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CCAMS Newsletter

The 2015 CCAMS Measurement School Successful Despite Drop in Oil Prices

The CCAMS measurement school which was held in February at the **American Bank Center** had a record attendance despite the recent downturn in crude oil prices. This year's attendance was just over 500 attendees which was about 30 more than the previous year.

We are aware of a number of students who were not able to make the school due to budget cuts associated with the drop in crude prices. As everyone knows there have been a number of lay-offs since the beginning of the year as well which surely hurt our attendance.

The school was held at the new venue for the first time and allowed us to also add about 20 new vendors to the exhibit area. The exhibit area was much larger than at our previous venues and afforded much more elbow room for the students and vendors to maneuver. The downside to that was that it appeared to be less people because they were spread out over a larger area than before.

The classrooms were much larger than in the past but even at that we had several classes that had more than 70 students in the classes and there were still some people standing in the back of the room. We do our best to try and put the larger

classes in the big rooms, but sometimes it is difficult to gauge what classes are going to be popular.

We did have a lot of comments about how nice the facility is and how good the lunches were that were catered by the American Bank Center. One unfortunate aspect of this facility is that the classrooms are a moderate distance from the exhibit and break areas.

All in all the CCAMS was able to host the event, provide some good instruction at a nice venue and make a moderate profit that will be used for scholarships for some deserving college students. Our primary goal is to provide the much needed measurement instruction for our area, and secondly help some area students handle the high cost of college tuition. We feel as though we are going to be able to do both this year due to the great attendance that we had at the school.

The CCAMS officers and board members would like to thank everyone who helped put on the school, along with all of the instructors and vendors who attended as well. Since this is an all-volunteer group of people, we are very appreciative of the help we do get each year. We hope next year's school will be just as successful.



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Comments Solicited to Help With Preparation for Next Year's School

The school committee would like to solicit any comments you might have regarding this year's school and what you liked or disliked about the facility, classes, exhibit area etc.

We have our own opinions as to what we liked and didn't like, or what we thought went well and what we feel like we can improve on. But we would like those that attended to help us with what they think, so we can decide on what we do at next year's school. Please keep in mind that our goal is to provide education to our students and that the exhibit area is for educational purposes, and not a trade show.

We should have the opportunity to go back to the Omni Bayfront hotel since they have completed their remodeling which forced us to the American Bank Center this year.

Please send any comments you might have to our CCAMS email address at:

CCAMS2013@yahoo.com

We will take all suggestions and criticisms to heart, and see if we can improve our school.

Scholarship Applications Available on Our Website

The 2015 Scholarship Committee has put together the scholarship application and guidelines, and has set the deadline for applications as May 29th.

We have made a few changes in our scholarship requirements from previous years, but feel as though they are necessary to ensure we are investing in quality students who are the most likely to be successful in their studies.

The scholarship applications will be available shortly on our website. You may also request an application by email to our email address at:

CCAMS2013@yahoo.com.

The website is at: www.ccams.info

You can also find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corpus-Christi-Area-Measurement-Society/275846715866561>



Eagle Ford Workers?

Notice the Supervisor on the right.

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Changes to the CCAMS Board

There have been a few changes to the CCAMS board of directors since our school. There were two long-time board members who have elected to resign from the board due to an illness and relocation, and the addition of two new members to the board due to these vacancies.

Long-time board member and past Secretary/Treasurer, **Sandra Mooney**, is no longer on the board due to a sudden illness. Sandra moved to Houston a few years ago and had not been active prior to the illness. Sandra was on the board for over 20 years and was a very active member when she lived in Corpus. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Tommy Watson, another long-time board member, has relocated to the San Antonio area and spends a great deal of time traveling the US with Flint Hills Resources. Tommy realized he would not be as active a board member as he had been and had a recommendation for a new board member that would be a good fit for our group.

Tommy was instrumental in helping us with the school each year for many years, as well as instructing at many of them. We hope to continue to see him at various measurement schools and functions across the country. Tommy is involved with API so I know I'll see him there.

We have elected two new members to the board since Sandra and Tommy left. The two new board members are **Troy Dodson** of Flint Hills Resources, and **Manuel Recio** with Kinder Morgan. We are certain these two gentlemen will be

a great addition to the board and we hope they will give us some wisdom and support for many years to come. I want to welcome them to the CCAMS board, and make them an offer of the Presidency if they want it. I've had a long run and would sure like to turn it over to someone else!

Yesterday and Today



Upcoming Measurement Schools

There are several other schools coming up this year that provide valuable instruction on both liquid and gas measurement. Please check out the following schools' websites for dates and locations: www.ishm.info/ www.asgmt.com/
www.utexas.edu/ce/petex