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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow ASGE members. We are well into 2018 and I hope this message finds you doing well. The annual conference is only a stone's throw away and Eric Bruton has been doing an outstanding job of lining up this year's speakers. Every conference helps to unify all of us who are in the gas combustion industry and

provides us with the opportunity to broaden our knowledge of advancements in the gas combustion industry. I know that we will have new engineers taking the C.G.E. exam in Las Vegas and new people continue to join the ranks as members of the ASGE. If you have people in your organization who could benefit from becoming a certified gas engineer, please help them to become members and to apply for the C.G.E. exam. The website has been upgraded so be sure to visit the site and see what is new. One new feature is the ability of members to upload a photo to their profile. We also have our library, which contains papers written about gas combustion topics, so if you wish to contribute to the library let us know. Hope to see you all at the conference this year.

Regards

Raymond Maddock, CGE

President American Society of Gas Engineers.



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## American Society of Gas Engineers

# NATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

South Point Hotel & Casino – Las Vegas, Nevada June 4-5, 2018

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Conference Agenda (see www.asge-national.org)

Mon. June 4 - 8:00 a.m. C.G.E. Review

Mon. June 4 - 6:30 a.m. Golf Tournament

Mon. June 4 - 1:00 p.m. C.G.E. Exam

Mon. June 4 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Tue. June 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Technical Presentations** 

Tue. June 5 - 6:00 p.m. President's Awards Dinner

## ASGE National Conference Registration Form

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Conference Fee	\$275	Send Payment by Check to:
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Dinner Guest	\$60	P.O. Box 66
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C.G.E. Exam	\$150	
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Jerry Moore

#### INTERVIEW WITH JERRY MODRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE CGE EXAM

An interview with Jerry Moore conducted by NG (Bill) Salem on February 27, 2018

**NGS:** Jerry, you have been a pillar in the gas industry for 45 years, yet very few of us in the industry know you. Do you mind sharing your history and accomplishments in the gas industry?

**JM:** I will gladly do it.

**NGS:** Let's start with your educational background.

JM: I graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a Bachelor Degree in Mathematics and from Pepperdine University with a Master's Degree in Business.

**NGS:** This is impressive. I have not known many people who have a BS in Mathematics. Can you tell me your first job after college?

JM: My first and only job since college has been with AGA which became IAS and finally CSA. I started in 1973 to test controls. In 1984 I became inspection supervisor then in 1986 inspection department manager. From 1988 to 1998 I was General Manager of the West Coast Lab. In 1999 I was given the tile of Regional Manager for the North America West Coast, Mexico, Western Canada and Asia.

**NGS:** For how long were you in that position?

**JM:** I retired from CSA in 2009.

**NGS:** Jerry, this is very unusual for anyone to work all his life for one company. How did you manage to do it?

JM: Bill, I am a very dedicated person and loyal on top of that. It is easy to be with one company when you love your profession and dedicate yourself to make a positive change in your industry.

**NGS:** OK. I understand. So, let's shift to ASGE. When did you join ASGE?

**JM:** I joined the West Coast Chapter in 1983

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directly as a voting member.

**NGS:** Can you share with us your history with ASGE?

JM: Surely. In 1989 I was elected President of the West Coast Chapter and in 1999 President of the National Organization.

**NGS:** How did ASGE get involved in the Certified Gas Engineer Program (CGE) and who was the driving force behind it?

JM: In 1993 I wanted to be a registered safety engineer in the State of California. I passed the engineer in the training (EIT) test, but came very close to passing the second test 4 times, but to no avail. In 1999 I felt there was a need to certify engineers in the gas industry. When I spread the idea around, a lot of engineers were against it. However, four ASGE members were for it. They supported me all the way and worked closely with me to realize my dream.

**NGS:** Who were these ASGE members?

**JM:** Bob Cowan, Daryl Hosler, Ralph Jennings and yourself.

**NGS:** How Long did it take to realize this dream?

**JM:** Three years. In 2002 the first 33 gas engineers graduated under the grandfather clause. There are now 170 active certified gas engineers.

NGS: How can an engineer today become a CGE?

JM: Most engineers now study the gas manuals which were prepared by Ralph Jennings, attend an instruction session, but every engineer must take and pass the written exam. This is done once or twice a year depending on demand.

**NGS:** How was the test or tests prepared?

**JM:** A committee was formed to prepare a series of tests and I worked on that committee in 2006, after the grandfather clause was terminated.

**NGS:** Jerry, as executive director for the Society, can you tell me what changes are needed for ASGE and the CGE program to grow?

JM: The Society needs a dedicated and qualitied person to do the marketing for ASGE to grow. That person must be willing to travel which I really did not want to do. As for the CGE program, there is a dire need to update the technical material and the tests. One or several active committees

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must be involved to accomplish such tasks.

NGS: Can you tell your greatest accomplishment in the gas industry?

JM: It was moving the West Coast Laboratory from Los Angeles to Irvine.

I had to fight hard with headquarters personnel in Cleveland to get their approval. In the first 3 years after the move, the testing and certification business grew. CSA was now the owner and moved their facility which was near to the new lab location.

NGS: Well Jerry, enough now about the business. I am very impressed. Why don't you tell us about your hobbies?

JM: I love to play video poker, reading (I have more than 2000 books in my library) and do book reviews to provide an opinion about some of the books I read.

NGS: Great. Do you have future plans?

JM: Yes. I would like to end my position of Executive Director in three years and become the historian of the Society, expand the website and bring past great members to life.

NGS: Jerry, this is a tall order. Are you up to it?

JM: Yes, I am.



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