



## SIDEBAR

HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE MAYOR,  
TUSHAR SHAH

**SUMMER 2025**

We are nearly halfway through 2025 and changes continue! The New Administration & Congress, regulation & policy changes; job retirements, promotions & position changes; marriages; and a new slate of GILD Officers!

Thank you GILD membership for allowing me to proudly serve as the First Female Mayor of the GILD! It is truly an honor to now to be Past Mayor XXXIX. The new slate of officers with Mayor Tushar leading this prestigious fraternity will continue to thrive!

I would be remis if I didn't include where our Natural Gas Industry is today. We have American Energy Independence! Expectations are 100 new gigawatts of new electric load will be added between now and 2030 – 70% of that will be met by Natural Gas! Our Energy Industry will continue to flourish! We are poised to serve!

Thank you again for your continued dedication to the GILD!

With a Proud Left,  
Michelle Sims  
Past Mayor XXXIX

## PAST EVENTS.....



### ASGMT GILD Gathering Houston, TX September 17, 2024





**CGA Energy Nexus & Annual Technical Conference GILD Gathering  
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto Canada  
October 9, 2024**



Eric Six, Dist. 8 Warden Jason Burke & GILD NGA Committee Chair, Patricia Kittleberger met for an informal GILD Gathering in conjunction with the CGA Technical Conference in Toronto.



**APGA Operations Conference GILD Gathering  
Knoxville, TN  
October 22, 2024**

GILD Clerk Jon Beam hosted a GILD Gathering during the APGA Operations Conference in Knoxville, TN at the Marriott Knoxville Downtown at the Tavern at Maker Exchange.



*From left to right: District 3 Warden Gerald Sims, Chad Cuvo, Clerk Jon Beam, Joe Serrett, Shawn Aiken, Brett Jones*



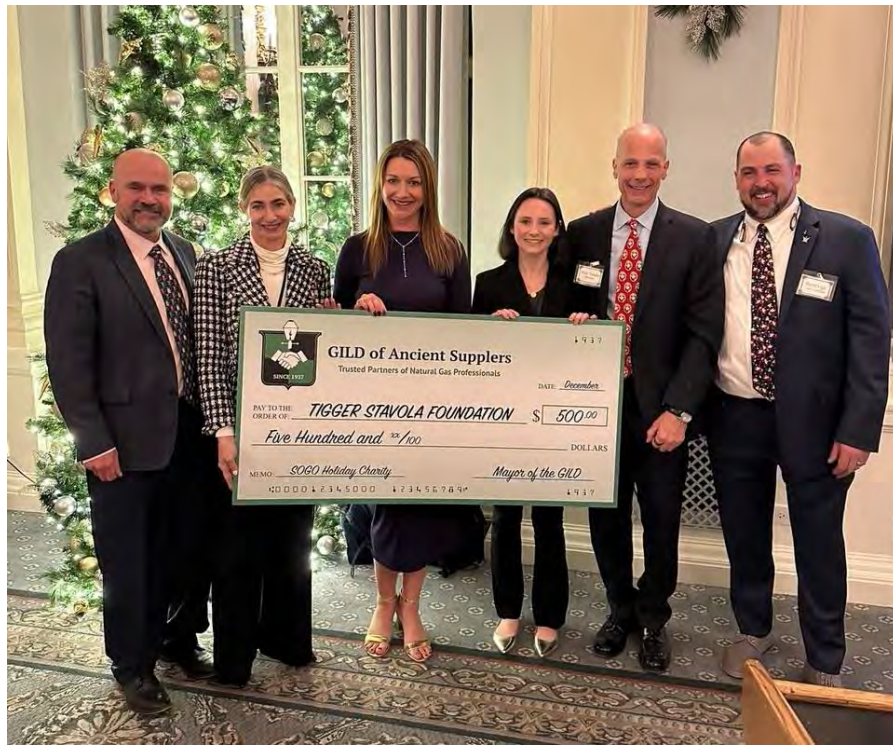
**GILD Natural Gas Advocacy Committee  
Virtual Holiday Gathering  
December 13, 2024**

The GILD Natural Gas Advocacy Committee held a festive Virtual Holiday Gathering on Friday December 13, 2024. Donned with ugly sweaters, the group enjoyed their favorite beverage and holiday themed trivia.



**District 7 Colonial GILD Holiday Luncheon  
Benjamin Steakhouse, New York, NY  
December 19, 2024**





Mayor Sims & Keeper of the Treasure Vigil presented a charity check to the Tigger Stavola Foundation at the Society of Gas Operators Christmas Party held that evening at the Yale Club. The Tigger Stavola Foundation focuses on drug prevention and education to fight addiction, spread awareness, and save lives. More information can be found on their website: <https://tiggerstavolafoundation.org>



**SGA Spring Gas Conference GILD Gathering  
Aura Rooftop  
Charlotte, NC**



District 4 Warden, David Love arranged a **GILD Gathering** in conjunction with the **SGA Operations Conference** in Nashville, TN. The event was hosted by Clerk Jon Beam in David's absence.

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**SGA Management Conference GILD Gathering**  
**Renaissance Birmingham**  
**Birmingham, AL**  
**April 3, 2025**



District 4 Warden, David Love hosted a GILD Gathering with the SGA Management Conference in Birmingham. AL.



**AGA GILD Burgher Breakfast**  
**Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, Aurora, CO**  
**May 7, 2025**

District 3 Warden Gerald Sims hosted a GILD Breakfast in conjunction with the AGA (American Gas Association) in Aurora, CO. Guest speaker was Christine Cowser, VP, Gas Asset Management and System Operations at PG&E & AGA's Managing Committee Chair.





Mayor Sims presents Guest Speaker, Christine Cowsert, with a GILD tile in appreciation of her industry leadership while Senior Warden sneaks in a pose.



Senior Warden Shah & Mayor Sims present the Warden of the Year Award to District 4 Warden David Love.



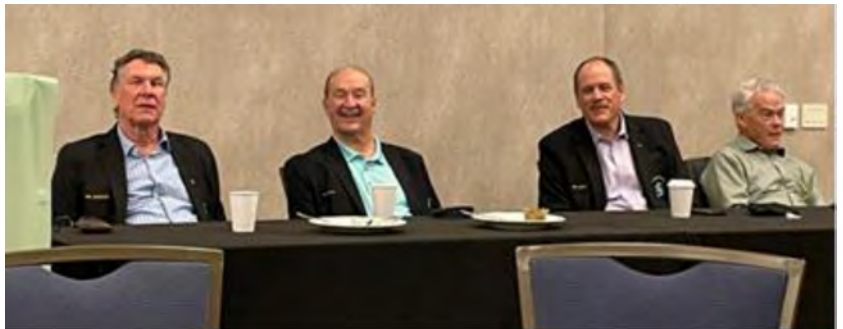
Suppliers reach for their wallets to pay fines as Alderman Kranstuber identifies finable offenses



Bill Dobbins steps in for Rick Mooney as Master of Revals to assist Scott Kranstuber with pointing out those to be fined, while PM Wehnert reaches for his wallet.



Some Suppliers fell asleep while Bill Dobbins waited for Paul Wehnert to find a dollar in his wallet.



GILD Officers oversee collection of fines



Alderman Kranstuber, filling in for Chris Atkins as Sergeant-At-Arms, presents the generous collection towards the GILD coffers. Contributions support industry association charitable donations and the annual GILD Scholarship Award. Thank you for your support!



Warden Sims called for Alderman Kranstuber to perform the induction of new Suppliers by building the arch representing the objectives of the GILD.



New Suppliers pose with Alderman Kranstuber after being officially initiated into the GILD of Ancient Suppliers. *From Left to right: Sam Griese, Milo Clark, Alderman Scott Kranstuber, Vivian Marinelli & Amanda Carte.*



PM XXXIX Sims passes on the mayor's ring to Mayor XL Tushar Shah



The breakfast ends with a gathering of all Suppliers who attended the AGA GILD Burgher Breakfast to pose for a picture for the GILD Sidebar & Chronicles.



2025-2027 GILD Officers pose for a group photo

## NEW SUPPLERS.....

Please join me in welcoming the following new Suppliers of the GILD:

- **Sam Griese**, Territory Manager (MO, IL, KS) with Groebner since 2014. Prior to his current position, Sam started his career in the gas industry with Grey Eagle Distributors in 2012.
- **Amanda Carte**, Director of Sales, Gas with Sensus since 2017. “I started in the oil & gas industry in 2005 as a fresh graduate of West Virginia University. I started with a company called Petroleum Products (eventually purchased by Pilot Logistics) selling bulk diesel and lubricants in the Marcellus and Utica. In 2013 I joined McJunkin Redman Corporation (now MRC Global) in various Marketing and Business Development roles. I have proudly served the oil & gas industry my whole 19-year professional career.”
- **Cheri Ross**, Vice President – Information with Cherokee Measurement & Control. Cheri started with Cherokee Measurement & Control in June 2011 in Inside Sales, Purchasing, ERP & IT. Her previous 15 years of experience was in the Food Industry.
- **Vivian Marinelli**, Marketing Manager with Heath Consultants Incorporated. “I have been with Heath since 1998, starting as a trade show coordinator and worked my way up into my current position. I have planned several GILD events in the past as members of our own organization have served as mayors or wardens.”

## HIGHER GILD.....

Please take a moment of silence in remembrance of the following members who have moved onto the Higher GILD:



John E. McNamara, Master Sage retired from Masda Corp., passed on to the Higher GILD November 2, 2022. Obituary: <https://www.skinnerandsmith.com/obituaries/John-Edward-McNamara?obId=26278036>

John's wife wrote to inform the GILD of John's passing & said: “John was so proud to be a member. God Bless for All.”

## RECENTLY RETIRED .....

- **Dan Pajak**, former President UPSCO, Inc. announced his retirement April 2025.
- **J. Scott Kleppe**, PM XXXVII & President Sensit Technologies, announces his retirement on July 15, 2025.
- **Scott Kranstuber**, former GILD Mid-Atlantic Alderman, District 5 Warden, Sergeant-At-Arms & Director of Sales & Marketing Sensit Technologies announces his retirement in July 2025.

## **ALDERMAN & WARDEN POSITION CHANGES.....**

### **2025 – 2027 TERM GILD OFFICERS...**

**MAYOR**, Tushar Shah - “His Excellency” -

**SENIOR WARDEN**, Jon Beam - “His Somewhat Less Excellency” –

**CLERK**, Scott Vigil - “His Accuracy”

**KEEPER OF THE TREASURE**, David Love - “His Probity”

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**, Chris Atkins – “His General Utility”

**HISTORIAN**, Kris Kimmel

**TOWN CRIER**, Oliver Klinger - “His Vocality”

**MASTER OF REVELS**, Rick Mooney - “His Hilarity”

### **ALDERMAN – “Their Middling Excellencies”**

Vincent O’Connor – Far West

Dan Rosinski – Mid-Atlantic

Brian McDonald – Northeast

Brett Jones – Southeast

Glen Heard - Midwest

Mike Menger – Canada

Julie Boyd – Southwest

### **WARDENS – “Their Reflected Excellencies”**

District #1 – Patrick Jacobs

District #3 – Gerald Sims

District #4 – Mike Javon

District #5 – Matt Dvorak

District #6 – David Kerr

District #7 – Joe Serrett

District #8 – Jason Burke

## **GILD COMMITTEES.....**

June 2025 – A survey sent to membership from Mayor soliciting all members to engage on various committees. “One of our priorities is to foster deeper member engagement and ensure that each one of us finds clear value in our GILD membership. Our continued success relies on the collective voice, creativity, and dedication of every member.

With that in mind, I encourage every one of you to join one of our newly formed or existing committees. These groups will be instrumental in shaping our direction, whether your interest lies in advocacy, marketing, member outreach, or professional development. There is a meaningful role for you to play.”

### **Education & Scholarship Committee**

Spearhead the annual scholarship, promote careers in the Natural Gas Industry, and introduce educational topics to GILD members.

### **Marketing Committee**

Promote GILD branding and positive messaging, manage social media, and coordinate the GILD table at shows.

### **Natural Gas Advocacy Committee**

Represent community interests in Natural Gas policymaking and promote Natural Gas as a fuel source.

### **Member Engagement Committee**

Monitor membership activities, plan community events, and increase engagement. *\*Aldermen & Wardens required to join this committee.*

## **GILD NATURAL GAS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE.....**

Committee Chair, Patricia Kittelberger

Committee Members: Dan Pajak, Matt Dvorak, Scott Henrich, Bill Murtaugh, Lloyd Pirtle, Tushar Shah, Jon Beam, Brian McDonald, Scott Vigil, Glen Heard, Joe Serrett and Anne Blong.

The group has made significant strides in completing key initiatives, including the successful updating of industry association contacts to support ongoing and future collaboration requests. Social media and marketing efforts have been strategically streamlined to improve outreach and engagement. Additionally, the team has begun collecting and updating essential facts and resources for members' access and use. We are also excited to welcome several new members to the group, whose fresh perspectives and ideas will help drive continued innovation and progress. Notably, there was strong interest in the GILD at the recent AGA conference, where our presence and information were met with enthusiasm and a clear demand for further engagement, marking a successful step forward in expanding awareness and access to our offerings.

## **A DAY IN GILD HISTORY.....**

*Taken from William V. McDonnell PM GILD Chronicles 1980-1981:*



What a terrific get together of officers and reunion in Arizona. If you think these suppliers didn't have a great time, take another look at friendship and industry reunion.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

Please check the GILD Gas Industry Events Calendar on the GILD website, as the calendar will be updated with details on upcoming events. <http://suppliersGILD.org/member-login/meetings/>. Upcoming GILD event invitations sent by email will include a link to register for each event online. Alderman and Wardens hosting each event are automatically notified of each attendee registration. There is also a link to add each event to your calendar to serve as a reminder.

All natural gas industry events can be found on APGA's Gas Industry Events Calendar:

<https://www.gascalendar.com/home>

## **A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....**

When you have a new hat and someone mentions it and you feel nice.



## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE.....**

It is a true honor and privilege to step into the role of Mayor for this remarkable and distinguished organization. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the officers and to all GILD members for your trust and support.

As members of GILD, we are part of something truly special. Looking ahead, one of our top priorities will be to deepen member engagement and ensure that each of us finds clear, lasting value in our membership. Our continued success depends on the collective voice, creativity, and dedication of every member.

With that in mind, I encourage everyone to get involved by joining one of our newly formed committees. These working groups will play a vital role in shaping our future. Whether your passion lies in Education and Scholarships, Natural Gas Advocacy, Member Engagement, or Marketing, there is a meaningful place for you to contribute.

I am energized by the opportunity to collaborate with each of you and excited for all that we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor Tushar Shah