

A Year in Review

WPMA is winding down

another successful fiscal year, and we are preparing for the new year. This past year we have had challenges in the Association, both on the state and national levels. We have seen consolidations and some expansions for our member companies. Our State Executives have worked hard in their respective legislatures to promote the petroleum industry. Many laws harmful to the petroleum industry have been killed due to the diligence of our State Executives, members, and their state association representation.

As WPMA finishes our fiscal year with WPMA President Kary Tonjum from CityServiceValcon in Kalispell, Montana, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kary for all his hard work and dedication to the association. The job as WPMA President is a time-consuming commitment with a lot of travel. WPMA is fortunate to have dedicated members such as Kary to lead the organization and further the petroleum industry goals.

As we say goodbye to Kary as our President, we would like to welcome Jeremy Bautista from River City Petroleum Inc., in Las Vegas, Nevada, as our incoming WPMA President. Jeremy will hit the ground running with his working budget completed and passed by the Board of Directors for WPMA, the WPMAEXPO, and our WPMA Scholarship Foundation. He will then be working with the WPMA Convention committee to choose a keynote speaker and the breakout sessions for the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada February 20-22, 2024.

WPMA is currently working with all our member states and preparing to have another successful year of state conventions, fundraisers, and trade shows. Each state has their own board of directors who direct their State Executive on the goals, tasks, and legislation they would like to pass, review, and monitor; and WPMA is the administrative arm to help them accomplish these goals. Your state association is continuously monitoring legislation and regulations affecting your business on a day-to-day basis and taking the appropriate action to protect the petroleum industry.

Along with the legislative victories we can celebrate this year, we have had exceptional state conventions and great fundraisers for the state associations and the WPMA Scholarship Foundation. These events offer some of the most important opportunities you can find - the chance for networking and friendship building with industry members. I have heard several of our members remark the relationships they build with each other are some of the closest friendships they have ever had.

As WPMA wraps up our fiscal year, my hope is that our success, both financially and legislatively, has been passed along to you and your company. WPMA is striving to be your business partner. We want to be able to offer you the resources you need when you need them. We want you to think of WPMA as another branch of your company – one that can help you in your legislative, informational, and regulatory needs.



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