inc., and Ray Murray, Inc. for sponsoring Propane Days, the Board meeting and the evening's reception.

She also thanked the PropanePAC Administrative Fund sponsors, whose generosity helps raise the personal contributions necessary for NPGA's political action committee: AmeriGas, Bergquist Inc., Ferrellgas, Missouri Propane Gas Association, Ray Murray Inc., and Superior Plus Propane for their RED PACage sponsorship; ANOVA, Boehlke Bottled Gas, DCC Propane, Energy Distribution Partners, Gallup Propane Service, IPS Equipment, Kindsvatter Dalling & Associates, Lakes Gas, Michigan Propane Gas Association, Southeastern Propane Alliance, Westmor Industries, and the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association for their WHITE PACage sponsorship; and to the Alabama Propane Gas Association, Arrow Tank & Engineering Co., BlueStar Gas, CarGas, Cetane Associates, Crystal Flash, Intermountain Truck, Iowa Propane Gas Association, McMahan's Bottle Gas, Metsa Tanks, Nottawa Gas Company, Otodata, Propane Gas Association of New England, Quality Steel, and the Tennessee Propane Gas Association for their BLUE PACage sponsorship.

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the February 1, 2023 Board meeting were approved as written. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

Election of New Directors.

Chair Bimson Maggi nominated Ms. Amanda Gage of Intermountain Truck as the Utah State Director to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Keith Hanchett. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE MS. GAGE TO SERVE AS THE UTAH STATE DIRECTOR.

Chair Bimson Maggi recognized Mr. Bradley Box, Minnesota State Director, to nominate Ms. Stephanie Hennen of Lakes Gas as the District 3 Director to fill the vacancy left by Mike Sheehan's retirement. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE MS. HENNEN TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR.

Award Announcements.

Chair Bimson Maggi then recognized five individuals for their contributions to the industry with a Chair's Citation:

Mr. Daniel Dixon, Energy Distribution Partners - Duty;
Mr. Nash McMahan, Tri-Gas & Oil - Personification;
Mr. Tom Clark, Rocky Mountain State Executive - Courageous Leader;
Ms. Christina Armentano, Paraco - Awesome; and
Mr. Warren Patterson - Team Player.

She then posthumously awarded Mr. John Brooks of Brooks Gas, and previous Missouri State Director, with the 2022 State Director of the Year award. The award was accepted by his nephew, Brian Brooks.

Terry Davis, Iowa State Director, next presented the Bill Hill Award to Deb Grooms, who recently retired as the Iowa State Executive after over 20 years.

Chair Farewell Remarks. Chair Bimson Maggi gave farewell comments.

Chair-Elect Jeff Stewart then made a point of personal privilege to present Chair Bimson Maggi with a plaque and gifts to recognize her leadership as Board Chair.

Executive Committee Report. Chair-Elect Jeff Stewart summarized NPGA Executive Committee meetings held in New Orleans, Nashville, and over zoom. Topics covered included the NPGA budget, affinity programs, renewable propane, sustainability, a WLPGA presentation on DME, federal lawsuits in WA and NY, Propane Days, strategy post FMCSA rejection of a special exemption, NPGF governance transition, and establishment of an ad hoc renewable fuels committee at NPGA.

PERC Selection Committee Report. Vice Chair Van Buren presented the report, highlighting that the PERC Selection Committee had met for interviews in Nashville in April and selected the following individuals to serve as Marketer Councilors on the Propane Education and Research Council:

- **Mr. Chris DeFilippo:** Superior Plus Propane
- **Mr. Dan Richardson:** Conger LP Gas, Inc.
- **Mr. Bob Young:** Eastern Propane Gas, Inc.

NPGA and GPA Midstream selected a Public Member to serve a second three-year term:

- **Ms. Leslie Woodward:** Fairview USA Inc.

He also reported that Ms. Lisa Zuppas had replaced Warren Patterson of AmeriGas for a partial term. Mr. Van Buren advised that at the next Expo in Charlotte in April 2024, multiple positions would be available and encouraged those interested to apply.

Treasurer's Report and Audit Report. Treasurer Hopsicker provided the Board with a summary of the financial status of the Association. Year end was favorable to budget. Jeff Stewart gave a highlight to ACE revenue.

President's Report. President Kaminski spoke about Propane Days and the reception at the Rayburn Building. He anticipated over 200 individual Capitol Hill meetings. President Kaminski also spoke about litigation developments in various states and at the Federal level. President Kaminski also discussed the success of Expo, and excitement for next year in Charlotte, North

Carolina. President Kaminski spoke about the Renewable Fuels Committee, and the commitment to conventional propane.

Standing Committee Reports. Chair Bimson Maggi announced that there would be no oral standing committee reports. Board members were asked to refer to their Board materials for information on recent committee action.

Mr. John Cadenhead was then recognized for his leadership as chair of the TS&S Committee over the past two years.

Ms. DD Alexander was recognized for her leadership as chair of the PSL Committee for the past year.

PropanePAC Steering Committee Report. Ms. Stephanie Hennen presented the PropanePAC Report.

Other Reports. Bimson Maggi referred Board members to the Board materials for information regarding the recent actions of other committees and councils.

Old Business. There was no old business.

New Business. Chair Bimson Maggi stated that the 2023 elections for Board of Directors seats took place earlier in the year and the tabulated results were certified according to the *Rules and Procedures* of the Association. The results were presented at the Annual Meeting, and were part of the Board material under Tab S. She also noted the newly-appointed Directors joining the Board, including new committee chairs and at-large director appointments made by Chair-Elect, Jeff Stewart would become effective at the end of the meeting.

Election of Corporate Officers. Ms. Christina Armentano, Co-Chair Member Services committee, nominated Mr. Brian Dunlap, Mr. Ben Nussdorf and Ms. Kate Gaziano to serve as Assistant Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, and Assistant Corporate Secretary, respectively. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE THE CORPORATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS.

Election of NPGA officers.

1. Mr. Frank Taylor (District 7 Director) nominated **Ms. DD Alexander** to serve as NPGA Treasurer. **Approved unanimously.**
2. Mr. Rick Cummings (NY State Director) nominated **Mr. Mike Hopsicker** to serve as NPGA Vice Chair. **Approved unanimously.**
3. Mr. Tim Carlson of Centennial Energy made a tribute to Tom Van Buren. Mr. Mark Porth (Arkansas State Director) then nominated **Mr. Tom Van Buren** to serve as NPGA Chair-Elect. **Approved Unanimously.**
4. Chair Bimson Maggi noted that the NPGA *Constitution* provides for the automatic ascension of **Mr. Jeffrey Stewart** to the position of NPGA Board Chair.

Administration of Oath of Office. Bimson Maggi administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers for the 2023 - 2024 association year.

New Board Chair's Address. New Board Chair Jeff Stewart addressed the Board.

Notification of Next Meeting. Immediate Past Chair Bimson Maggi announced that the next meeting would be held October 16 - 18, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Adjournment. Without objection, Immediate Past Chair Bimson Maggi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm EDT.