

APCA Holds 36th Annual Convention

The American Pipeline Contractors Association (APCA) announced its new alliance with OSHA at its 36th Annual Convention in March. The association's aggressive focus on safety and working with OSHA since 2004 culminated in the alliance this year.

The convention was held at the Marriott Harbor Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. There were approximately 140 attendees.

Speakers included: OSHA Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryan Little, who outlined the many benefits the alliance will bring to APCA members, and Daniel Tran of Spectra Energy talked about his company's upcoming pipeline construction projects and its proactive approach toward contractors to ensure their projects get completed. This included bundling projects so a contractor could go from one job to the next.

Officers, directors

During the convention, the 2007 slate of officers were elected: James Driver, president, Driver Pipeline Company Inc., Dallas, TX; Sean Sullivan, vice president, Elkhorn Construction Inc., Evanston, WY; Pat Simpson, 2nd vice president, Sterling Construction Co., Sterling, CO; and Bruce Gilliland, secretary/treasurer. J.D. Lormand remains as executive director at the association's office in Lafayette, LA.

Other directors include: David Dacus, Troy Construction Inc., Houston, TX; Randy Farrar, Farrar Construction Inc., Dover, OK; Morris Farrar (advisory); Clovis Hester (advisory); John Maxwell (advisory); Max Nichols, Jomax Construction Co. Inc., Great Bend, KS; Mark O'Roke, Sunland Construction Inc., Eunice, LA; Alan Owens, Willbros-RPI Inc., Houston, TX; Bill Schettine, Skibeck Pipeline Co. Inc., Randolph, NY; and Wayne Stringer, Ranger Plant Construction, Abilene, TX.

The associate member board consists of: Bill Allen, president, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Tulsa, OK; Scott Jeter, vice president, PipeLine Machinery International, Houston; John Graham, secretary/treasurer, Pipeline Inspection Co., Houston. Carl Rafferty of PipeLine Machinery International and his wife Sonnie will serve as convention chairpersons. Joe Beffer, Midwestern Manufacturing, Tulsa, OK, and Bobby Darby, Darby Equipment Inc., Tulsa, OK, will serve as golf chairpersons.

Next year's annual meeting is scheduled for early March 2008, in the Santa Barbara, CA, area. For more information on the APCA, contact J.D. Lormand at (337) 989-8672 or James Driver at (214) 638-7131, ext. 222.

