



Aloft- Wilmington, NC
September 10-13, 2023

2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, September 10, 2023

- 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Registration**
Sponsored by: Symmetry Energy Solutions
Hotel Lobby
- 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Exhibitor Set Up**
Platform AB
- 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Executive Committee Meeting**
Tactic Ballroom
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **CPGA Ladies Reception**
Sponsored by: S&ME
AView- 7th Floor
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Sponsored by: EverLine
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Monday, September 11, 2023

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration**
Sponsored by: Symmetry Energy Solutions
Hotel Lobby
- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast with Associate Members/Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: GMC
Platform ABC
- 8:30 am – 8:45 am **Welcome to Wilmington**
Mayor Bill Saffo
- 8:45 am – 9:00 am **Welcome and Program Overview**
Carl Smith, Greenville Utilities
2023 CPGA Chair
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am **Keynote Presentation: “Move More Easily from To-Do to Done”**
Sponsored by: Gas South
Emily Parks, Organize for Success

Description: For many, the word “workflow” conjures up images of tasks, to-do lists, business processes, detailed procedures and planning. It can be extremely overwhelming to know what needs to be done when, and workflow gets a bad

reputation for being boring and uninteresting. Yet, moving more easily from to-do to done can be exciting and empowering.

This keynote presentation will “myth bust” what you thought you knew about workflow, providing you with specific techniques to more easily achieve what's most important.

Discover easy ways to create a powerful foundation for everyday wins by incorporating strategies, tools and techniques that make sense for the way real people work, aiding focus and wasting less time looking for what must be done.

What You Will Take Away from This Presentation:

- Establish an understanding of what return on investment you want for your most limited resource of time.
- Gain confidence in either asking for what you need or asking your team for what they need to move toward success.
- Fill your productivity toolbox with tactics for determining who should do what by when and with what resources.

Productivity consultant Emily Parks has thoroughly researched best practices and provides you with the most up-to-date information on tips, tools and hacks to help. You'll leave this keynote energized and equipped to make a real impact in efficiently as well as effectively completing what matters most.

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break with Associate Members / Exhibitors
Sponsored by: Southern Cathodic Protection
Platform AB

10:45 am - 11:30 am

A Path towards Net-Zero Goals using Advanced Leak Detection Technology
Alnoor Ebrahim, MAsc., MBA, Director of Advanced Technology and Strategy
Southern Cross

Description: In the last few years, many new innovative technology platforms have come up in the market for natural gas leak detection and methane emission quantification. With a need to meet net-zero goals, legacy methods which generally included walking surveys with handheld detectors are just not sufficient today on a scale. Moreover, obtaining estimates of the emissions flow rates of the entire network is impossible without using some sort of advanced leak detection and emissions quantification platforms.

The presentation will be very timely given PHMSA's new 2023 proposed rulings will require operators to deploy commercially available advanced technologies for methane leak detection and emissions quantification. This presentation will focus firstly on discussing all the advanced emerging technologies that are available commercially for leak detection and emissions quantification and secondly share Southern Cross' experiences working with various natural gas utilities over the last three years using Advanced Mobile Leak Detection Technology and discuss the various operational pros and cons and present some lessons learnt.

Free Afternoon/ Afternoon Activities

12:30

Transportation to Afternoon Networking Activities

1:00-3:00

Municipal Golf Course

1:00-3:00

Cape Fear River Cruise **Sponsored by: Suicide Awareness Month- in Memory of Gina O'Neil.**

6:00 **Awards Dinner featuring Lunar Tide**
Dinner Sponsored by: Consolidated Pipe & Supply
Band Sponsored by: The Blythe Company
Platform A,B,C,D

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:00 am – 3:30 pm **Registration**
Sponsored by: Symmetry Energy Solutions
Hotel Lobby

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast with Associate Members & Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: York County Natural Gas Authority
Platform AB

8:30 am – 8:45 am **Welcome and Announcements**
Eduardo Noriega, Fountain Inn Natural Gas

8:45 am – 9:30 am **Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update**
Erin Kurilla, APGA
Vice President, Operations and Pipeline Safety

9:30 am – 10:00 am **PHMSA Grant Update**
Erin Kurilla, APGA
Vice President, Operations and Pipeline Safety

10:00 am – 10:20 am **Break with Associate Members & Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: ITS (Infrastructure Technology Services)
Platform AB

10:20 am – 11:00 am **South Carolina and North Carolina Regulatory Update**
Brooks R. Tate, Lead Pipeline Safety Engineer, North Carolina Utilities
Commission

Johnny Eustace, Office of Regulatory Staff, South Carolina

11:00 am -12:00 pm **Maximizing RNG as Transportation Fuel for Utilities**
Russell Schindler, Ingevity, Strategic Sales Manager—NeuFuel

Description: From a utility perspective, utilizing and promoting natural gas as a transportation in your local communities presents an opportunity to highlight natural gas' position amongst other alternative fuels. Natural gas deserves its seat at the table among electric, propane and conventional fuel vehicles. With a goal of net-zero and encouragement to reduce emissions wherever possible, natural gas is cleaner, more affordable option for many municipal, city and private fleets. Ingevity's NeuFuel solution brings to market a low-cost, low-pressure alternative to traditional CNG, that broadens the availability of natural gas to fleets of any size. Through Ingevity's solution, access to RNG is part of the equation, bringing further sustainability benefits. We will explore how to market your natural gas utility as a local leader in giving fleets and school districts an option to fuel their vehicles for less money and improve their emissions all while helping YOU sell additional gas volume.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch with Associate Members & Exhibitors**
Sponsored by: Greenville Utilities Commission

Platform ABC

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

Optimizing YOUR Public Awareness Program

Kesley Tweed, Executive Director, Pipeline Association for Public Awareness
Leslie Baker, Regional Senior Sales Consultant, Viamedia
Mike Bradley, EverLine

Moderated by: Amanda Gallagher, York County Natural Gas Authority

Description: Communication with the public and contractors is a shared priority beyond the standard compliance requirement. This panel will discuss opportunities for data collection for regulatory requirements and beyond. The dialogue will include new and more technologically advanced communication methods to various stakeholders as part of Public Awareness standards.

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Break with Associate Members & Exhibitors
Sponsored by: IPEX USA LLC

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

Reducing Excavation Damages: The “50 in 5” Challenge
Sam Hall, Vice President, Damage Prevention Institute
Common Ground Alliance

Description: According to CGA’s Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report, the annual rate of damages to buried infrastructure in the U.S. has remained stagnant for most of the last decade and costs the U.S. a staggering \$30 billion every year. CGA’s “50 in 5” challenge aims to reduce excavation damages to our Nation’s critical assets by 50% by 2028 by bringing damage prevention advocates together around a targeted set of strategic, data-driven priorities. The “50 in 5” call-to-action encourages the damage prevention industry to concentrate on three focus areas that prioritize critical issues identified by CGA’s Next Practices Initiative and the top damage root causes that contribute to more than 76% of damages to buried infrastructure.

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting Wrap Up
• Door Prizes

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Operators Meeting
Jared O’Neil, Lexington Utilities, Operators Committee Co-Chair
Jimmy Trull, Chester County Natural Gas Authority, Operators Committee Co-Chair
Rob Pate, City of Rocky Mount, Operators Secretary
Platform CD

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Reception with Associate Members & Exhibitors
Sponsored by: Ingevity
Platform AB

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Breakfast with Associate Members & Exhibitors
Sponsored by: Patriots Energy Group

8:00 – 10:30 am

CPGA Board of Directors Meeting
The Parlour Room