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Leadership  
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March 6 – 7, 2019

Annual Convention  
March 7 – 9, 2019



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# Program

# Mark Your Calendar

All attendees are encouraged to attend committee meetings except for the Executive Committee meeting and the Leadership Development Program meeting. Discussion and voting during committee meetings is limited to committee members only because non-committee members are not privy to all correspondence leading up to these meetings.

## Wednesday, March 6, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Leadership Development Program (*selected applicants only*) - Promenade Room  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Leadership Development Program Dinner *at the Acme Oyster House*

## Thursday, March 7, 2019

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration - *Grand Salon Foyer - 1st Floor*  
9:00 a.m. – Noon Leadership Development Program (*selected applicants only*) - Promenade Room  
9:30 a.m. – Noon Avondale Facility Tour - *recently acquired by T. Parker Host, Inc. (Bus will depart from the lobby at 9:30 a.m. and will return by noon.)*  
11:45 – 4:30 p.m. Registration - *Grand Salon Foyer - 1st Floor*  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee – *Esplanade Room - 1st Floor*  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Membership Committee - *Esplanade Room- 1st Floor*  
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Program Committee - *Esplanade Room - 1st Floor*  
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Executive Committee - *Esplanade Room - 1st Floor*  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Board of Directors - *Esplanade Room - 1st Floor*  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception at Latrobe's Restaurant  
(*We will leave from the lobby at 5:30 p.m. or choose to walk on your own. It is approximately 1 1/2 blocks from the hotel.*)  
7:30 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite - *Vieux Carre - 2nd Floor*

## Friday, March 8, 2019

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration - *Grand Salon Foyer - 1st Floor*  
7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - *Esplanade Complex - 1st Floor*  
8:15 a.m. – Noon General Session - *Grand Salon - 1st Floor*  
8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Membership  
8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Member Spotlight - *Eric Hansen, Cooper Consolidated LLC*  
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bill Kotcher, *COO of Tioga Pipe and Adjunct Professor of Ethics at University of Houston, "Ethics and Leadership in the Modern Age"*  
9:30 – 10:10 a.m. William Locher, *Partner, Gibbs Gidden Attorneys at Law, "DBE/MBE Compliance"*  
10:10 – 10:25 a.m. Break  
10:25 – 11:00 a.m. Brandy Christian, *President & CEO, or Bobby Landry, Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Port of New Orleans "Global Ideas About Transportation, Shipping, Etc."*  
11:00 a.m. – Noon John Manzella, *World Recognized Author & Speaker, "Economic Trends, International Trade and What's Ahead"*  
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Networking Luncheon - *Esplanade Complex - 1st Floor*  
1:30 – 2:00 p.m. New 2019 Board Meeting (*Welcome and Introductions*) *Royal Garden Terrace - 2nd Floor*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Membership Discussion - *Grand Salon - 1st Floor*  
*Facilitators: Bill Buckland, President, Mandal Pipe Company; Gerald Merfish, Chairman of the BOD, Merfish Pipe Holdings-Merfish Pipe & United Pipe*  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Awards Reception/Dinner - *Grand Salon - 1st Floor*  
9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite - *Vieux Carre - 2nd Floor*

## Saturday, March 9, 2019

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. French Quarter Walking Tour – *Optional Event (Will leave from the lobby at 10:30 a.m.)*  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Haunted New Orleans Tour – *Optional Event (Will leave from the lobby at 6:00 p.m.)*

• **2019 NASPD Steel Pipe Basic Education Course and OCTG Specialty Education Course Webinar**  
April 1 – 5

• **2019 Spring St. Louis Happy Hour**  
Lester's Restaurant & Sports Bar  
April 11 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
9906 Clayton Rd.  
St. Louis, MO

• **2019 Spring Houston Happy Hour**  
Little Woodrow's Midtown  
April 18 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
2306 Brazos St.  
Houston, TX

• **2019 Summer Conference**  
June 20 – 22  
Omni Mont-Royal Hotel  
Montreal, Canada

• **2019 Fall Conference**  
October 17 – 19  
The Scott Resort & Spa  
Scottsdale, AZ

• **2019 NASPD Steel Pipe Basic Education Course and OCTG Specialty Education Course**  
November 11 – 13  
Hilton Houston Post Oak Hotel  
Houston, TX

• **2020 Annual Convention**  
February 6 – 8, 2020  
US Grant Hotel  
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