

## PHMSA State One-Call Exemptions Forum Professional Biographies for Presenters

### Christina Sames

#### American Gas Association

Christina Sames is the Vice President of Operations and Engineering for the American Gas Association (AGA). In this role, she works closely with AGA members, government and other stakeholders to improve safety, reliability, and cost effectiveness through promotion of sound regulation and legislation, coordination of best practices programs, forums to exchange information, and the development of a wide range of publications. Christina's team is responsible for pipeline safety, natural gas physical and cyber security, integrity management, and executing operations and engineering initiatives related to distribution, intrastate transmission, and building energy codes and standards.

### Peter Lidiak

#### American Petroleum Institute

Peter Lidiak is the Pipeline Director for the American Petroleum Institute.

### Scott Currier

#### Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)

Scott Currier is a director at the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), the North American association representing the interstate and interprovincial natural gas pipeline industry. Mr. Currier currently is working on INGAA's Pipeline Safety Committee to improve the industry's safety performance and restore public confidence in natural gas pipelines.

Mr. Currier joined INGAA in 2012 as Director of Operations, Safety, and Integrity. Prior to joining INGAA, Mr. Currier worked in Pipe Integrity for TransCanada Pipelines. His responsibilities there included the planning and oversight of inline inspections, geotechnical remediation projects, anomaly digs and other pipe integrity/pipeline safety projects.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Currier worked as a project engineer at an oil refinery, where he supported operations, maintenance and capital projects groups in an engineering capacity.

Mr. Currier is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and degree in Technology and Management. He currently resides in Alexandria, VA.

### Robert Kipp

#### Common Ground Alliance (CGA)

Robert Kipp has served as President of the CGA since the organization's inception in 2001. Since 2001, the CGA has grown to represent more than 1600 national members and as many as 2000 members within the 64 regional CGA organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The CGA is now considered the leading organization aiming to reduce damage to the underground infrastructure.

Prior to his current role with the CGA, Mr. Robert Kipp served as President and Chief Executive Officer of BCI Inc., in Chantilly, VA from April 1994 until March 2001. During his career, Mr. Kipp also held various, senior-level management roles with Bell Canada and Bell Canada International.

Mr. Kipp has a Bachelor of Administration Degree from the University of Ottawa, in Ontario, Canada. He has received executive training at the FUQUA School of Executive Management, Duke University, NC.

Mr. Kipp and his family received their American citizenship in 2002. He lives with his wife, Faye. They have two children – Leah and Blair.

## **Jemie Wang**

### **United States Infrastructure Corporation (USIC)**

Mr. Wang is Vice President of Strategic Projects for USIC and has 10 years of experience with USIC, at various times leading financial planning and analysis, operational reporting and automation, performance improvement, information systems, business development, and new product development. Currently Mr. Wang is leading the Company's diversified products and services.

Prior to USIC, Mr. Wang served as a Marketing Strategist in Services Marketing and Brand Manager in Enterprise Upgrades at Dell Inc., helping Dell diversify its revenue sources and make its core products "stickier". Prior to Dell, Mr. Wang founded and bootstrapped CCS, Inc., a 20 employee computer sales and services organization, while earning his B.S. in Electrical Engineering and M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Mr. Wang is also an ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

## **J.D. Maniscalco**

### **COLORADO 811**

J.D. Maniscalco is in his 21st year as the Utility Notification Center of Colorado's (COLORADO 811) Executive Director. He operates at a fast pace with relentless dedication. His drive and intuitive composition are factors that continually ensure his status as a leader in the damage prevention industry. Maniscalco has assembled a world-class contact center and staff instilling values of teamwork, integrity, loyalty and dedication.

In addition to his positive influence at COLORADO 811, J.D. is at the forefront nationally and internationally as a damage prevention proponent. He has traveled extensively abroad to learn and share the One Call vision. Countries where presentations have been made are: Brazil, Peru and England. He is the current chair of the Data Collection Committee of One Call Systems International (OCSI), and represents one call centers on the US Common Ground Alliance's (CGA) board of directors.

Under his direction, COLORADO 811 developed the nation's first Damage Reporting Mechanism.

J.D. attended the University of Northern Colorado.

## **Massoud Tahamtani**

### **Virginia State Corporation Commission**

Massoud Tahamtani has worked with the State Corporation Commission since 1980. In his current position, as Director of the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety, he administers the Commission's Underground Utility Damage Prevention program. He also manages the Commission's Railroad Safety and Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Programs. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. Tahamtani is past National Chairman of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) and a member of the NAPSR Grant Allocation and Legislative Committees. In 1997, the Secretary of Transportation appointed Mr. Tahamtani to the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee ("HLPSSC"). He represented the States on the Federal Government's Damage Prevention Quality Action Team and the Linking Team of the "Common Ground, Study of One-Call Systems and Damage Prevention Best Practices" Study. In 2005, he chaired the "Excavation Damage Prevention" Team established by the Federal Office of Pipeline Safety, the gas industry, and the states, to conduct a study directed by Congress to improve the safety of gas distribution systems in the nation. In 2007, he was elected to serve on the board of the Common Ground Alliance. In 2008, he was appointed by the Secretary of Transportation to the HLPSSC for a second term.

## **Kevin Speicher**

### **New York State Department of Public Service**

Mr. Speicher is Chief of the Safety Section in the Office of Electric, Gas and Water, for the New York State Department of Public Service. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1994 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering. He began working for the New York State Department of Public Service in November 1995, and was named Chief - Safety Section in July 2012.

## **Randall S. Knepper**

### **National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission)**

The Director of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Safety Division since 2005, Randy Knepper oversees the safety operations of natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquid petroleum, master meter, and landfill-gas pipeline operators. Mr. Knepper's responsibilities include administrative oversight with enforcement authority of the New Hampshire Underground Damage Prevention Program.

Within New Hampshire, he serves as subject matter expert for the energy sector as part of the New Hampshire Emergency Operations Plan. In addition, his appointments include positions within the New Hampshire Advisory Committee for Emergency Preparedness and Security and the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. He is a member of Managing Underground Safety Training (MUST) and a board member of the New Hampshire Public Works Training Council.

Nationally, Mr. Knepper serves as Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Pipeline Safety Sub Committee, as the staff member assigned to the NARUC Pipeline Safety Task Force, as Chair for the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) and is a member of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Technology Committee. He has testified before Congress on pipeline safety issues and was principal editor of the Compendium of State Pipeline Safety Requirements and Initiatives

Mr. Knepper earned a BSE in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rochester, (NY) and an MSE in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New Hampshire.

## **Don Stursma**

### **Iowa Utilities Board**

Donald J. Stursma joined the Iowa Utilities Board in 1981 as Principal Gas & Water Engineer, and was later promoted to Manager of the Safety & Engineering Section. He is responsible for the Iowa pipeline and electric safety inspection programs, and for processing pipeline and electric transmission line licensing applications.

Don is an Iowa native, received a degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University in 1974, and is a licensed professional engineer in Iowa. He has been a frequent commenter in federal rulemakings and is on the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) which reviews proposed rules with PHMSA. He is a member and past chairman of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR), currently serves on its Grant Allocation and Liaison Committees, and has represented NAPSR on numerous state, federal, and industry teams and task groups, most recently the Distribution Integrity Management implementation team.

## **Tim Vaughn**

### **Kentucky811**

Tim Vaughn is Director of Regulatory and External Affairs for Kentucky 811. Tim is a registered Legislative Agent in the state of Kentucky and is involved in lobbying efforts concerning utility damage prevention and construction safety issues. He has 30 years of experience in the utility industry with an emphasis on natural gas and electric distribution. Tim has a Master's Degree in Business from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky.

## **Jennifer Reams**

### **Crestline Paving and Excavating Co., Inc.**

From 2001-2004, Jennifer worked for the University of Toledo and the Kellogg foundation as one of the lead project managers for the implementation and statistical analysis of a new educational program for students in the Toledo Public School District.

In October of 2005, Jennifer began her employment with Crestline Paving & Excavating Co., Inc. where her passion for damage prevention was born. She began as the Coordinating Officer and quickly moved up into the role of Director of Safety and Damage Prevention. In her almost 8 years with Crestline Paving & Excavating Co., Inc., Jennifer maintains all utility coordination on construction projects involving excavation, develops new corporate strategies that align with regulatory requirements, performs all incident investigation, review and analysis and oversees the development and implementation of all safety programs and procedures.

Still further, Jennifer's passion for damage prevention is apparent in her active roles within the industry. She has served as Secretary and Vice Chair to the Northwest Ohio Damage Prevention Council, Secretary to the Federally funded Ohio Marking Standards Committee, active voting member of the Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition, Co-Chair of the Enforcement review committee for the Ohio Damage Prevention Coalition, active member of the Safety Committee of the Ohio Contractors Association, and Co-Chair of the legislative Committee for the National Utility Contractors Association of Ohio. and as the Secretary to National Utility Contractors Association of Ohio. She currently serves as the Vice President of National Utility Contractors Association of Ohio. She has given numerous lectures and presentation on industry standards, laws and upcoming regulations.

Jennifer Reams earned her Master's in Developmental Psychology at the University of Toledo in December of 2004. She went on to earn her Master's in Business Administration in 2006.

## **Scott Berry**

### **Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)**

Scott Berry is the Director of the Utility Infrastructure Construction Division, Environment, and Trade for AGC. AGC is among the oldest and largest national construction trade associations. Mr. Berry serves as the staff lead for AGC's utility contractor members. As a policy advocate for AGC, he covers legislative and regulatory issues relevant to water, power, telecom & pipeline construction. He also covers environmental issues relevant to the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, climate change, storm water, international trade, and product/material sourcing. Mr. Berry has been with AGC for nearly five years and has BAs in political science and geography from the University of Mary Washington in Virginia.

## **Greg Jeffries**

### **National Utility Locating Contractors Association (NULCA)**

## **Ed Pawlowski**

### **City of Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Ed Pawlowski is the Mayor of the City of Allentown, and is a leader with skills honed by experience. A center-city Allentown resident for over a decade, Ed knows first-hand both the struggle and the potential Allentown faces. He cares passionately about the future of the city he chose to make his home.

In 2005, Ed was encouraged to run for mayor by business and community leaders. His supporters were quick to point out that Ed's leadership and experience were the only hope for a city that had been so recklessly managed for years. Voters in Allentown elected Ed and then showed renewed confidence by re-electing him by a nearly 3-1 margin in November 2009, winning every single voting district in the city for a second term.

The tenure of the Pawlowski administration has been characterized by action, purpose, a strong sense of urgency, and endless energy.

Over the past few years, Ed has worked tirelessly to improve Allentown. No less than a half a billion dollars in new development projects have sprung up in every section of our city.

Since his first day as mayor, Ed Pawlowski promised that he would "build a better Allentown" by making City Hall a catalyst for change. He has worked hard to fulfill that promise. The incidence of violent crime has decreased nearly 30% in the past few years.

Ed received his master's degree in urban planning and public policy from the University of Illinois and his bachelor's degree from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, where he met his wife, Lisa. They have two children, Mercy and Alex, who both attend Allentown public schools.

## **Julie Ufner**

**National Association of Counties (NACo)**

## **Noel Thompson**

**American Public Works Association (APWA)**

## **Andrew Walmsley**

**American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)**

Andrew Walmsley joined AFBF in 2011 as Director, Congressional Relations in the Public Policy Department handling energy, transportation and clean air issues.

Prior to joining American Farm Bureau Federation, Andrew worked for the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, managing energy, environmental, and commodity specific issues. Andrew started his career with Florida Farm Bureau Federation as the Environmental Services Coordinator before being promoted to Assistant Director of Agricultural Policy. He was also a registered lobbyist in Florida, representing Florida Farm Bureau Federation before both the legislative and executive branches.

Andrew is a native Floridian and graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Operations Management. Andrew served as Noble Ruler of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and was a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.

## **Robert E. (Bob) Fronczak**

### **Association of American Railroads (AAR)**

Mr. Fronczak is currently Assistant Vice President Environment & Hazardous Materials for AAR in Washington, DC. His responsibilities include the development and coordination of railroad industry hazardous materials, nuclear waste transportation and environmental policy. He actively participates on AAR's Hazardous Materials (BOE) Committee, the group of railroad members that have the responsibility for developing railroad industry hazardous materials transportation policy.

Bob has been a member of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Board of Directors since January 2010, representing the railroad stakeholder group. Bob has a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University and a Masters in Business Administration from DePaul University. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Illinois.

Bob has been with AAR since 1994. Most recently a Senior Program Manager with Radian Corporation in Milwaukee, WI, he spent six years with the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, otherwise known as the Milwaukee Road, in Chicago, IL, as Director of Environmental Engineering , where he was involved in approval of utility crossing applications.

## **Tim Owen**

### **Atmos Energy Corporation**

Tim Owen is the Owensboro Operations Manager for Atmos Energy Corporation in Owensboro, KY. He became Operations Manager of the Owensboro service area for Atmos Energy in 2009. Mr. Owen, whose career with Atmos began in 1977, is responsible for overseeing all operations in the Owensboro, Madisonville, Hopkinsville and Princeton service territories, which includes over 75,000 customers.

Atmos Energy Corporation, headquarter in Dallas, is the country's largest natural-gas-only distributor, serving about 3.2 million gas utility customers. Atmos Energy's utility operations serve more than 1,500 communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy's nonutility operations, organized under Atmos Energy Holdings, Inc., operate in 22 states.

Mr. Owen, a Hopkinsville native, previously held supervisory roles in service and construction in areas of Kentucky and Kansas. He is involved with KY811, American Gas Association and the Kentucky Gas Association.

## **Edward A. "Buzz" Fant**

### **Kinder Morgan**

Buzz Fant is the Director of Compliance Codes and Standards for Products Pipelines for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, LP. Buzz began his career in pipeline safety in 1980, as an engineering technician with the Railroad Commission of Texas, the agency that regulates pipelines in Texas. After eight and one-half

years with the Railroad Commission, he became an instructor at the Transportation Safety institute, now called the Pipeline Safety Inspector Training and Qualifications Division, the training organization for the U.S. Department of Transportation, where he taught federal and state pipeline safety inspection. In 1989, Buzz developed the first hazardous liquid pipeline training program at TSI for inspectors and industry. In 1992, Buzz left the government and went to work in industry. In 1997, Buzz joined Kinder Morgan Energy partners LP, and today is the Director, Compliance Codes and Standards for the Products Pipelines, which includes: SFPP Pipeline, CalNev Pipeline, and Kinder Morgan's West Coast Liquids Terminals Pipeline in California, Oregon, and Washington on the west coast; Plantation Pipe Line, Central Florida Pipeline, Transmix and Southeast Terminals in the southeast, and the Kinder Morgan Cochin Pipeline, and Kinder Morgan's Crude and Condensate pipelines in the Midwest. Buzz has been active on various API and AOPL committees and work groups since 1988. He currently serves on the API/AOPL Data Mining Team and is on two damage prevention related work groups, one addressing construction parallel to transmission pipelines and one that is developing a collection of damage preventions shared learning and practices for onshore hazardous liquid transmission pipeline operations.

Buzz has a BSMA and MBA from the University of Houston.

## **Terry D. Boss**

### **Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)**

Mr. Boss is Senior Vice President of INGAA, the North American association representing the interstate and interprovincial natural gas pipeline industry. Mr. Boss currently is leading INGAA's Integrity Management Continuous Improvement (IMCI) effort to improve the industry's safety performance and restore public confidence in natural gas pipelines.

Joining INGAA in 1995 as a director of Environment, Safety and Operations, Mr. Boss was promoted to vice president in 1995 and senior vice president in 2001. Mr. Boss brings an extensive background in mechanical engineering and pipeline safety to his position at INGAA. He is a noted industry expert in the fields of pipeline safety, pipeline security, operations and integrity.

Prior to joining INGAA, Mr. Boss served as a principal technology manager, specializing in transmission, for the Gas Research Institute. His responsibilities there included the Nondestructive Evaluation program and Pipeline O&M Program.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Boss served as Director, Systems Engineering at the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America. During his tenure there he held various positions in field operations, engineering and construction.

Mr. Boss is a graduate of Iowa State, receiving his Bachelors of Science, and Illinois Institute of Technology Masters of Business Program. He resides with his wife in Centreville, VA.



## **Bert Kalisch**

**American Public Gas Association (APGA)**

**APGA Research Foundation**

**APGA Security and Integrity Foundation**

**APGA Insurance Group**

Bert Kalisch is President and Chief Executive Officer for the APGA organizations noted. Since 2004 when he became APGA's president and CEO, Bert focused the association's resources on building its advocacy efforts in Congress and at the federal regulatory agencies, growing membership, and enhancing communications and information exchange between and among members and policymakers.

Over the last nine years, APGA relocated its office to Capitol Hill, created two new foundations that provide greater value to all community-owned gas utilities, started publishing a quarterly magazine (The SOURCE), and grew membership from less than 500 system members to more than 700.

Prior to joining APGA in 1999, Bert worked on energy policy issues including market transparency, gas supply, pipeline safety, energy efficiency, and other matters relating to the natural gas industry.

Before entering the energy industry in the early 1990s, Bert practiced law in Northern Virginia. He received a law degree from George Mason University, a Master of Science in Business Administration from Boston University, and baccalaureate degrees in General Science and Environmental Studies from Coe College.

Bert was born and raised in the Hawkeye State of Iowa, and lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his wife Eleni.