



## 2011 ASGE Technical Conference

### ASGE Calendar

October 27, 2011 -  
Certified Gas Engineer  
Exam—Cleveland, OH

June 4 and 5, 2012—  
ASGE Technical Con-  
ference—Las Vegas

### ASGE Platinum Sponsors



The American Society of Gas Engineers technical conference was held at the Tropicana Las Vegas Hotel and Casino on June 5-7, 2011.

The conference was once again a tremendous success that included the Certified Gas Engineer review session; Certified Gas Engineer exam; golf outing; board meeting; tour of Southwest Gas; awards dinner; an informative array of technical presentations and the installation of officers for the new year.

Four people participated in the Certified Gas Engineer review session, and all four participants successfully completed the C.G.E. exam. Proctors for the review session and exam were Nancy Wilson and Gary Liljenberg.

The golf outing was once again organized by Ron Heberger, and was held at the Painted Desert Golf Club. Participants of all skill levels enjoyed a fantastic golf course and beautiful weather.

The technical conference included 8 excellent presentations:

- The Role of Natural Gas: Delivering Solutions to Customers in a New Energy Economy by Tony Hills of Southwest Gas Company
- Natural Gas Heat Pump Technology and Solar-thermal Technology by Tom Young of

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### ASGE Highlights

Congratulations to the following individual who successfully completed the Certified Gas Engineer Exam at the ASGE National Technical Conference.

Scott Sollars

Chao Wang

Yingwu Teng

Mike Schultz



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### IntelliChoice Energy

- Drain Water Heat Recovery: On the Road to Becoming a Mainstream Supplemental Water Heating Technology by Gerald Van Decker of RenewABILITY Energy Inc.
- Gas Appliance Modulating Controls Technology by Mike Schultz of Honeywell
- Combustion Blower Application for Gas Appliances by Mike Garrett of Regal Beloit, Fasco
- National Fuel Gas Code Updates for 2012 by Paul Cabot of American Gas Association
- Burner Technology, Design and Application by Gunther Berthold of Worgas Current and Future Energy Supplies by Herb Emmrich of Southern California Gas

These presentations will be available at [www.asge-national.org](http://www.asge-national.org).

Always a highlight of the conference, the awards dinner included exceptional food and a great opportunity for mingling with fellow ASGE members and guests. The new officers were installed including the passing of the gavel from outgoing president Dave Wonnacott to incoming president Nancy Wilson.

As always, there was plenty to do and see in Las Vegas. The Tropicana provided a terrific location for the conference. The service was great, and the resort was in tremendous condition after a recent remodel.

**The 2012 ASGE Technical Conference will be held on June 4 and 5 at the Aliante Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Join us there.**





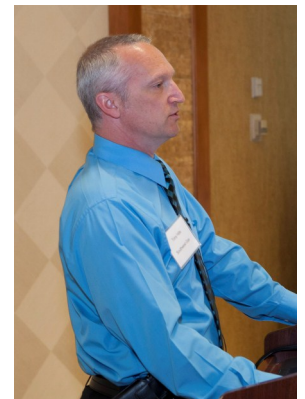


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## The President's Message—Nancy Wilson



First let me say that I am flattered by your vote of confidence and I hope that I can live up to your expectations. Twenty Five years ago when I walked through the doors of the American Gas Association Laboratories, my Mentor, longtime industry contributor and my Father, Jack Scheel, instructed me that the things we did in this building were “for the betterment of the industry.”

That phrase which was imbedded in my brain in the infancy of my career remains true today. The American Society of Gas Engineers objectives read simply: “To promote the education and professionalism of its members and to make available to the public technical and scientific information and knowledge.”

Our members include gas appliance manufacturers, control manufacturers, industrial equipment builders, certification agencies and gas utilities. All of our members encourage research and innovation in the gas industry. Our ongoing task is to ensure that our contributions provide a safe, effective and efficient product, service or environment.

My goal(s) to see our membership increase by 25% in 2011/2012 and to focus on the Certified Gas Engineers program which I believe is necessary for our future. Please keep ASGE in your thoughts when you attend conferences, trade shows and industry meetings. Talk about us. Be proud of us and what we do. Share us with your colleagues. Your commitment and involvement is essential to our growth and our future.

In other words, let's all work together for “the betterment of the industry”

Thank you for supporting ASGE.

Nancy Wilson  
President

### ASGE Officers

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**Nancy Wilson**

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Director:

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**Dante Cantal**

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**Shamel Kassab**

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**Ellora Larson**

Internet Website:

**Eric Griesemer**

Newsletter:

**Tim Frost**

Constitution & Bylaws:

**John DiPaolo**

Awards:

**Dave Wonnacott**

Director:

**Jerry Moore**







## ASGE Member Profile



If you have attended a recent ASGE Technical Conference, you have enjoyed Ron Heberger's funny stories about the annual ASGE golf outing during his presentation of the golf awards. Ron has been a member of ASGE for over 20 years and has generously contributed his time to organize the golf outing that many members have enjoyed. This year's golf outing was held at Painted Desert Golf Club in Las Vegas. The participants enjoyed beautiful weather and a great golf course thanks to Ron's efforts.

Ron is currently a Senior Sales Representative for Morgan Thermal Ceramics where he sells a broad range of products including Kaowool and Superwool Insulation Products. He covers a territory that includes the Southwestern United States.

Ron graduated from Whittier College with a teaching degree. He has worked in the gas industry for over 30 years. Ron's wife Kathy of 34 years often accompanies him to the ASGE Technical Conference. They have 2 married children, Ryan and Kellie. They have two grand children Wyatt 4 years old and Urban 2 years old. Both children and grand children live locally in Southern California.

Ron remarks of his membership experience "ASGE has been a great experience for me and I have met many wonderful people. I am very shocked that more companies and people are not involved. This is a great organization and a fun group."

When you see Ron at the 2012 ASGE Technical Conference, thank him for supporting ASGE.

## ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Program

Since 2002, The American Society of Gas Engineers has evaluated applicants for Certified Gas Engineer (C.G.E.). Exams for certification are given annually at various locations in the United States. Exams are administered by the ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Committee chaired by Gary Liljenberg, C.G.E. The application fee for the exam is \$150.

To assist in preparation for the exam, ASGE has prepared the Certified Gas Engineer Study Guide and Reference Manual. The Guide contains basic information about chemistry, ignition, technology, application and safety. This publication may be used for reference during the exam. The fee for the Guide is \$150. It may be ordered from ASGE, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA 90702.

An ASGE Test Review is also available on CD. This Microsoft PowerPoint presentation was developed by Mr. Ralph Jennings, and it covers the topics contained in the C.G.E. exam. This excellent training tool for individuals, companies and industry groups is available from ASGE for \$150. The ASGE Test Review, computing devices and photographic devices may not be used during the C.G.E. exam.

The C.G.E. designation is available to ASGE members and non-members. The certification is maintained by ASGE with an annual fee of \$20 for ASGE members and \$70 for non-members. The ASGE Board of Directors invites non-member Certified Gas Engineers to become voting members by completing an application form and submitting the \$20 application fee to the ASGE post office box. Members are eligible to access the "Members Only" section of the website ([www.asge-national.org](http://www.asge-national.org)) and to participate in elections. The annual membership fee is \$50 (only \$10 for retired members).