



HER EXCELLENCY  
THE MAYOR,  
**Michelle Trapp**

## **SIDEBAR**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

As we come into the full election season, our phones getting pinged for donations, our media feeds filling up with political campaigning, there is no better time to stand up proud for our clean, affordable & essential natural gas! And Abundant! We can use that word not only to describe the supply of Natural Gas we have here in North America, we can also describe our abundant lives. We're not just busy, we have an abundance of work to do – both professionally & personally! In our abundant industry, more than one new residential customer signs up for natural gas every minute, and approximately 60 businesses begin new natural gas service every day!

Let's talk about active GILD engagement. If you're reading this, it's because you've been asked to join this honorable society! Membership is more than wearing your pin & shaking with your left hand. The GILD is an environment where we're not competitors. We're colleagues promoting advocacy by actively moving forward collectively to enhance the natural gas industry. Because we collaborate, there has been a 70% emission reduction since 1990!

With over 200 members, we rarely have more than a few dozen active GILD members attending breakfasts & gatherings. I know, the breakfast is early, but the benefits outweigh it. You have the opportunity to engage with a Burgher guest speaker! We have dedicated time to mingle, receive GILD updates & make monetary donations to the GILD coffers in humorous fashion. I ask you to take the time to attend a GILD event at your next conference. We have multiple opportunities for customer engagement, please set aside an hour with your fellow Supplers.

Thank you for your continued support of the GILD. I'm grateful for a dedicated Officer's team, the Past Mayors, Aldermen, Alderwomen, Wardens and all the committee members. Together, we the GILD, make the Natural Gas Industry stronger!

With a Grateful Left,  
Michelle Trapp  
Mayor XXXIX

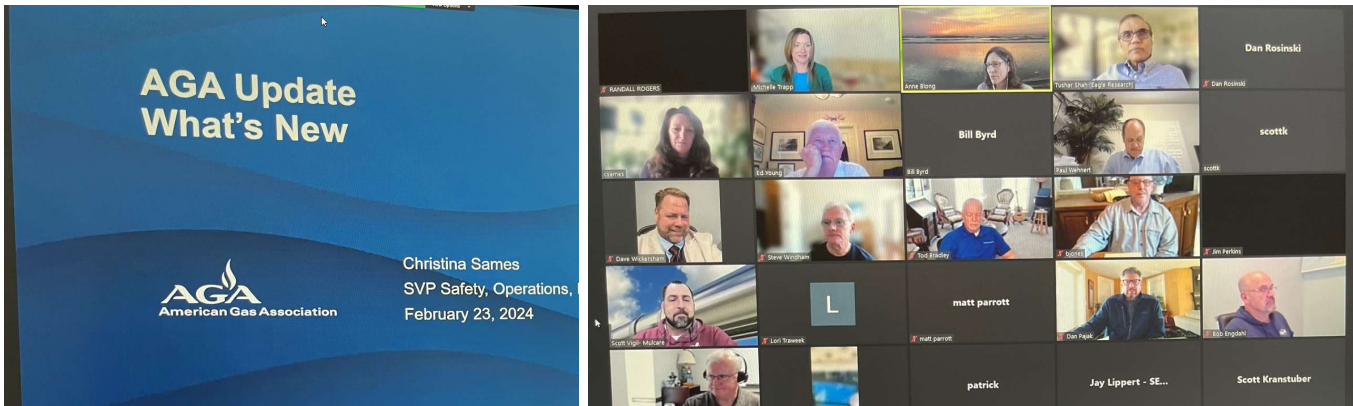


Is there a chance you will be traveling on November 5<sup>th</sup>? 47 states have the option to vote early. Please see if your state is eligible:  
<https://www.usa.gov/early-voting>

PAST EVENTS.....



**GILD “Virtual Sidebar” All Member Webinar  
February 23, 2024**



**AGA Operations Conference GILD Burgher Breakfast  
Hyatt Regency Seattle, Seattle, WA  
May 1, 2024**





District 1 Warden Patrick Jacobs hosted a GILD Burgher Breakfast in conjunction with the AGA Operations Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Seattle, WA. Guest Speaker Joe Hampton of Spire Energy, this year's Chair of the AGA Operations Section, shared insights with the membership.



**AGA Operations Conference GILD on Stage  
Hyatt Regency Seattle, Seattle, WA  
May 1, 2024**



Following the GILD breakfast, Mayor Trapp presented a charity check to Joe Hampton's charity of choice, A.G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club in Birmingham during the AGA General Session.

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**NGA GILD Gathering**  
**Laura's Bar and Grill**  
**Smithfield, RI**  
**June 5, 2024**



Keeper of the Treasure Scott Vigil trying to get people to come to the GILD Gathering.

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**APGA Annual Conference GILD on Stage**  
**Traverse City, MI July 29, 2024**



GILD Clerk, Jon Beam, presented Chris Latch, APGA Chairman, with a GILD Tile and check to his chosen charity, Boy Scout Troop 123 out of Corinth, MS. The presentation took place on July 29th during the APGA Annual Conference Opening Ceremony. GILD members attending the event were recognized.



**SGA Operations GILD Gathering  
Fourth & U DoubleTree by Hilton Nashville, TN**

District 4 Warden, David Love arranged a **GILD Gathering** in conjunction with the **SGA Operations Conference** in Nashville, TN. The event was hosted by District 7 Warden, Joe Serrett in David's absence.



**AGMSC GILD Breakfast  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh Airport, Moon Township, PA  
August 7, 2024**

District 6 Warden David Kerr hosted a GILD Breakfast in conjunction with the AGMSC (Appalachian Gas Measurement Short Course) in Moon Township, PA. Guest speaker, Jeff Croake retired O&M Manager of NiSource Massachusetts.





## NEW SUPPLERS.....

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

- **Kimberly Denbow**, Vice President, Security & Operations with American Gas Association (AGA) since 1997. Prior to her current position, Kimberly started her career in the gas industry with ANR Pipeline in Detroit, MI in 1995.
- **Milo Clark**, Director of Sales Gas – West with Xylem – Sensus. Prior to his current position, Milo worked for PFT Alexander in Gas Commercial Industrial Sales in 2016 & with Measurement Control Systems Gas Commercial/Industrial Sales for 8 years.
- **Stuart Saulters**, Vice President of Government Relations with American Public Gas Association (APGA). Stuart has served in his current position with APGA for 5 years after having been APGA's Director of Government Relations. Stuart previously served as the Policy Advisor & Sr. Policy Advisor with American Petroleum Institute (API) as well as Design Engineer with Chevron.
- **Alicia Farag**, Co-founder of Locusview Solutions. Alicia was the R&D Manager at GTI Energy for ten years prior to co-founding Locusview ten years ago.
- **Dennis Jarnecke**, Sr. Director – Research with GTI Energy. Dennis has been in the gas industry for about 33 years. His first ten years were with Nicor Gas in various engineering, operations and managerial roles. He has been with GTI Energy for about 23 years performing research and directing a team of engineers performing research, testing and evaluations for the gas industry.

## **RECENTLY RETIRED .....**

- **Thomas M. Kiley**, former President Northeast Gas Association announced his retirement on December 31, 2023.
- **Don Wolfe**, former Director of Business Development with The Mosaic Company retired May 3, 2024.

## **GILD CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS UPDATES.....**

The Great Council has approved the following amendments to the GILD Constitution and By-Laws:

### **CONSTITUTION:**

#### **ARTICLE 2**

##### **Membership**

SECTION 1-A. Suppler Eligibility. An individual who has provided, as a substantial part of their business activity, products and/or services for use in the Natural Gas Industry. The individual shall have served this industry for 10 or more years with a product, service business or Natural Gas Association representative in a worthy, honorable, and ethical manner and be active currently. This individual must not be in a business whose primary purpose is the sale or transportation of gas and must not have previously declined GILD membership.

Section 1-B. Burgher Transition Eligibility. Persons who served 10 or more years as a Burgher (involved in a business engaged in the sale or transportation of gas) are eligible for membership after serving 3 years as a product, service business or Natural Gas Association representative.

Section 1-C. Change of GILD Member Status. If a Suppler leaves the product and/or service business and joins a business who is in the sale or transportation of gas (Burgher), GILD Membership goes into honorable suspension. Membership can be reinstated if the individual returns to the product and/or service business. There is no effect to membership status if a suppler changes product, service company or natural gas association.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **Officers**

SECTION 1. The Officers of this GILD shall be a Mayor, Past Mayors, a Senior Warden and not more than ten (10) Wardens, a Clerk, a Keeper of the Treasure, six (6) Aldermen/Alderwomen for the United States, one (1) Alderman & Warden for Canada and Other Countries, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Master of Revels and Town Crier.

SECTION 2-A. Election. The Mayor, Senior Warden, Clerk, Keeper of the Treasure, and the Aldermen/Alderwomen shall be elected at the Annual Session which shall occur most nearly to the expiration of two years from the latest previous election.

SECTION 2-B. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Master of Revels, Historian & Aldermen/Alderwomen shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Great Council. The Senior Warden shall nominate Wardens for each of the Districts with the approval of the Mayor. These nominations shall be announced to the membership thirty days prior to the GILD's Annual Meeting following the meeting in which the Senior Warden was elected so that they may be voted upon by the entire membership of the GILD. All appointments shall be made within thirty days of their election to office.

SECTION 2-D. An Assistant Clerk/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Great Council and shall be made an Honorary Member of the GILD. Duties shall be provided by the Clerk and the Keeper of the Treasure. Compensation provided for these duties will be as approved by the Great Council. The Assistant Clerk shall coordinate the assembly of and send a bi-yearly news update to the Membership electronically. This update shall include timely information regarding the GILD and its activities.

The Mayor, Senior Warden, Clerk and Keeper of the Treasure may not serve more than two consecutive terms of two years each which shall occur most nearly to the expiration of two years from the latest previous election of officers. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Master of Revels, Aldermen/Alderwomen and Wardens positions may serve consecutive terms and nomination for the position as per Section 2B.

SECTION 4-G. Duties of the Aldermen/Alderwomen shall be to assist the GILD Officers in planning function of the GILD; in the absence of the Mayor at GILD functions to represent the Mayor's interest to the attending membership; coordinate regional planning for active GILD functions and to encourage and maintain the quality of GILD membership in their assigned region. Aldermen/Alderwomen shall carry out membership development tasks for their respective Districts as assigned by the Senior Warden. Aldermen/Alderwomen will provide assistance to the Warden during GILD functions; this includes, but it is not limited, to event planning, maintain possession of building blocks & GILD banner and to be a mentor to the Warden of your District.

SECTION 4-H. Duties of the Historian shall be to report meaningful historic events on dates in GILD history at gatherings, breakfasts and Wassails and be integrally involved in gathering information and helping build the Sidebar. The Historian chronicles all events, personnel promotions, changes in policy and significant impactful events in a true GILD Chronicles Log that we can have, hold, cherish, review and pass on to future generations.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **Amendments**

The constitution may be amended by a majority voting of the Great Council and then by membership by email. The proposed amendment will be submitted to the membership by email with a request for response within ten days before the proposed changes will take effect.

## **BW-LAWS:**

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Membership**

The procedure of electing members to the GILD shall be as follows:

1. Any member of the GILD may propose any eligible person for membership. National and Regional Association Staff personnel shall also be eligible for GILD Membership providing they meet the criteria outlined in the GILD Constitution Article 2. Membership.
2. The proposing Supplier shall initiate the Membership Proposal form for the proposed candidate. This form requires all fields to be completed including the candidate's name, number of years in the gas industry, business connection, and history of their business career. They should also give the names of three members whom they know or have reason to believe are acquainted with the candidate. The proposing Supplier is responsible for collecting the signatures of the three Suppliers. Once complete, the form is to be sent to the Assistant Clerk.
3. The Assistant clerk will forward the Membership Proposal Form to the GILD officers for approval. If approved by the officers, the proposed Supplier's name & business affiliation will be sent to the GILD membership for any objections.
4. Should any GILD member disapprove of the candidate's election, they shall, within ten days, state their objections truthfully to the Mayor in a confidential communication. The objection will be communicated to the Great Council who shall elect by vote of at least four members of the Great Council, or in the lack of such vote, reject the candidate.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **Appointment of a Nominating Committee.**

The terms of officers of this GILD is for a period of two years or until election of their successors.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **Amendments**

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority voting of the Great Council by email. The proposed amendment will be submitted to the membership by email with a request for response within ten days before the proposed changes will take effect.

The full GILD Constitution & By-Laws can be viewed on the GILD website:  
<https://supplersGILD.org/member-login/constitutionby-laws/>

## **GILD PROJECTS.....**

February - a membership survey was distributed regarding GILD event attendance and soliciting feedback to improve engagement.

May - Supplers Joe Serret & Chad Cuvo hosted a podcast with Mayor Trapp  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZjJZ89CLIU>.

July – Clerk Jon Beam talks about his excitement of being invited into the GILD. He also talks about his current role as Clerk and what he is most proud of as an accomplishment in the GILD:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmbQWqaRwYo>

July - Ted Traynor in District 8 reported on the wildfire at Jasper Park Lodge in the Canadian Rockies. Milton Heath led activities as GILD members attended the Canadian Gas Association in Jasper Alberta in the 90's. Joe shared sad news that more than 50 percent of the homes and businesses in Jasper have been destroyed by the wildfire. Additionally, the Jasper Park Lodge where our meetings were held has suffered significant damage.

## **Natural Gas Advocacy Committee**

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.

Thanks to the hard work of the group, we are able to confirm that we have reached 226 followers! Our GILD Gab is also making some traction, please look for these insightful podcasts by industry leaders. We remain committed to providing accurate and up to date information to support and give a voice to our industry. Please like, share and follow our posts to help us grow even further.

We are always looking for new ways to stay connected with the industry and welcome any feedback and suggestions for improvement. Currently, we are exploring topics related to increasing engagement and expanding participation, developing new member mentorship programs, and continuing our work with industry associations to advocate for Natural Gas.

If you are interested in joining our group, please feel free to contact Patricia Kittelberger at  
[patricia.kittelberger@teledyne.com](mailto:patricia.kittelberger@teledyne.com)

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

Taken from E. Carl Sorby PM IV GILD Chronicles 1949-1951:



Boy, what a breakfast.

## 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://supplersGILD.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.

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



Thank you With a Humble and Respectful Left Hand,

Mayor Michelle Trapp