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### Next General Meeting & Luncheon Time, Date, Location:

Wednesday, December 18th  
Lunch Check-in: 11:30 AM  
Lunch: 12:00 PM

Embassy Suites  
1420 Stout Street  
Denver, CO 80202

### Board of Directors Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 15th  
at 1 p.m.  
after the General Meeting  
at Embassy Suites

Happy New Year! I hope you all were able to take time off over the last few weeks and spend time with family and friends.

Our next luncheon date is on Wednesday, January 15th. SM Energy will be presenting on Cybersecurity, which should be a very relevant and interesting topic for us all. The Financial Reporting Committee will be hosting the tech session at 10:30am prior to the luncheon. Kirk Lane with Riveron will be presenting on Merger Integration.

I wanted to remind everyone about the recently announced line up of COPAS Energy Education webinars for 2020. Some of the webinars are a year-long series (one per month), while others run for several months and there are many individual webinar options as well. The Winter 2019 ACCOUNTS magazine contains the full listing of courses, which can also be found through the following link: [COPAS Education Courses](#). COPAS members receive a 20% discount on these courses.

We are always open to recommendations and feedback from our members. If you have any suggestions, speaker or topic ideas for future luncheons, or would like to find out additional ways in which you can volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Lauren.Davis@nglep.com](mailto:Lauren.Davis@nglep.com).

Lauren Davis  
2019-2020 COPAS-Colorado President

## The Next COPAS-Colorado Member Luncheon – Embassy Suites Hotel Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, 12:00 PM

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 12:00 p.m. The registration desk will not be open for check-in until 11:30 a.m.

Our guest speakers this month are David Beers and Charlie Privett with SM Energy. 1 hour of CPE will be offered at this luncheon.

[Web-site registration for the luncheon is now open and will close on Sunday, January 12th.](#) Refer to the side-bar on page 1 of this newsletter for meeting location.

**\* Please ensure your IT department allows e-mails from [info@copascaloradolorg.org](mailto:info@copascaloradolorg.org). If this e-mail address is blocked, you will not receive confirmation.**

### Technical Session

Prior to the luncheon, join us for the Technical Session hosted by the Financial Reporting Committee. Our guest speaker Kirk Lane with Riveron will be presenting on Merger Integration. The Technical Session will take place at Embassy Suites from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1 hour of CPE will be offered.

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### How to Contact COPAS-Colorado Chairs and Board Members

**COPAS-COLORADO DIRECTORY** Please go to <https://copascaloradolorg.org/Board-Members> for a comprehensive listing of the current board of directors, or see the side-bar on page 1 of this newsletter. Please go to <https://copascaloradolorg.org/Committees> for a comprehensive listing of the current committees and chair contact information, or see the side-bar on pages 4 through 7 of this newsletter.

**QUESTIONS?** Please visit <https://copascaloradolorg.org/FAQ> for answers to frequently asked membership questions.

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### Meet the Press



If you would like to let members know of current events, news, or submit an article for the next edition of COPAS-COLORADO NEWS please contact Kara Van Horn, 2019-2020 COPAS-Colorado Communications Coordinator, at [karavanhorn@kalinventures.com](mailto:karavanhorn@kalinventures.com).

Is there a topic you are interested in hearing more about? Let us know! We would love to incorporate your ideas into our luncheons this season. Please contact Kara Van Horn, 2019-2020 COPAS-Colorado Communications Coordinator, at [karavanhorn@kalinventures.com](mailto:karavanhorn@kalinventures.com).

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### 2020 CPE Opportunities

It is never too early to get started on your next round of CPE! As part of your COPAS membership, you are able to participate in the COPAS CPE Webinar Series at a discounted price. If you would like to review the 2020 course schedule or register for a webinar, please visit <https://www.copas.org/education/course-store>.

**Please note: The Tax, Financial Reporting, and New Professionals committees strive to offer one hour of CPE at each of their meetings. For more information, contact the committee chairperson for details.**

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## Education Committee

Please join us for our fifth committee meeting on January 30 at 12:00 pm at the office of SM Energy Company (1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1200).

We will be discussing ideas for potential speakers and topics for Education Day as well as various other committee tasks for the year. We would greatly appreciate your ideas and opinions for Education Day!

Please contact Lindsey Zevenbergen ([lzevenbergen@sm-energy.com](mailto:lzevenbergen@sm-energy.com)) or Jason Spinelli ([jason@shamrockrecruiting.com](mailto:jason@shamrockrecruiting.com)) if you have any questions!"

## Financial Reporting Committee

Thanks to Tessa Schneider and Kristin Larson from Deloitte for presenting and hosting the December meeting. We all enjoyed the SEC update and appreciate Deloitte's contribution of meeting space, lunch and presenters!

We will not be having a meeting in January as the Financial Reporting Committee is hosting the Tech Session at the January luncheon. We're excited for this presentation from Kirk Lane of Riveron on Merger Integration.

We look forward to seeing everyone later this month, and please contact Ian Dams, or Brian Burkhardt with any questions.

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**Joint Interest/Audit Committee**

The January meeting for Joint Interest/Audit will be held January 21<sup>st</sup> at the office of SM Energy. Mike Cougevan will be presenting "Know your COPAS Documents".

This meeting is always a committee favorite, so please RSVP early as space is limited.

**New Professionals Committee**

The New Professionals Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the toy drive for Children's Hospital. We were able to donate several bags of toys, and the hospital was very grateful!

Our January meeting will be hosted by Plante Moran (1445 Market Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor) on January 13th. Diane Kirk will be presenting an "Overview of Oil and Gas Accounting." Lunch and CPE will be provided.

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## Revenue Committee

The Revenue Committee will not have a meeting in January 2020 so everyone can focus on 1099s.

Our committee is excited to sponsor the Tech Session on February 12. Kathleen Sgamma from Western Energy Alliance is the scheduled speaker.

The March meeting will feature Alison Harris from DCP Midstream.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of your three co-chairs.

## Tax Committee

The COPAS Tax Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 7:30AM, at KPMG's office, 1225 17th Street, 8th Floor, Denver, 80202. Robert Swiech will be leading the discussion for the 2020 Kick Off and concentrating on IRC §163(j), 613(a), 59(e), and 167(h).

### **Technology Committee Chairs:**

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### **Technology Board Liaison:**

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## **Technology Committee**

The Technology Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:30 am with a panel discussing robotic process automation (RPA) and their use within oil and gas accounting and auditing. Lunch will be provided by Aston Carter, and the meeting will be on the 40<sup>th</sup> floor of Republic Plaza, in the Longs Peak room. CPE will be provided – please keep an eye out for the meeting request!

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### COPAS Energy Education

COPAS Energy Education is committed to delivering the highest quality lifelong learning experience to accounting professionals in the oil and gas industry. We offer a variety of professional CPE classes to meet your needs in a demanding and competitive market.

We recognize your need for up-to-the-minute, relevant, and accessible knowledge delivered in convenient formats. We provide comprehensive, interactive courses balancing theory and real world practices for an engaging educational experience.

We also offer custom packages for private corporate education sessions. Email or call [Angie.Knipe@copas.org](mailto:Angie.Knipe@copas.org) 303-300-1139.

### PDI Energy Classes

For a complete list of upcoming classes, please contact PDI.

PDI is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Concerns regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 37219-2417. Web Site: [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org)

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To register for any PDI class, please go to <http://energy.pdi.org>, click on "View Entire Calendar" and select the class. For more information, please send a note to [jhoffman@pdi.org](mailto:jhoffman@pdi.org)

### Employment Opportunities

COPAS-Colorado members may post available positions free for a period of 30 days. Postings should be brief (one page maximum) and include the following: position title, basic description of position, position requirements, representative contact name, company name, and telephone number. All job descriptions MUST include the name of the hiring company.

Please e-mail the pertinent information to Kara Van Horn at [karavanhorn@kalinventures.com](mailto:karavanhorn@kalinventures.com).

### Volunteer Opportunities

We are seeking a COPAS-Colorado member interested in chairing the Fall 2022 Hosting Committee for the upcoming COPAS National meeting to be held in Denver in Fall 2022. This person will act as chairperson for the Hosting Committee, who will plan and organize the Fall 2022 COPAS National meeting. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact Lauren Davis at [Lauren.Davis@nglep.com](mailto:Lauren.Davis@nglep.com).

COPAS-Colorado is seeking an individual interested and experienced with the intricacies of ".net" website development and troubleshooting to assist with occasional projects. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this volunteer opportunity, please reach out to Brian Gates, COPAS-Colorado Treasurer, at [Brian.Gates@encana.com](mailto:Brian.Gates@encana.com). We would love to have you join the team!

## COPAS-COLORADO GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON SCHEDULE @ 12:00 PM

Registration begins at 11:30 AM

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic
January 15, 2020	David Beers and Charlie Privett, SM Energy	Cybersecurity
February 12, 2020	TBD	TBD
March 17, 2020	Encana	What Really Happens in an RTC?
April 22, 2020	TBD	TBD
May 19, 2020	Various	Education Day

## COPAS-COLORADO TECH SESSION SCHEDULE @ 10:30 AM

Meeting Date	Speaker	Topic	Hosting Committee
January 15, 2020	Kirk Lane, Riveron	Merger Integration	Financial Reporting
February 12, 2020	Kathleen Sgamma	Western Energy Alliance	Revenue
March 17, 2020	TBD	TBD	JI/Audit
April 22, 2020	TBD	TBD	Technology

## COPAS-COLORADO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to COPAS-Colorado members by RSVP – please contact Lauren Davis if you would like to attend.

Meeting Date	Location
January 15, 2020	1:00 PM at Embassy Suites
February 19, 2020	10:00 AM via Conference Call
March 17, 2020	1:00 PM at Embassy Suites
April 16, 2020	10:00 AM via Conference Call
May 2020	TBD



## COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Refer to pages 3 through 7 of this newsletter for more detailed meeting and committee information.

Committee	Next Meeting Date	Time	Location
Education	January 30	12:00 PM	SM Energy Company 1775 Sherman Street, Ste 1200
Financial Reporting	January 15	10:30 AM	Technical Session at the January General Meeting
Joint Interest/Audit	January 21	12:00 PM	SM Energy Company 1775 Sherman Street, Ste 1200
New Professionals	January 13	12:00 PM	Plante Moran 1445 Market Street 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Revenue	February 12	10:30 AM	Technical Session at the February General Meeting
Tax	January 9	7:30 AM	KPMG 1225 17 <sup>th</sup> Street 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Technology	January 27	11:30 AM	Republic Plaza, 40 <sup>th</sup> Floor