

# The NGEAO Connection

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## Can't You Smell that Smell?

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The smell of feet permeated the air as I opened the email. I immediately recognized the malodorous odor; the sender was suffering from foot in mouth disease.

The sender, an energy industry association, boasted about the success of a joint effort to "kill" a 0.0085% tax increase on crude oil, taxes that are purportedly earmarked for education. Reading through the comments, I cringed when I envisioned how the public and the media would respond to the use of such coarse language when discussing the failure of an effort to fund education; especially when oil was trading around \$100/bbl.

The idea of an association comprised of energy professionals regaling in the killing of an emergency school tax conjured up images of cigar smoking oil and gas executives yucking it up around a board room table in a high-rise building in downtown Houston. It's no wonder we can't shake the villain image from our industry.

While I can appreciate the concern and the forthrightness of an effort to minimize tax burdens on an industry that pays my bills, it's the tone of the message that caused me to wince.

I realize that it can be difficult to craft a message that is direct, positive and politically correct but isn't our public image and thereby the industry's future worth the extra time and effort? I know it is.

Each of us has the power to re-shape the public's image of the energy business. Make sure to do your part when you hear someone griping about gasoline prices. Educate them about the 60,000 jobs our industry provides Oklahoma and remind them that the energy industry generates more than \$6 billion in labor income each year.

Turning around this monster of an image will not be easy or simple. But when we keep our feet out of our mouths, we'll accomplish this feat.

NGEAO's next skillful feat is our 3rd annual clay tournament is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at Silverleaf in Guthrie, Ok. Click on the link below to register for this event.

[NGEAO Clay Shoot Online Registration](#)

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." – *Abraham Lincoln*

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**Useful Links**

Each month the newsletter offers web links that may help you do your job better. This month's picks are:

[http://tulsa.lib.overdrive.com/0194E266-  
FEA8-4C77-9991-  
F4F6195E4766/10/266/en/default.htm](http://tulsa.lib.overdrive.com/0194E266-<br/>FEA8-4C77-9991-<br/>F4F6195E4766/10/266/en/default.htm)

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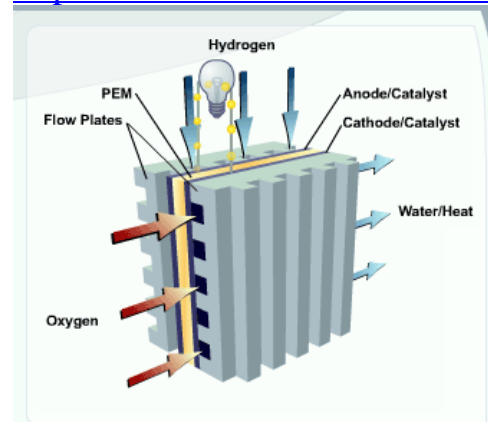
**Did You Know?**

Fuel cells generate electricity without combustion. Without combustion, fuel cells produce very little noise, vibration and air pollution.

The byproducts of electricity generated by fuel cells are water and heat.

Click on the link below for a primer about fuel cells and their applications

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/fuel-cell2.htm>



## Education Dollars Well Spent

The NGEAO board of directors voted to allocate \$8000 of the education budget for 2008 to sponsor a Natural Gas 101 class for new members. The class was a one day seminar and was a cooperative effort of NGEAO and Energy Seminars, Inc. The cost of the seminar was \$200 per person, which was a substantial savings over the normal rate of \$700 and NGEAO paid 50% of that cost. In addition, each student was given a free membership to NGEAO through 6/30/2008, natural gas reference materials, an NGEAO membership directory, and access to email notifications of meetings and events.

This class was an overwhelming success as 80 registered students attended in what was otherwise considered a “bad weather day” for Tulsa. Many thanks go to Mr. Steve Reese and Energy Seminars, Inc. for making this class possible at such an affordable rate. NGEAO has received positive feedback from both the students and their employers and many of the students expressed an interest in volunteering for future NGEAO events.

**WE WELCOME ALL 80 OF OUR NEW MEMBERS** to the NGEAO organization and hope that they will become the next generation of NGEAO leaders in years to come! - *Contributing writer, Mary Beasley*

## 2008 Sports Tournament

Mark your calendars! The NGEAO’s 2008 annual membership meeting and sports tournament is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Cherokee Casino and Resort in Catoosa, Oklahoma. This event was attended by 300+ energy industry professionals last year and promises to be the biggest energy related event held in Oklahoma for 2008!

Watch your email or check the website for updates about the activities planned and when we anticipate registration to open. Log on to the website, [www.ngeao.org](http://www.ngeao.org) and click on “Upcoming Events” then “Event List”

## Renewable Energy Sources – MP3 Podcast

Clicking on the link below will take you to the Renewable Energy World website where you can listen to a discussion about conflicting information and research concerning renewable energy sources.

**[Inside Renewable Energy Podcast](#)**

## **NGEAO's January 2008 New Members**

The NGEAO continues to add new members each month. Here is a list of those joining during the month of January 2008:

### **Julie Sullaway**

Enogex-OGE Energy Corp  
Supervisor, Contract Management

### **Stephen Ciupak**

Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent LLC  
Financial Analyst

### **Randall Rodriguez**

DCP Midstream LP  
Commercial Supply Specialist

### **Danielle Sandusky**

Concord Energy  
Wholesale Marketing

### **Matt Gooding**

Williams Exploration and Production  
Gas Management Rep

### **Wesley Dunn**

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline  
Customer Services and Business Development Rep.

Please seek out these new members and introduce yourself at the next NGEAO event.

## Party Pics Available Online

Pictures from NGEAO's 2007 holiday meet and greet are on the website. To view:

1. log on to [www.ngeao.org](http://www.ngeao.org)
2. Click on "NGEAO Members - Log In Here" at the top left side of the page
3. Log in using your Username and your Password
4. After logging in, click on "Monthly Meetings"
5. Click on "December 2007 Party Pics"
6. If there's a photo that you would like to archive on your computer – right click on the image and click on "Save Picture As..."
7. It photo will be saved in the folder you choose as a either a .jpg or .bmp.

Forgot your Username and/or Password? Log on to [www.ngeao.org](http://www.ngeao.org) and click on "Login" on the upper right side of the page. Then click on "Forgot your Password?" and the information will be emailed to you.



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## Come on – help us out!

We have a few new committees for 2008:

**New Membership** – The NGEAO continues to add new members each month. Contact [Caleb Johnson](#) for more information.

**Monthly Meetings** – New incoming committee members will be planning the events for the remainder of 2008. Contact committee Chairmen [Josh Baskett](#).

**Education** – Yearly scholarship funding selection, continuing education credits, seminar topics, etc Committee Chairman is [Rick Fitzgerald](#)

**Sports Tournament** – actively participate in all phases of the annual event including planning and working the event Committee Chairmen are Teresa Hardesty, [Diana Cox](#) and [Mary Beasley](#)

**Website** – Participate in managing the website, provide content, update periodically Committee Chairman is [Jennifer Greenwell](#)

**Newsletter** – Author industry related articles, provide web links or photos, etc Committee Chairman is [Jennifer Greenwell](#)

**Membership Directory** – Assist in creation of a membership directory. Committee Chairman is [Mary Beasley](#).

**Communications and Public Relations** – Create press releases, add events to industry calendars, advertising, etc Committee Chairman is [Jennifer Greenwell](#)

**Volunteers** – Coordinate with those interested in becoming more active in NGEAO. Committee Chairman is [Kristin Brown](#)

**Clayshoot Tournament** – Assist in the planning of our annual clay tournament. Committee Co-Chairmen are [Josh Baskett](#) and [Andrew Williams](#)

**Holiday Meet & Greet** – Help make arrangements for the 2008 holiday meet and greet. Committee Co-Chairmen are Bill Shanahan and Caleb Johnson

Contact the committee chair of the area you are interested in working and get started!