

## UPMRA Scores Legislative and Regulatory Wins!

*“It was a good day for the Utah Petroleum Marketers,”* stated Senator Margaret Dayton after the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee passed out as a committee bill, Representative Steve Eliason’s **UST Tank Program Re-authorization Amendments**. In addition to the ten year re-authorization of the UST Tank Program and Trust Fund, the bill includes an **increase to \$100,000 per tank and \$300,000 per facility as the amount allowed for new loans made from the PST Loan Fund**. That means, the bill is ready to go to the House floor for a vote, the first week of the session. No additional hearings required!

**UPMRA’s good day Nov. 15, actually began at our Nov. 14 legislative lunch in Provo**, where Utah Petroleum Marketers reported to the attending State Legislators that the Department of Weights and Measures was Rewriting Utah’s Fuel Specs, by adopting NIST Handbook 130 in its entirety, except in regard to the 1/4" water tolerance allowed in retail fuel tanks. In this area, they planned to maintain a 0" water tolerance even though EPA accepts the 1/4" water allowance.

**Senator Dayton was at our Provo lunch, and joked that it isn’t often she sides with the EPA**, but in this case, she agreed with the marketers, so she set up a meeting for the next day, for UPMRA to meet with the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

At the Nov. 15 meeting with Department of Agriculture personnel, we renewed our concerns about the Weights and Measures department wanting to adopt such a strict standard for water tolerance. And hearing our concerns for the first time, **Director LuAnn Adams, Department of Agriculture agreed to adopt the 1/4" water allowance in retail tanks** as recommended by Handbook 130. This change will be included in the final Fuel Specs Rule that Weights and Measures will release for public comment in Dec. with implementation expected early in the new year.

In October, UPMRA had collaborated with Weights and Measures personnel to develop a set **Retail Fuel Storage Tank Color Tag** to identify what type of fuel is being stored in a fuel storage tank. This color key code will also be adopted by Rule early next year.

### UPMRA Day on Capitol Hill – February 28, 2018

**Join UPMRA** members and State Legislators at our *“Day on Capitol Hill”* held annually during the legislative session. This year, at noon, on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**, plan to invite your key employees to lunch and a meeting with State legislators as we discuss current legislative issues. Members will have an opportunity to lobby their legislators after lunch.

### THANK YOU to all Utah PMAA PAC Contributors!

**Thanks to contributions** from many of you, and the hard work of PMAA Director, Larry Hansen, **UPMRA surpassed its 2017 PMAA PAC Fund goal by 118%, raising a total of \$2,950!** Utah is one of only 11 states that have exceeded their state goal.

At this Fall’s PMAA Board Meeting in Chicago, member states were asked by PAC Co-Chair, Tim Keigher (Neb) to step up their fundraising efforts in order to meet our 2017 PMAA PAC Fund goal of \$251,569. To date, PMAA Member States have raised nearly \$125,000.

### 2017 Convention & Trade Show at Zermatt

**This September**, UPMRA members and associates came together and made the 2017 UPMRA Convention & Trade Show a successful networking and learning opportunity at the Zermatt Resort in Midway.

Although golf was rained out on Friday morning, Thursday’s events were packed with good information, and several new exhibitors were at the trade show. **The Live Auction raised a record \$5,025.** After dinner attendees were inspired by quadriplegic Chad Hymas and his powerful message of service to others. **Thank you to all our Attendees and Sponsors!**

## DoubleTree by Hilton Park City to Host 2018 Convention

**Next year, September 12-14, 2018**, the UPMRA Convention and Trade Show is returning to the enchanting DoubleTree by Hilton in Park City with golf on Friday morning at The Canyons.

**Sign up to Serve on the 2018 Convention Committee; Everyone is Welcome!**