

## PROPOSAL FOR A NEW NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

On May 20, the PGAC Board of Directors and the Ontario Propane Association (OPA) Board of Directors proposed to members to form a new and improved national association to replace the existing associations. The proposed implementation date is **January 1, 2011**.

### KEY ELEMENTS

Key elements of the new national association would be:

- Strong national association with head quarters in Ottawa and strong regional representation in Western, Central and Eastern Canadian communities.
- Providing one unified voice of the propane industry in our two official languages.
- Professionally managed disciplines in government relations, regulatory matters, communications, training, emergency assistance response and member services.
- Proactive approach to governments and regulators legislation.
- Improved governance through clear and concise understanding of roles and responsibilities.

The Boards of Directors for both associations have voted unanimously to pursue the formation of a new national association and have now turned to their membership for support of this initiative.

### MEMBER VOTE

A member vote of both associations will take place beginning June 10 and ending July 2.

In the meantime, members are encouraged to get in touch with Board members via telephone or email to explore further the proposed new association, ask questions, and provide feedback.

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### AGM DISCUSSION

An in-person discussion will take place from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held during the PGAC National Conference at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax.

As committed and invested members in the propane industry, the PGAC Board of Directors feels strongly that the establishment of a new national association will offer significant benefits to members and the industry overall. Members are asked to take the time to consider the proposal, offer feedback, and to vote yes to the proposal.

### PGAC CONFERENCE BROCHURE UPDATED

If you're planning to attend the PGAC National Conference, Trade Show & Golf Tournament on June 2-4, 2010, in Halifax, you'll be interested to know that changes were recently made to the program. All delegates will receive an up-to-date conference program in the Delegate Kit upon arrival. For a sneak-peek, it's on-line on the [event webpage](#).

**It's not too late to register.** Call the Calgary main office for assistance: 1.877.784.4636.

### MEETING NEWS

Meeting minutes are now available in the secure members' area of the PGAC website for the April 14 meeting of the **Manitoba Committee** and the March 10 meeting of the **British Columbia Committee**.

### RAIL SUBMISSION

As per Alert 35, the PGAC Shippers' Group has developed a submission which was recently forwarded to the independent Review Panel working on Transport Canada's *Rail Freight Service Review*.

The submission is posted on the Transport Canada website: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/policy/acg-rfs-review-examen-sfm-sbmsns-eng-443.htm#p>

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For questions, contact the PGAC's **Allison Brown**, in Toronto, at 647.340.2208 or [abrown@propanegas.ca](mailto:abrown@propanegas.ca).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

Go to [All About Propane/ Industry News](#) on the PGAC website for stories such as:

- B.C. Safety Authority's RV Safety Tips [ [Details](#) ]
- A Review of Ontario Propane Safety Recommendations (as per Alert 40) [ [Details](#) ]
- US EIA's 2010 Annual Energy Outlook [ [Details](#) ]
- New Oil & Gas Website by Petroleum Services Association [ [Details](#) ] [www.oilandgasinfo.ca](http://www.oilandgasinfo.ca).
- 2009 Propane Market Outlook Updated for 2010 [ [Details](#) ]

## 2011 CALL FOR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

The PGAC is now accepting presentation proposals for the

2011 National Conference taking place on June 7 - 10, 2011 in Gatineau, Quebec.

Proposal submissions are due by **Friday, July 30, 2010**.

For a copy of the [Session Submission Form](#), visit the [2011 event webpage](#).

## SAY NO TO NO INCENTIVES

As per Alert 37, the PGAC wrote letters to the Ontario and B.C. governments regarding plans to cancel PST-related incentive programs supporting alternative fuel vehicles once the HST replaces the PST.

The PGAC also prepared for members similar template letters for Ontario and B.C. elected officials regarding the impact of these cancellations and requesting a commitment to modify rather than cancel the PST-related rebates and exemptions.

## PGAC NEWS IN PROPANE CANADA

The official PGAC submissions in the March/April edition of Propane Canada magazine are available on-line:

- [1075news talk](#)
- [Regulations – On the Regulatory Front: 2010 Regulatory Activity](#), by *PGAC Technical Advisor, David Stainrod*.
- [The Back Page](#) – Government Relations Update, by *PGAC Vice President Government Relations, Pierre Leduc*.

## UPCOMING

**Jun 2-4:** PGAC Annual Conference, Tradeshow & Golf, and Awards of Distinction ceremony, Halifax.

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**Jun 3:** PGAC Annual General Meeting, Halifax.

**Jun 3:** PGAC National Awards of Distinction Ceremony, Halifax.

**Jun 4:** PGAC Board of Directors Meeting, Halifax

**Jun 16-17:** Manitoba Propane Committee Meeting and Golf Tournament, Falcon Lake. Contact **Tom Cheret (MaX-Quip Inc.)** at 204.781.6574 for details.

**Jun 23:** National Technical / Regulatory Committee Teleconference.

**Jun 29:** Atlantic Committee Meeting, Truro.

**Sep 10-11:** PGAC Alberta Seminar and Kandelighters' Golf Tournament, Red Deer/Innisfail. Brochure now ready on the website:

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**Sep 14:** PGAC BC Seminar and Golf Tournament, Fort Langley.

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## PRICE CHECK

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