

MINUTES
Board of Directors
National Propane Gas Association
February 8, 2024
9:15 am PDT
Monterey, California

Call to Order. Chair Jeff Stewart called the meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors to order at 9:16 am PDT and welcomed all to the Winter Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Phil Comstock, of Nevada State Director, welcomed attendees to Monterey, commended our work, and then gave the invocation. Chair Stewart next led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance., and reminded attendees about the code of conduct and the antitrust policy. Each NPGA officer introduced themselves along with NPGA President & CEO, Steve Kaminski.

Chair Stewart thanked several sponsors for their contributions during the meetings.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

The Board: Voted to approve. Motion by Ray Murray, Second by Leslie Woodward.
VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2023 MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

2. **New Directors.**

Chair Stewart announced that:

- Elliott Anise-Hicks, of Oberon Fuels, is a Producer & Wholesaler Section Director, assuming Cinch Munson's Board seat, who is no longer with Oberon.
- Mike Verne, of Worthington Enterprises, is a Manufacturers Section Director taking over for Mark Komlosi who is no longer at Worthington.
- Chair Stewart recognized Georgia State Director Dan Richardson to nominate Mr. Kenny Lucero of Cajun Propane for Louisiana State Director to fill the vacancy left by Dominique Monlezun of Lake Arthur Butane Co. The Board: Motion by Dan Richardson, Second by multiple persons.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MR. LUCERO TO SERVE AS LOUISIANA STATE DIRECTOR.

3. **Chair's Report.**

Chair Stewart thanked everyone for making it to Monterey and praised everyone for their efforts and introduced Tom Van Buren

4. **Executive Committee Report.**

Chair-Elect Tom Van Buren commended staff and volunteers for their work and engagement on a variety of efforts and initiatives.

5. **PERC Selection Committee Report.**

Members were directed to refer to Tab C for the PSC Report.

6. **Treasurer's Report.**

NPGA Treasurer, Ms. DD Alexander noted that the report is in Tab D and that NPGA is currently operating favorable to budget. She noted the positive performance of the NPGA investment portfolios during 2023. Ms. Alexander presented the changes to the FY 2025 Draft 1 Budget which had been approved by the Finance Subcommittee of the Executive Committee and by the Executive Committee. Mr. Stewart asks for a motion: Moved by Judy Taranovich. Seconded by Leslie Woodward. The Board:
VOTED TO APPROVE THE REPORT WITHOUT OBJECTION.

7. **President's Report.**

NPGA President, Mr. Steve Kaminski thanked everyone for being in Monterey. Mr. Kaminski noted the launch of a new business council, and discussed other business councils. Mr. Kaminski discussed the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Chair Stewart then asked for approval of the creation of a Young Professionals Council. The Board: Motion by Ray Murray, Seconded by Christina Armentano.

VOTED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Mr. Kaminski also recognized Judy Taranovich for a donation to a new scholarship in honor of her late husband.

8. **Standing Committee Reports.**

Chair Stewart announced that with the exception of the PAC Steering Committee, there would be no oral standing committee reports. He referred the Board to the appropriate tabs in the Board materials.

PropanePAC Steering Committee Report. Ms. Stephanie Hennen provided the report of the PropanePAC Steering Committee, referring everyone to Tab M for more specifics. She concluded by thanking contributors and sponsors of the PAC.

9. **Other Reports.**

Chair Stewart explained that there would be no oral reports for the PERC, NPGF Scholarship Committee, or for the Benchmarking, Cylinder Exchange, Women in Propane Business Councils, Renewable Fuels Committee, Technology, Standard & Safety Committee, or the Legal Action Committee 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.

Ms. Taranovich thanked all of the people who donated and supported her husband for the scholarship donation.

11. **Notification of Next Meeting.**

Chair Stewart announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held from June 2 - 4, 2024 in Washington, DC.

12. **Adjournment.**

Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am PDT. Motion by Leslie Woodward, Second by multiple persons.