



The MGPHO Minute

Presidents Message

I can't believe that it is nearly mid February. This year has started off in a whirlwind and regrettably I ran out of hours in the day to send out our January newsletter.

When life and work get busy it sometimes can be easy to lose focus on what you have set out to do. I was thinking about this last weekend as I had the chance to ski with some of my family. Sometimes we need a reminder to focus and then we have to use determination to keep this up. As we started out the day my brother in law sat down with my niece after the first run and gave her some pointers on things to work on as we skied for the day. This wasn't abnormal as I heard him tell her the same thing when we skied over the holidays. But what was different this time? Instead of having a group of 16 cousins, aunts, and uncles as a distraction, this time there were only 5 of us. I watched her take the advice and with great determination, focus in on her task at hand. We affectionately refer to her on the slopes as the blue missile as she is always at the front of the group and just rockets down the hill. Suddenly once she was determined to focus, she was behind the group and really working on each detail. The level of improvement in just one day was amazing and it all came down to determination and focus.

As I talk to people day to day, everyone talks about how extraordinarily busy things are and this can quickly lead to a lack of focus. So my challenge to myself and others is to re-focus on what we are doing and want to accomplish. Use some determination to maintain that focus and we will all be able to accomplish more.

Mathis Carlson- MGPHO President



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The Corky Bishop Scholarship Fund

The Corky Bishop Scholarship application is posted on the website or can be requested at

president@mhpho.org.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the scholarship fund can follow the link to contribute on the MGPPO Homepage.

Much to our disappointment there were no applicants for 2023.

The applications are open for the 2024 scholarship. The goal is to fund the conference registration and lodging cost of two first time attendees each year.

"Always remember, your focus determines your reality" - George Lucas

MGPPO Welcomes New Members

MGPPO would like to welcome the following new members:

David Whiting

Sean Curnutte

Yuvaraj Saravanan

Bryan Vavra

Ken Schroeder

Bryan Garza

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23rd Annual MGPPO Educational Conference

The 23rd Annual MGPPO Educational Conference will be held in Tampa Florida.

The conference will be held October 8th-10th, 2024.

The conference will run from a Tuesday-Thursday. We are building the program to start mid-day on Tuesday and end mid-afternoon on Thursday allowing time to catch late afternoon flights out.

The 2024 CMGV new and renewal exams will be offered at the conference.

Often times the attendance is down the last day. The MGPPO BOD would like to encourage everyone to stay and attend the education sessions the last day. Our speakers have committed their time to present at our conference and attendance is the best way to show appreciation for what they do for us. It is also a great day to get more involved in the MGPPO organization.

Look for conference registration links and hotel reservation links to be posted in the coming weeks.

We are trying to get our initial draft agenda finalized in the coming weeks as well.

MGPHO Annual Conference Sponsorships

For the 2024 Annual Conference MGPHO has the following sponsorships available:

Welcome Activity

Keynote Speaker

Tuesday Coffee/Break Station

Wednesday Lunch

Wednesday Coffee/Break Station

Thursday Coffee/Break Station

Thursday Lunch

Video production and playback

Sponsorship includes recognition at the conference and a sign showing the sponsorship.

Sponsored items will be available for purchase on the MGPHO Website with the conference registration.

MGPHO Monthly Roundtable

MGPHO Roundtable

In 2022 we started the new monthly MGPHO Roundtable and have had some great meetings and discussions. In those discussions some of our members were able to gain some great perspectives on how to handle situations that they are coming across in the field.

Bring all of your questions, frustrations, wall of shame items

found in the field, whatever you want!

The important part is that you join us to talk about anything and everything medical gas.

Feel free to invite others to the calls.

Our next discussion is February 16th at 11:00 AM Eastern. If you missed the email you can find the link and other information on our LinkedIn page.

NFPA Required Piping Purity Test

One of the proposals for the 2024 Edition of NFPA 99 was to look at the Piping Purity test and what chemicals are being looked for and what should be looked for. The piping committee acknowledged that this is something that maybe warrants attention, but without data to go by, there was not much that could be done. To that end, in MGPHO BOD discussions we have decided to form an ad hoc MGPHO Committee to gather data and analysis regarding the piping purity test.

The work of this committee is underway but they are still looking for people who are interested in joining. We expect the committee work to be finished by early May. Pending the results of the work MGPHO would make any NFPA 99 proposals prior to the public input closing date for the 2027 edition on June 4th.

If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Mathis Carlson

president@mgpho.org

MGPHO Committees

One of the key ways to keep MGPHO Operating to the benefit of the MGPHO Members is for the BOD to receive input from all of the standing committees.

The following is a list of the committees that we have.

Please email president@mgpho.org if you would like to join any of the committees. There isn't a large time commitment as it usually entails 1-2 virtual meetings per year as well as a meeting at the annual conference of about 30 minutes.

Credentials

Legal/Legislative

Membership

Education

Finance/Promotional/

Website

Structure/Nominating

Long Rang Planning

Ad Hoc Committees:

RFA and Piping Purity

The RFA and the Required Permit to Work System

One of the new items in the 2021 code was the addition of the RFA (Responsible Facility Authority) and their requirement to create a permit to work system.

As a MGPHO BOD, we were discussing what additional values MGPHO can bring to both new and existing members. We have decided to move forward with creating an ad hoc committee to develop policies, procedures and forms that could be used for the permit to work system.

The work of this committee is underway but they are still seeing additional members and participation.

If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Mathis Carlson

president@mgpho.org

2024 Board of Director Elections

At the 2024 conference we will have three BOD spots up for election. If you want to get involved and help lead MGPHO this is your chance, nominations will be accepted up until the morning of the election.

The positions open for election are:

VP-Structure: Currently held by Tony Stewart. The VP Structure nominees must hold a current CMGV

VP-Education: Currently held by Rocky Plotts

VP-Membership: Currently held by Jim Brusse

If you would like to nominate anyone to run for any positions please email structure@mgpho.org

Call for Abstracts 2024 Annual Conference

We are still looking for speakers for this years conference in Tampa. Please get with Rocky Plotts VP Education if you have any ideas, speakers or would like to present something.

Please send any presentations, topic ideas or speaker ideas to Rocky Plotts VP of Education to be considered for the next conference. (education@mgpho.org)

The best way for us to build a program that benefits the members the most is by getting the ideas from the members.

We want to get the program set early for the next conference for our members to better plan their attendance.

We would like to have our agenda finalized by March if possible, so the time is now.



"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."
- Colin Powell

MGPHO Update

At the 2024 conference, the VP of Structure, VP of Membership and VP of Education are up for election.

Please let Tony Stewart-VP of Structure know if you would like to nominate anyone for these three positions. VP of Structure must hold a current CMGV.

Invoices for 2024 dues have been sent out. Individual dues are \$300 and Corporate Dues are \$1300.

We have made progress on the renewals but still have over 60 of you that have not completed the renewal process. Please renew as soon as your are able and please reach out if there are any issues.

We are in the initial discussions on our 2025 conference and hope to announce the dates and location soon.

Additionally, as a way to streamline communication between members and the organization we have now set up official email address for each member of the board.

President -Mathis Carlson president@mgpho.org

VP Structure– Tony Stewart structure@mgpho.org

VP Legal-Ross Williams legal@mgpho.org

VP Membership– Jim Brusse membership@mgpho.org

VP Finance– AL Moon finance@mgpho.org

VP Credentials- Cary Darden credentials@mgpho.org

VP Education– Rocky Plotts education@mgpho.org

Secretary to the board– Jonathan Willard

secretary@mgpho.org

Member Spotlights



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know MGPHO Members in our Member Spotlights

Don't forget to follow the MGPHO forums online!

Want email notifications when there is a new post?

Click the subscribe button in the top right corner of each forum topic.

We want to spotlight our members to get to know each other. Please submit your spotlights to:

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The Medical Gas Professional Healthcare Organization (MGPHO) was founded in 1998 as an organization that is dedicated to advancing the safe design, manufacture, installation, maintenance and inspection/verification of medical gas and vacuum systems through education. The organization is actively involved in identifying, understanding, and maintaining state and federal standards as well as improving the techniques used in testing and verification.

Upcoming MGPHO BOD Meetings

The MGPHO BOD has scheduled regular board meetings. The dates are as follows:

February 9, 2024-Teams

March 15, 2024- Chicago, IL

April 12, 2024- Teams

May 17, 2024– Teams

June 14, 2024– Teams

July 26, 2024– Teams

August 23, 2024—Teams

September 20, 2024– Teams

October 1, 2024– Teams

October 8, 2024– Tampa, FL

*Dates may be rescheduled

*If there is no business that needs to be conducted, meetings may be postponed or canceled.

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