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FEATURED NEWS

It's Time to Renew Your GAWDA Membership

Membership renewals are being accepted through February 28th. After that date, unless your membership is renewed, your company's benefits will be concluded.

You may pay your dues online or by mail. Click [here](#) for our updated online payment information. If you need assistance or further information please contact Stephen Hill, Manager Member Services, via phone 954-367-7728, Ext. 220 or email shill@gawda.org.

Thank you for being a part of GAWDA — the industry's foremost resource for safety and compliance information, education, and networking — and for your continued support of the gases and welding industry.

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NEWS FROM GAWDA

GAWDA's regional meeting calendar for 2019 is posted on our site and can be [accessed here](#). Registrations will be opening soon.

You will notice our 2019 calendar features four regional zone meetings as compared to last year's nine. This reduction was implemented to strengthen attendance at each meeting and lessen the travel and resource demands on our supplier members — many of whom attend multiple regional meetings.

Are four regional meetings organized into geographic zones the right number? Is it too few?

Your GAWDA leadership team will be evaluating the participation impact and soliciting feedback about this year's regional meetings. In addition to personalized post-meeting surveys, we welcome you to reach out to us at any time with your thoughts and insights. Please [click here](#) to access our regional meeting feedback form or you may email us at gawda@gawda.org.

Thank you for your continued participation in our regional meetings.

"It's All About Service"

2019 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 4 through
Monday, May 6, 2019
Hyatt Regency
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Registration Now Open for the 2019 Spring Management Conference

Saturday, May 4 – Monday, May 6, 2019
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Booths are now 72 percent sold! Please contact
Stephen Hill at shill@gawda.org to reserve your
booth space today!

SPEAKERS:

Sunday, May 5 – Business Session

- Tom Elliott
- WGW Speakers – Lori and Traci Tapani

Monday, May 6 – Business Session

- Craig MacFarlane
- Industry Panel Discussion

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION SPECIAL!

(Valid until March 15th, 2019.)

REGISTER NOW

2019 Annual Convention Washington, DC

Saturday, Sept. 28 – Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019
Marriott Marquis Washington DC
901 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

For 2019 AC hotel details, click [here](#).



2020 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

J.W. Marriott Austin
110 E 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701

Sunday, Apr. 5 – Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2020

2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

J.W. Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa
5350 E Marriott Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85054

Friday, Sept. 25 – Monday, Sept. 28, 2020

2021 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

March 29, 2021 – March 31, 2021

2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Broadmoor
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

October 6, 2021 – October 9, 2021



Foundation Scholarship Program

GAWDA will continue its Scholarship Program for the seventh consecutive year. Fourteen (14) scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded. For detailed information and applications, visit www.gawda.org. The application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2019.

GAWDA funds this program through member contributions. In addition, GAWDA will match all member contributions up to a total of \$25,000. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship program, please click [here](#). Thank you for your continued support of the future leaders of our industry!

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Chemical Inventory Reporting, Bulk Storage Tanks/Trailers at Customer Sites

Better late than never. Today, February 15th, was the deadline for notifying any customers that you rent bulk storage tanks that contain more than 10,000 pounds of product.

Do you own any bulk tanks at a customer site? An owner of bulk installations at a customer site has a duty under EPA regulations (*Section 312*) to notify the customer of their obligation to file Tier Form reports for each hazardous chemical that meets or exceeds the threshold planning quantities. The reminder must be mailed to an appropriate customer representative by February 15th each year. The supplier must document its efforts to notify its customers of these requirements.

If the customer owns the bulk unit, then you are not required to remind or notify them of their reporting obligations. Medical gases are exempted from the notification and reporting obligations. Please see the January 2019 GAWDA Safety Topic for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Dodd at MLDSafety@hotmail.com or 573-718-2887.



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All About the SMC: Click here for details on the SMC, including hotel information, featured speakers and more!

[Register for the SMC](#): Direct link to the online registration portal for the SMC.

The Online Buyers Guide includes articles directly from GAWDA Supplier members. Check out the latest articles here.

[Read the GAWDA Buyers Guide Articles](#)

MEMBER NEWS & NEW PRODUCTS

- Roberts Oxygen Company Elects New President
- Acme Cryogenics, Inc. Acquires Cryogenic Experts, Inc.
- Airgas to Acquire Tech Air
- Indiana Oxygen Company Announces Three New Area General Managers
- Horton's Ken Tidwell Announces Retirement
- CGA Appoints Sarah Saunders New Director of Marketing and Communications
- Norris Cylinder Expands Sales Team
- Hypertherm Introduces XPR Rotational Torch Sleeves for Bevel and Robotic Cutting Applications

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- Thomas Kenneth "T.K." Slaughter

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