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Annual Conference Nears

The NGEAO Annual Conference draws hundreds to the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino in Catoosa on the second Wednesday & Thursday in September. The hotel is already very near capacity as are many of the social events, including Thursday morning golf. The Hampton Inn and LaQuinta may be available for alternate accommodations. Don't delay any longer! Click [here](#) to sign up. Don't forget that you must be a paid 2013-2014 member of NGEAO to attend. You can pay your \$75 annual dues [online](#). You can also sponsor [online](#). The conference agenda is as follows:

Wednesday 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM Luncheon/Crude Oil & Gas Seminars

Luncheon keynote speaker Bill Fournet – Founder Persimmon Group. The topic is Generational Diversity in the workplace. Seminar speakers on page 2. Cost is \$175.

Wednesday Mixer 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Mixer will be in the SKY ROOM 18TH FLOOR of Hard Rock. Enjoy networking in this festive environment. We will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres, luscious desserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks. Cash bar, DJ, music, and dancing. Cost \$65.

Thursday Breakfast 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Wake up to a hearty breakfast buffet, complete with eggs, bacon, sausage, fruits, pastries, biscuits and gravy served at the golf clubhouse.(included with golf)

Thursday AM & PM Golf Tee Off at 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Cherokee Golf Course is located west of the casino. Golf Bag storage is available Wednesday from 7:00AM to 7:00PM in the clubhouse. Cost \$115.

Thursday Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 PM

We are serving grilled chicken, hamburgers and all the trimmings at the clubhouse.(included with afternoon events)

Thursday Bowling 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Bowlers will leave the hotel around 1:45 by shuttle bus for a Beach Boys Bowling Safari! (dress to your favorite Beach Boys theme) If you missed lunch at the clubhouse an optional lunch will be provided at the lanes. Complimentary adult beverages will be provided. Cost \$70.

Thursday Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Bring your poker face and join us in the Poker Tournament Room for our Texas Hold'em Poker tournament. There is an optional instructional session starting at 1:00 prior to the tournament for those who wish to freshen up their skills. All other participants will need to check in by 1:45 and the dealers will start at 2:00. Cost \$50.

Thursday Happy Hour 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Please join us for a cocktail reception. NGEAO will provide beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar is also available.

Thursday Dinner and Awards 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Let's wrap up the Annual Conference in style. As if the dinner wasn't enough, we'll have prizes for each sporting event and have lots of great door prize drawings you won't want to miss. You must be present to win door prizes. Cost \$70.

Save the Dates

•9-11/12-13
Annual Conference
Tulsa

•10-10-13
OKC Luncheon

•11-14-13
Tulsa Luncheon

•12-05-13
OKC Holiday
Reception

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Educational Seminar Speakers Announced

The NGEAO board is very pleased to announce Bill Fournet, Founder, President and CEO of the Persimmon Group, a management consulting firm based in Tulsa, will present the keynote address at the Annual conference luncheon on September 11 at 11:30 AM at the Hard Rock Conference Center. The Persimmon Group helps companies understand the internal dynamics of its organization, identifying and resolving issues before they become problems, and capitalizing on its company's strengths in order to implement lasting solutions.

According to its website, over the past two decades, Bill Fournet has provided leadership for clients in delivery methodology, business process improvement, resource development, project management, business analysis, and training for a variety of national, international and multinational companies. He has led strategic programs spanning years, staffed by hundreds of people, sourced globally, and managed budgets in excess of \$100M. Bill earned a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Oklahoma State University. He and his wife Christy have three sons and a dog. Bill is an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, serves as Pack Chairman for his Cub Scout Pack, coaches his sons' soccer and basketball teams, and is active in the Tulsa community. He is a member of the State of Oklahoma Governor's Business Roundtable, a member of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, and member of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Metro Chambers of Commerce. Bill was also recognized as the 2010 Small Business Person of the Year by the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce.



Bill Fournet

After the luncheon program, there will be two concurrent seminars, one featuring oil topics and the other featuring gas topics. Topics include crude oil quality, infrastructure constraints and developments and pricing. On the gas side topics will be Midstream structure, trends and issues, and the future of natural gas demand and prices.

On the oil track the featured speakers will be Aaron Dillard, Loss Control - Phillips66, Stephen Bradley, Vice President - Continental Resources, Inc & Terrance "Terry" McGill - President Enbridge Energy Partners. David Radar, Vice President Marketing – Pacer Energy Marketing will moderate the session.

The gas track will feature Deneise Palmer-Huggins, Consultant - University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, Keith Mitchell, Chief Operating Officer, Enable Midstream Partners and Pavel Molchanov, Sr. Vice President – Raymond James. Mark Cahill, Vice President Marketing for Linn Energy will moderate the session.

Individual Scholarship Program Delayed

Awards under the recently approved NGEAO individual scholarship program will be delayed until 2014 while program administration details are being worked on. Recall the board approved the program in February allowing individual students who meet the established criteria to apply online for one of five annual awards in the amount of \$2000 each.

Currently the board is seeking a chairman for the Educational Committee, whose job would include administering the scholarship program in conjunction with the committee members. If you would like more information or can volunteer your time to this committee in any capacity, please contact [Lisa Norwood](#).



Board Member Spotlight

NGEAO board member, David Hodges, is in the spotlight this newsletter. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2007, with a Bachelor Degree in General Business, and at the slight age of 23, he and his wife Allie already had two children - Adyson and Cade - and another on the way, Hunter! In June of this year they also welcome number four to the family, Holden. Congratulations!

After working in the mortgage loan industry for a year post graduation, David took a position as a Contract Administrator at Superior Pipeline in 2008. In a brief five year period, he has worked his way through the ranks and is recently promoted to Manager of Gas Supply in June of 2013.

In his free time David enjoys the outdoors, OSU athletic events, and spending time with family.



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Board Member Positions Open

NGEAO has one current opening for a Director and anticipates additional Director positions will be open for 2014. Please contact [Rusty Rains](#) or [Tracy Holmes](#) if you can volunteer your service to NGEAO. There are nine board meetings each year held each month immediately following the luncheon meeting, except in April, September and December.

Rainfall Improves Drought in most of Oklahoma

According to the weather gurus that monitor drought conditions in the state, everybody in the state got about an inch of rain in July, improving the drought across the state to 38% with only the western areas still showing severe drought conditions. In OKC year to date totals are about 42 inches compared to 31 inches for all of 2012. In Tulsa, year to date totals are 20 inches compared to 19 for the same period last year.

For me a picture speaks a thousand words. Consider the two images below that I made at the recent ConocoPhillips reception at Lake Hefner (water supply to OKC) in 2013 and the one on the right taken at the same time in 2011 when drought conditions were even worse than last year.



NGEAO Financial Report

by Kim King, Treasurer

As of July 11, 2013 the NGEAO reported the following:

Checking	\$ 45,614
Savings	<u>\$ 57,022</u>
Total Cash	\$102,636

NGEAO – “Clearing a path for others to follow”

The Natural Gas and Energy Association of Oklahoma is a 501 (c) (6) non-profit membership association. NGEAO is comprised of upstream, midstream and

downstream natural gas and energy companies, as well a corollary service companies who rely on Oklahoma’s natural gas and energy industry for existence. We are

managed as a 100% volunteer organization, with each officer and board member donating their time, energy and talent to the organization’s cause.

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Goings On:

Networking at NGEAO lands OSU student Shenglan He a job at Hiland Partners. Congratulations! Enogex and Centerpoint have merged and announced the name Enable Midstream Partners ([video](#)) Col. Michael Teague is Oklahoma’s new state secretary of energy and environment ([read](#)) Upcoming energy conferences in Oklahoma ([link](#))

Helpful links: Oklahoma Corporation Commission <http://www.occeweb.com/> NewsOK publishes oil and gas prices and drilling reports ([report](#))

“Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.” —**Will Rogers**

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” — **Thomas Edison**