

2nd Quarter Newsletter 2016



ASGE

American Society of Gas Engineers

Message from the President



It sounds like we have another great lineup of speakers for the A.S.G.E. National Technical Conference, which as you know is June 7th at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas. Early bird registration ended April 30th, but you can still sign up and don't forget about the golf tournament on the 6th.

Golfers of any skill level will have a great time. This is not a serious event, but a nice way to get some fresh air, sunshine and a little exercise (some more than others!), while socializing with fellow attendees. You still have time to prepare for the CGE exam, which will be held on Monday, June 6th.

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I look forward to seeing many of you in Vegas!

New Members



Matt Downs (Weil-McLain)

John Zoltowski (Captive-Aire Systems)

Todd Hillegass (Beckett Gas)

David Anderson (Beckett Gas)

Jacob Plummer (Beckett Gas)

Geraldine Spooner (Beckett Gas)

Gary Bennett (Beckett Gas)

Chris Sensevieri (Weil-McLain)

Owen Cunningham (Weil-McLain)

George Brake (Goodman Mfg.)

Lou Castriotta (Coorstek)

Jay Cupps (FASCO/Regal Beloit)

Nathan Lee (Intertek)

Randall Roberts (Goodman Mfg.)



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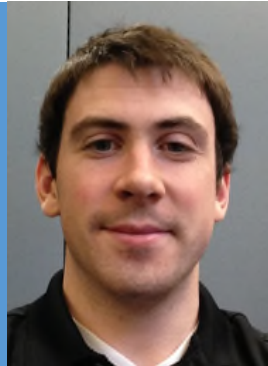


New Certified Gas Engineers

Eric Baluch
SEA Ltd.



Jacob Plummer
Beckett Gas



David Anderson
Beckett Gas



Joel Malin
Beckett Gas



Geraldine Spooner
Beckett Gas



Gary Bennett
Beckett Gas



Todd Hillegass
Beckett Gas



2016 Conference Speakers



Doug Sand, PE from
Sands Forensic Engineering

Topic: Litigation as Related to Heating

Navraj Hanspal from
ANSYS Inc.

Topic: Fluent Software and Computational
Fluid Dynamics



Craig Grider from **Intertek**

Topic: Safety Compliance – NRTLs and
Certification Guidance

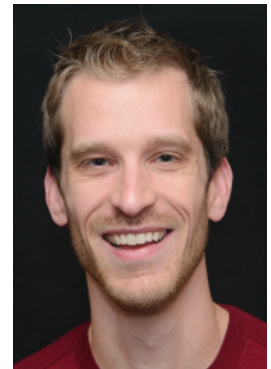


Gordan Swanson from Fenwal Controls

Topic: Ignition and Control of combustion Systems

Dr. Peter Therkelsen from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Topic: Advancements in atmospheric combustion



Michael Beisheim from VentBOM

Topic: Venting Simulation Software for Gas Combustion Systems



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Treasurer - Chad Johnson

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Sham Kassab, Gary Liljenberg, Nancy Wilson, Dave Wonnacott

Certified Gas Engineer Exams June 6th in Las Vegas Nevada

Conference is around the corner. (See next page). We have lined up some interesting speakers and are looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th and 7th of June. If you have any questions please contact Jerry at asgecge@aol.com. As you have read we have many new faces joining and becoming certified. Lets keep up the pace! If your company is willing to join in and become a sponsor that would be great too. Lets have fun and get to know each other as the industry continues to change and face new challenges.

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South Point Hotel and Resort

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Room Rate: \$65 rate plus resort fee.

Refer to:

“ASGE Annual Technical Conference” when making reservations

Exam fee \$150

Conference fee \$275

Early Bird registration (Closed)

Golf \$95 Dinner Guest \$60

Committee Chairs

C.G.E.:

Gary Liljenberg

Nominating:

Dante Cantal

Policy and Planning:

Ellora Larson

Technical:

Mike O'Donnell

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Dave Wonnacott

FIFTY YEARS HENCE

A HISTORICAL AND INSPIRATIONAL JOURNEY

With the Gas Appliance Engineering Society (Gaes) and American Society of Gas Engineers (ASGE)

by **Bill Salem, P.E., C.G.E.**



Bill Salem

An invitation that opened the door to half a century of endless lore.

In March 1966 my formal boss Milo A. Dudden invited me to a GAES West Coast Chapter meeting in Los Angeles. I had been in the gas industry for barely three months. My knowledge of gas was next to zero. Qualified engineers and sages surrounded me; I felt embarrassed and could not wait for the meeting to end.



Milo Dudden

In May 1966, on the insistence of Milo, I applied to become a member. GAES accepted my application as a junior member.

In 1973 the name of the Society was changed from Gas Appliance Engineers Society (GAES) to American Society of Gas Engineers (ASGE).

During these early years, I learned so much from the meetings of the West Coast Chapter. In fact I never missed a meeting except during my two years of active military duty. The qualified engineers and sages, whom I met seven years ago, were very supportive in sharing their knowledge and experiences with me. I have always been grateful to them.

In 1975 a National Conference was held in San Francisco, California. Again Milo Dudden encouraged me to volunteer as registration chairman and to be in charge of negotiation with the hotel. As you can see by now, Milo loved to throw me in the middle of a fire. I accepted the job. A month after the conference the president and secretary sent me a letter to thank me for my help and organization to "have the first money making conference ever". I was proud but most of all grateful to Milo and all the engineers who supported me in every respect.

Throughout these years, I made every effort to attend meetings, training and technical classes at the Chapter and National levels.



Charles Koch

In 1989 I gave a speech at the final yearly meeting of the West coast Chapter. The title was the "Role of Gas Engineers in the 90's". In attendance was Charles Koch, a great pillar and consultant in our industry. He came to me after the speech and whispered in my ear stating that I had the qualifications to become President of the Chapter one day. What did Charles know that I did not? I was elected President in 1990. Before accepting, I called Mr. Koch and asked for his advice. He wanted to meet me in person to deliver it. Again he whispered in my ear the following words: "Bill, you will be good for the Society and the Society will be good for you!" Oh, these words still ring in my ears.

In the early 1990's I devoted myself to ASGE in all respects, to encourage attendance, membership, volunteering and contributions. In 1995, I was elected National President. During the two years in this office and subsequent three years it became very clear to me that the Society could only survive and expand by bringing leaders together and encourage them to commit to the Society

West Coast Chapter President Terry Grill asked me to give a speech on "Ethics and Commitment" for the next meeting. At the May 1999 meeting, I gave such a speech in front of a full house. It was mainly about facing business challenges and how to find the right solutions for them. I enumerated on several experiences encountered in my 30 years in the gas industry, with individuals and companies, where success was achieved at the highest level. Of course no names were revealed but the message was loud and clear, to succeed in life we must make a commitment for a positive change and keep our commitments to the fullest. My message was so powerful that the whole audience was on its feet applauding at the end. What a moving experience that was for one and all!

I brought up this subject to Robert Cowan, a member of the west coast chapter, in 2000. Within weeks, Bob suggested the creation of a Leadership Council Group. He outlined its purpose; to develop and promote leadership inside ASGE. It would also act as an advisory council directly responsible to the National President. The final statement in the proposal, which was submitted to the board of directors, was simply this: "ASGE cannot help others until it can help itself". The board approved the project, within days, Bob went to work.



Adrian Cavestany Robert Cowan Bill Raleigh

In November 2000 and February 2001 nine engineers met at the Quail Botanical Garden in Encinitas, California. They were:

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| Dante Cantal | Robert Cowan | Bill Raleigh |
| Adrian Cavestany | Daryl Hosler | Bill Salem |
| Mark Christopherson | Jerry Moore | A.L. Wilson |



Dante Cantal

These engineers made the time and travelled the distances to attend these gatherings which were held on Saturdays. The result of these gatherings redefined the mission and objectives of ASGE and transformed the Society into what it is today.

After the February 2001 gathering Dante Cantal asked me if I would consider running for President in June 2001. I told him that I had already been National President and no one had ever been president for two terms. Several other attendees encouraged me to consider it. After weeks of contemplation, I called Dante and told him I would run. To my surprise, I was elected.

Within a couple months of my Presidency, Jerry Moore called me to discuss an idea. He suggested I meet with him and Bob Cowan for lunch. During this lunch, the idea of certifying gas Engineers took form. With commitment and tenacity as the focal point, Jerry outlined the basic criteria of the program. The subject was presented to the National Board of Directors, who gave unanimous approval. Jerry's dream had been realized. At the end of my Presidency, I had the honor and privilege to present the CGE Certificates to the first 33 engineers who graduated under the grandfather clause. Among them were Daryl Hosler, Bob Cowan, and Dante Cantal.



Jerry Moore



Eric Griesmer

In June 2003, Eric Griesmer was elected President. During his tenure he implored engineers to pursue the C.G.E. program. He also led the inception of the Society's website which he is in charge of to this day.

In 2004, the second phase of the C.G.E. program was implemented. The board of directors engaged Ralph Jennings to form a committee to develop the certified Gas Engineer examination. Subsequently, Ralph wrote several books about gas burners, atmosphere burner troubleshooting and study guide, and reference manual for Certified Gas Engineers. Ralph's contributions to this program were immense.



Ralph Jennings



Daryl Hosler

The year 2006 witnessed a major turning point in the Society. Daryl Hosler was President and Jerry Moore Executive Director. Daryl strongly believed that the model of the Society, at that time, which relied heavily on regional chapters to carry out its mission, was no longer feasible. He believed that a national organization with a web based communication system, an annual technical conferences and a C.G.E. program would better achieve the goals of the Society. Daryl asked Jerry Moore to develop a business plan based on this concept. Jerry developed an extensive plan which was submitted to the Board of Directors who voted for it unanimously. Daryl's dream had now materialized. That plan is still in effect today with successful results.



Dave Wonnacott

While serving on the board of directors in 2006, I proposed a Corporate Sponsorship program. The board of Directors approved the proposal and asked me to chair a committee to attract corporate sponsors. Dave Wonnacott and I, hit the road, calling on corporations' top management. Within a few months, we gathered 14 sponsors. This program along with the C.G.E. phase II produced great financial results for the Society.

During the 2007-2009 period, a great emphasis was placed on the expansion of the National Technical Conference and the golf tournament. President Dante Cantal with Daryl Hosler's help elevated the quality and attendance at the conference.



Nancy Wilson

David Wonnacott and Nancy Wilson further promoted the Society in the C.G.E. program and technical side of the Annual Conference. During the 2009-2013 period the number of C.G.E. graduates reached new heights. With the perseverance and hard work of Sham Kassab, the quality and versatility of the technical presentations met the demands of the time. Speaking of Sham, he was the only member in the history of the Society to have been in charge of securing technical speakers for four consecutive years. Also around that time period, Ellora Larson designed an elegant brochure to promote the Society's purpose, its different programs and the full description of the corporate sponsorship.

Shamel Kassab



To complete his 35 years of dedication to the Society, Sham Kassab was elected President for 2013-2015 term. Sham and his wife Denise will retire in Florida on July 1, 2016.

This brings us to our current President, Mike O'Donnell. His current goal is to revamp the C.G.E. examination to be more in tune with the current needs of the Gas Industry.

As you can see from this brief description of our Society's history, a great deal was accomplished by a few good members. The Society gave them the opportunity to reach within and search for their talent and strength. They were willing to use these strengths to make positive changes. Isn't this a win-win situation? For me it has been.



Mike O'Donnell

The words of Charles Koch still resonates in my ears.



If you have ideas or would like to submit an article for the newsletter please feel free to contact me at rmaddock@weil-mclain.com

