

MINUTES
Board of Directors
National Propane Gas Association
October 18, 2023
9:15 am EDT
Louisville, Kentucky

Call to Order. Chair Jeff Stewart called the meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors to order at 9:29 am EDT and welcomed all to the Fall Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Shane Fortner of Fortner LP Gas, and Kentucky State Director, welcomed attendees to Louisville, and then gave the invocation. Chair Stewart next led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Each NPGA officer introduced themselves along with NPGA President & CEO, Steve Kaminski.

Chair Stewart thanked several sponsors.

1. Approval of Minutes.

The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 MEETING IN WASHINGTON, DC WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

2. New Directors.

Chair Stewart announced that:

- Connor Alexander of Global Gas is a Producer & Wholesaler Section Director, assuming DD Alexander's Board seat, who is now NPGA Treasurer.
- J. Sells is a Manufacturers Section Director at RegO Products, in place of Bob Paul.
- Dylan Sumner is the new Manufacturers Section Director at Arrow Tank & Engineering, taking over from Tim Schwappe.
- Michael Briggs of SchagrinGAS is currently the Delaware State Director. He replaced Mark Wood who is no longer with SchagrinGAS.
- Chair Stewart recognized District 5 Director Tom Jaenicke to nominate Mr. Brian Humphrey of One Tank as a Services Section Director to fill the vacancy left by Bruce Thompson of Thompson Energy Insurance Services. The Board:
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MR. HUMPHREY TO SERVE AS A SERVICES SECTION DIRECTOR.
- Chair Stewart then announced the appointment of five new Directors-at-Large:
 - Ray Galan of Ferrellgas
 - Josh McAdams of McAdams Propane
 - Warren Patterson of DCC Propane
 - Drew Slater of Scott Petroleum
 - Paige O'Dell of EDP

3. Chair's Report.

Chair Stewart noted that he had attended 18 meetings since June, and plans to attend more. He outlined his vision and views of NPGA, and encouraged us to be more energetic in telling our story. He applauded PERC's development of the Energy Ambassadors

curriculum. He noted the enhanced aggressiveness of NPGA on the legal and regulatory front.

4. **Executive Committee Report.**

Chair-Elect Tom Van Buren noted work in the past on codes and standards, and upcoming work in litigation. The Board accepted the Executive Committee report by motion.

5. **PERC Selection Committee Report.**

Vice Chair Mike Hopsicker noted that the Committee will be interviewing for three marketer positions and one public member position in Charlotte. Applications are due by March 1, 2024.

6. **Treasurer's Report.**

NPGA Treasurer, DD Alexander provided highlights and notable items from the Treasurer's Report. She noted performance of the investment portfolio, and provided highlights from the draft FY 2025 budget. The Board:

VOTED TO APPROVE THE REPORT WITHOUT OBJECTION.

7. **President's Report.**

NPGA President, Mr. Steve Kaminski thanked everyone involved in the meeting. He noted the final rule for consumer furnaces, commercial water heaters and proposed rules for consumer water heaters and boilers. He also discussed legislative efforts with respect to the furnace rulemaking and energy choice. He noted the compromise for cooktops proposed by AHAM. He noted the legal action fund as well as the lawsuit in NY and union support. Mr. Kaminski detailed issues regarding zero-emission bobtails. Mr. Kaminski also detailed changes to FMCSA Hours of Service rules. He also discussed developments in renewable fuels. He also noted the upcoming Board Meeting and Propane Days 2024 dates.

After the President's report, Chair Stewart opened the floor for general discussion, which focused on strategic communications.

8. **Standing Committee Reports.**

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

Conventions Committee Report. Ms. Kim Godlewski noted changes and decisions from the Conventions Committee, including Expo, speakers, and potential location changes. Expo registration is anticipated to be simplified. Mr. Jaime Devens has volunteered to spearhead a golf tournament.

Technology, Standards & Safety Committee Report. Mr. Erich Wolf provided the report of TS&S Committee, referring everyone to Tab L for more specifics. He then asked the Board for approval of four proposals outlined in Tab L. The Board:
VOTED TO APPROVE ALL FOUR PROPOSALS WITHOUT OBJECTION.

PropanePAC Steering Committee Report. Ms. Stephanie Hennen announced the addition of Andrew Vogel of Ray Murray as Vice Chair of the PropanePAC. She

reviewed the economic performance and distributions of the PAC, and thanked PAC supporters and sponsors of the Bourbon & Bats event.

Mr. Michael Baker recognized and presented Louisville slugger bats to Ms. Hennen and Mr. Chad Kroening for all of their work and support of the PropanePAC.

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, or the Renewable Fuels 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.

11. Notification of Next Meeting.

Chair Stewart announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held from February 6 - 8, 2024 in Monterey, California.

12. Adjournment.

Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am EDT.