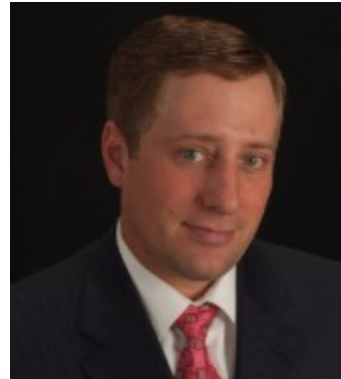




Gifford Briggs

Proposed Lawsuit by Levee Boards Asking for Damages for Oil and Gas Companies.



Tuesday, October 15th
Andrea's - Metairie

Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM
Lunch and Talk - Noon

Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

Chairman's Column

At our first meeting of the new term, 40 members and guests heard an interesting talk by one of our members, Merle Duplantis, covering the redevelopment of the Lake Salvador Field. Merle's discussion covered the positive aspects of this type of operation, but, also pointed out some of the pitfalls.

Food service was a little erratic, but Andrea's has promised a better effort in the future.

This month, several events will occur fairly close together. The GCAGS convention will be held on October 6th – 8th, here in town. Because of the convention, NOGS will move its October meeting to Monday, October 14, the day before our meeting on Tuesday, October 15.

Charley Corona has lined up Gifford Briggs, the Vice President of the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, as our speaker. His talk will focus on the infamous "Levee Board lawsuit", which has been so prominent in the news lately. It should make for a lively discussion!

Next month we will participate in the Joint Societies API luncheon downtown at the Roosevelt Hotel. I have not yet been given a date or speaker.

Remember to pay your dues, if you have not already done so!

Louis E. Lemarié

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Recently Levee Boards in the New Orleans area have proposed filing a lawsuit against all oil and gas companies that have ever drilled a well that required dredging in the state. Many of these companies are no longer in existence but we assume that their successor companies or anyone operating a well in the marsh land will be sued for damages. All of these wells were drilled in compliance with the regulations in force at the time they were drilled. Many were drilled when remediation was required by the state in areas that the state recommended for remediation. Many of these areas were not in the actual well site location.

The mere filing of this law suit would be detrimental to companies and energy professionals attempting to drill, operate and produce wells in Louisiana.

Gifford Briggs oversees the lobbying and governmental affairs for LOGA. He also directs the Political Action Committee of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association (LOGPAC). In addition Briggs manages the website design, social media outreach, video production and the marketing identity of the Association. Briggs first joined LOGA (formerly LIOGA) in 1994 while attending college. He served as the Membership Coordinator and helped organize many firsts for LOGA, including the first annual meeting, Gulf Coast Prospect & Shale Expo, and board meetings. He later moved to Atlanta to pursue a career in restaurant management. He returned to LOGA in 2007. He is married to Jackie Wright, and the couple currently resides in Lafayette with their sons, Gifford Ashley Briggs, Jr and Maxwell Wright Briggs. and their daughter, Chloe Lane Briggs.

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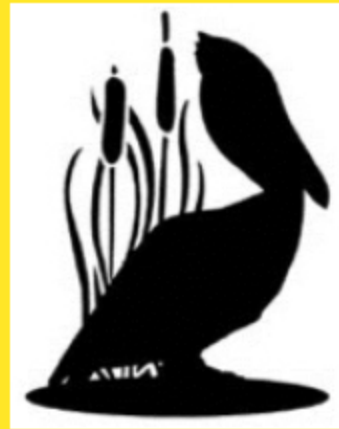
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