



Association News

Piedmont Natural Gas Chairman, President and CEO Thomas E. Skains was elected chairman of the American Gas Association by AGA's Board of Directors during the organization's annual corporate meeting in Washington, DC. As AGA chairman, Skains will work with the association's membership and staff to communicate the promise of natural gas to policy-makers, regulators, the financial community and other key constituencies.

Personnel Changes



Carney

Dresser-Rand Group Inc. has elected **Ray Carney** vice president, controller and chief accounting officer to succeed Lonnie Arnett, who is retiring. Carney joined Dresser-Rand in August as corporate controller.

Alliance Engineering, part of international energy services company John Wood Group PLC, announced **Charles W. (Chuck) Law, Jr.** has been promoted to vice president of its Onshore Business Unit. He has been with Alliance since 2004, most recently as general manager of its Denver office.

Also, **Wayne Mueller** was promoted to vice president of Alliance Engineering's Deepwater Business Unit. He has more than 16 years experience in project management and design/ construction engineering of numerous offshore fixed structures and floating topsides facilities, both domestic and international. Mueller has been with Alliance since 2004 and was most recently project manager, FPSO Developments.

Michels Corporation has appointed Senior Vice President **Ron "Tag" Tagliapietra** to lead the company's wind farm construction sector. He has been with Michels for 44 years and worked his way up from a backhoe operator to senior vice president.

Also on the move is **Jerrod Henschel** who was recently promoted from senior manager to general manager. He has been with Michels since 1995 and has served in all types of telecommunications construction projects.

Pride International, Inc. recently named **Steven A. Manz** vice president and CFO of its mat-supported jack-up rig business.

The API Board of Directors elected **J. Larry Nichols**, chairman, Devon Energy Corporation, as chairman effective Jan. 1, 2009. The board also approved **Jack N. Gerard** as president and CEO, replacing Red Cavaney who retired.

Geospatial Holdings Inc. has hired **David Vosbein** as executive vice president, Worldwide Strategic Initiatives and a member of the board of directors. Prior to joining the Geospatial, Vosbein was founder and CEO of several successful energy and technology companies.

BJ Services Company has named **John Anderson** as region vice president — Europe and West Africa for well services. He will be working with managers throughout the region to oversee all well services operations, marketing

initiatives and financial management.

Smittee Root has joined Duoline® Technologies as marketing manager.

Simon Beswick, finance director of Tritech International, was named managing director. **Richard Marsh** was named vice chairman of the Tritech Group, focusing on the development of new subsea products and acquisitions in the subsea sector.

Joseph A. Cutillo has been named president and CEO of Detroit-based Inland Pipe Rehabilitation (IPR). He will oversee the operations, business development and

growth strategies for the company and its 400 employees nationwide.

FreeWave Technologies has named **Daniel G. Steele** to lead its business development efforts in the Rocky Mountain region. Steele, who has more than 25 years of experience, will be working in several industries within the region, but will have a large emphasis on oil and gas.

Godwin Pumps of Bridgeport, NJ promoted **Bryan Gassler** to marketing manager and **Stephanie Morgan** to corporate communications manager.



The International Pipeline and Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) recently hosted its annual convention in Athens, Greece with 630 attendees. *Pipeline & Gas Journal* sponsored the opening reception for first-time meeting attendees and the IPLOCA board of directors. Pictured at left is Oliver Klinger, publisher of *P&GJ*, Juan Arzuaga, new IPLOCA executive secretary and Catherine Watkins, sales representative for *P&GJ* based in Paris. John Reed, C.E.O. of Heerema Marine Contractors, Nederland B.V. and IPLOCA president for 2007-08, addressed the general meeting at the event. Presentations from the general meeting are available at www.iploca.com.



Also at the event, the following were elected to the 2008-2009 IPLOCA Board of Directors: (Left to right) Front row: Karl Trauner, John Reed, Adam Wynne Hughes, Bruno de la Roussière, George Demetriou, Phil Bond and Juan Arzuaga. 2nd row: Greg Miller, Weimin Liu, Marco Jannuzzi, Doug Evans, Kaan Dogan and Roberto Castelli. 3rd row: Luc Henriod, Andy Lukas, Jesus Garcia-Pons, Najib Khoury, Bob Deason and Leonid Bokhanovsky. Not shown is Nassar Issa.

With members in more than 40 countries, IPLOCA represents some 250 key players in the onshore and offshore pipeline construction industry worldwide.



Randy Akers has been named business development director for Pressure Systems. He will be working to provide comprehensive and integrated solutions to the liquid and pressure measurement industries.

Flotation Technologies, Inc., a Deep Down Inc. company, has hired **Thomas Kircher** as its R&D engineer. Kircher will lead the material science efforts and be responsible for development of new buoyancy and elastomeric materials.

Michael P. Stanley has been promoted to president and COO of Doosan Infracore America's Construction Equipment Division.

Lee Van Atta has joined Black & Veatch as a director in the division's growing Market Analysis practice. He has provided support for more than 15,000 MW of power plant development and financing and more than \$4 billion of natural gas pipeline, storage, and LNG development and financing.

Paul O'Rourke has joined LECG to head its energy practice. O'Rourke, a managing director based in the Cambridge, MA office, has worked extensively in all segments of the energy industry including oil, natural gas, electricity, coal, and renewable resources.

IronPlanet®, an online auction company for used construction and agricultural equipment, named **Tom Cornell** to managing director of IronPlanet Europe. He will lead IronPlanet's expansion into the European marketplace.

Thomas Equipment Inc., manufacturer and marketer of Thomas Skid Steer Loaders, appointed **John Andrews** as regional business manager, Western Europe. Andrews, with over two decades of heavy equipment industry experience for firms such as Caterpillar and others in North America and Europe, will be based in the U.K.

FuelQuest Inc. named **Matt Tormollen** to succeed Rich Cilento as president and CEO. Formerly executive vice-president of the company's Fuel Management Systems business, Tormollen will oversee all daily operations for FuelQuest. Cilento will remain a strategic advisor to the company, serving as chairman of the newly formed FuelQuest Advisory Board.

Flotek Industries, Inc. named **Jesse E. "Jempy" Neyman** senior vice president and CFO.

New Century Software has added three industry veterans to its management team.

Tony Lopez joined the company as director of sales. **Rich Arata** was hired as distribution practice manager and **Doug Holbrook** as director of software development.

The U. S. Department of Energy has named **Dr. Victor K. Der** as the principal deputy assistant secretary for Fossil Energy. He will be responsible for office operations and manage the oversight of Fossil Energy's R&D development program and the U.S. Petroleum Reserves.

Company News, Mergers & Acquisitions

McGowan Tractor and Equipment has been named as a Thomas Equipment Inc. skid steer loader dealer and supplier of equipment for other industries in Prince

Edward Island, Canada.

ITT Corporation announced that two major natural gas pipeline operators in western Canada awarded contracts to the firm's Airborne Natural Gas Emission Lidar (ANGEL) Services for pipeline leak detection and GIS-mapping. These contracts include aerial leak-surveying of natural gas transmission pipeline networks in British Columbia and Alberta, Canada.

Coble Trench Safety Inc., a Greensboro, NC-based company specializing in the rental and sales of trench safety equipment, as well as OSHA-compliant training classes, and the rental and sales of traffic safety equipment, has opened a branch which will service the Baltimore area and surrounding parts of Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. For information, visit www.cobletrenchsafety.com.

ISCO Industries, distributor and supplier of polyethylene (HDPE) piping products, has relocated and opened a manufacturing and distribution facility at 5610 Alameda Genoa Road, in Houston. Mark Horton, Scott Lindsay, Hal Smith, Clint Trotter, Charles Shugart, Matt Fraser and Clint Trotter can be reached at (800) 345-4726.

Petris has formed a strategic partnership with Warrior Technology Services Inc. Petris will be an OEM reseller of Warrior's risk management software solution, UnRiskIT®. The reselling agreement allows for the embedding of UnRiskIT® into Petris' own solutions as well as for Petris to sell UnRiskIT® on a standalone basis.

Matcor Inc., which provides cathodic protection engineering, design and products, has expanded its Houston office and moved to 20302 Park Row Drive, Suite 100, Katy, TX 77449.

Simrit Oil & Gas, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership, has acquired the assets of Petroleum Elastomers of Houston, a manufacturer of specialized custom sealing components for the oil and gas industry.

All key personnel will remain with Petroleum Elastomers, including Mike Ward, who becomes technology manager and Mike Viator, who will become lead center manager.

Obituary

Kathi Lynn Fisher Watts died Oct. 20 in Dallas after a long struggle with ovarian cancer. Kathi was a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Methodist University where she served for many years as a professor of rhetoric and later as director of the evening undergraduate and graduate studies programs. She is survived by her husband Jim and son John, a student at SMU; father L.C. Fisher Jr. of Gilmer TX; brother Clay and his wife Carrie of Houston; two nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service to honor and celebrate Kathi's life and legacy was held Oct. 24, at Kessler Park United Methodist Church in North Oak Cliff. The family suggests donations to your local animal shelter or dog rescue group. *P&GJ*