



The MGPHO Minute

Presidents Message

Here we are closing out another year. I can't believe how fast the year has gone and all that we have accomplished. I have really enjoyed the direction that MGPHO is going the last year and I truly can't give enough praise to those around me who helped get us here.

Without the Board of Directors and the time that they give along with the members we would not be able to do all of what we have accomplished. There really is so much giving in both time and knowledge that has built MGPHO into what it is today. So if I don't say it enough, thanks to all who give of your time and knowledge to help build us up.

As I look back today and read what I wrote last year I used a quote by Abraham Lincoln, "Whatever you are be a good one". I challenged myself and anyone else to take this to heart. I think that I did OK trying to incorporate this quote into my daily life. However, like so many things, I think I lost focus or simply forgot some of what I wanted to accomplish in incorporating that quote.

As I close out what is left of this year and move into what is a jam packed 2024, I will once again echo the words of Lincoln. "Whatever you are be a good one"

May all of you have a joyous holiday season full of love, peace, and health. I also hope that you have a truly remarkable year ahead. Happy holidays and happy New Year!

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.

"Whatever you are, be a good one."- Abraham Lincoln

MGPPO Welcomes New Members

MGPPO would like to welcome the following new members:

Follow MGPPO on LinkedIn!

www.linkedin.com/in/mgpho

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 early 2024.

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

Last October 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 December 15th at 11:30 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.

We would like to start work quickly as we only have until early June before our public input will have to be submitted for the 2027 edition.

Scott Petrunick has agreed to chair this committee. There will also soon be a forum category to add input.

We will be sending an email out to those who have expressed interest in the next week to get work started in early 2024.

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

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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.

5.1.14.2.1 The Responsible Facility Authority of the health care facility shall develop, maintain, and manage a permit-to-work system ensuring uninterrupted quality, quantity, and continuity of supply during all piped medical gas and vacuum system maintenance, repair, or construction work.

There are 7 additional items following section 5.1.14.2.1. Many of the MGPHO members are service providers to healthcare facilities and many of those facilities are looking to us for assistance not only in training an RFA but also implementing the policies and forms for this 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.

MGPHO Special Expert, Mark Allen has agreed to chair this committee. There will soon be a forum category to provide input as well.

We will be sending an email out to those who have expressed interest in the next week to get work started in early 2024.

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

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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

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

Committee Membership

MGPHO By-Laws require that we post each standing committee membership 120 days after the annual meetings. Below is a list of each committee and it's current members.

Credentials:

Cary Darden-Chair, Members: Connie Miller, Zac Malewitz, Keith Ferrari, Daniel Strickland, Patrick McCarthy, Ed Albrycht

Membership:

Jim Brusse-Chair, Members: Zac Malewitz, Daniel Shoemaker, Daniel Strickland, Dave Osborn, Dale Terry, Dan Moeller, Kyle Jussel, Cory Micander, Eddy DeSantiago, Ed Albrycht, Connie Miller

Structure/Nominating:

Tony Stewart-Chair, Members: Corky Bishop

Legal/Legislative:

Ross Williams-Chair, Members: John Ostojic, Jim Brusse, Richard Miller, Kevin Penland, Dave Osborn, David Meek

Education:

Rocky Plotts-Chair, Members: Daniel Strickland, Dave Osborn, Dale Terry, Dan Moeller, Cory Micander, Eddy DeSantiago, Ed Albrycht, Connie Miller, Patrick McCarthy

Finance/Promotional/Website:

Al Moon— Chair, Members: Richard Miller, Keith Ferrari, Tony Stewart, Dane Robertson

Long Range Planning:

Mathis Carlson-Chair, Members: Kyle Jussel, Don Holden, Keith Ferrari, Corky Bishop, Richard Miller

RFA(Responsible Facility Authority):

Mark Allen-Chair, Members: Cary Darden, Greg Beck, Keith Ligi

Piping Purity:

Scott Petrunick-Chair, Members: Richard Ashlock, Greg Beck, Bob Sutter, Ed Golla, Gerhard Gschwandtner, Jon Willard

Call for Abstracts 2024 Annual Conference

We are starting to look for speakers for next 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.



"It's easier to take than to give. It's nobler to give than to take. The thrill of taking lasts a day. The thrill of giving lasts a lifetime."
Joan Marques

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.

If you have not renewed your CMGV it is crucial that you get with Cary Darden VP-Credentials to get that completed. As we move into a new code next year, we don't want you to miss the renewal and be forced to start the CMGV process over again. **The 2021 CMGV Renewal exam will not be offered after December 31st.** Please complete the exam to avoid having to start the CMGV process over again. Cary is hosting an online exam on 12/19 for anyone who still needs to complete the exam.

Invoices for 2024 dues have been sent out. Individual dues are \$300 and Corporate Dues are \$1300. Please help us with the renewal process and renew early as it make the start of the year run smoother. If you did not get an invoice please let us know so that your

membership does not lapse.

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 membeship@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?

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

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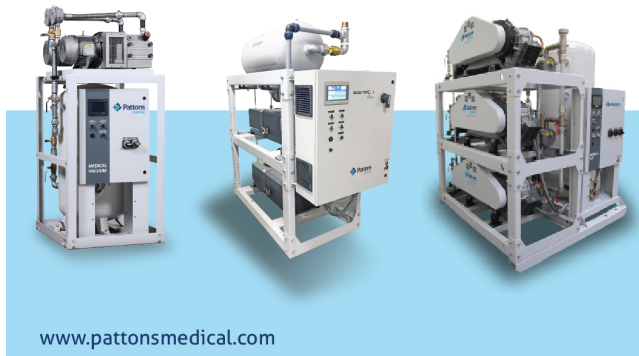





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MGPHO

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:

December 15– Teams
January 12, 2024–Teams
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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