



The MGPHO Minute

Presidents Message

The last few days I have been thinking a lot about growth. As we concluded our spring board meeting in Chicago I could see how the hard work our board has put in is leading the organization forward. There was some great discussion among the board and we are looking forward to great things with even more coming this year.

I was also thinking a lot of growth as I watched my daughters last band performance of her high school career and looked at where she has gone since the beginning. I also looked at the growth that she has shown just in the last year along with my middle son. Last year my daughter got involved in the marching band and encouraged her brother to join as well as he began high school this year. Not only did they do the main marching season, but they also did the winter season that finishes this week. So what does this have to do with MGPHO? Well, what led to all of the growth? Hard work, determination and focus.

I watched my kids along with their teammates practice 3-5 times a week for 4-10 hours each practice. This practice and preparation started last April and other than a 4 week break over the summer continued through to these final performances. Talk about hard work, a lot of focus, and extreme determination.

I look at MGPHO members, I look at our board, and I see so much hard work, so much focus and determination. It truly is an inspiration for me and helps my motivation to try and keep moving forward. I applaud each and everyone of you and I look forward to seeing what all of your work, determination and focus can add to the organization.

We have accomplished many great things, and will continue to be leaders in the industry. With that being said I want to challenge all MGPHO members to invite more people to join. I also want to challenge us to bring in more people from other sides of the industry and really make the organization relatable and valuable to anyone involved in medical gas, no matter what that involvement is.

Mathis Carlson- MGPHO President



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The Corky Bishop Scholarship Fund

The Corky Bishop Scholarship application is posted on the website or can be requested at

president@mhpho.org.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to the scholarship fund can follow the link to contribute on the MGPPO Homepage.

Much to our disappointment there were no applicants for 2023.

The applications are open for the 2024 scholarship. The goal is to fund the conference registration and lodging cost of two first time attendees each year.

"It's easy to get to the top but it's really hard to stay at the top." - Ross Bernstein

MGPPO Welcomes New Members

MGPPO would like to welcome the following new members:

Follow MGPPO on LinkedIn!

www.linkedin.com/in/mgpho

NFPA 99 2027 Edition

Proposals are due June 4th for the 2027 edition of NFPA 99. If you have any proposals that you would like to make, but may want some assistance from MGPPO, be sure to get those over to us ASAP so that we can get them done.

23rd Annual MGPPO Educational Conference

The 23rd Annual MGPPO Educational Conference will be held in Tampa Florida.

The conference will be held October 8th-10th, 2024.

The conference will run from a Tuesday-Thursday. We are building the program to start mid-day on Tuesday and end mid-afternoon on Thursday allowing time to catch late afternoon flights out.

The 2024 CMGV new and renewal exams will be offered at the conference.

Often times the attendance is down the last day. The MGPPO BOD would like to encourage everyone to stay and attend the education sessions the last day. Our speakers have committed their time to present at our conference and attendance is the best way to show appreciation for what they do for us. It is also a great day to get more involved in the MGPPO organization.

Conference registration links and hotel reservation links are active on the MGPPO Website

Please remember that MGPPO is contracted to fill a set amount of hotel rooms. If we do not fill the rooms they are billed to the organization so it is very important to book through the link on the conference registration page

MGPHO Annual Conference Sponsorships

For the 2024 Annual Conference MGPHO has the following sponsorships available:

Welcome Activity

Keynote Speaker

Tuesday Coffee/Break Station

Wednesday Coffee/Break Station

Thursday Coffee/Break Station

Thursday Lunch

Video production and playback

Sponsorship includes recognition at the conference and a sign showing the sponsorship.

Sponsored items are available for purchase on the MGPHO Website with the conference registration.

MGPHO Monthly Roundtable

MGPHO Roundtable

In 2022 we started the new monthly MGPHO Roundtable and have had some great meetings and discussions. In those discussions some of our members were able to gain some great perspectives on how to handle situations that they are coming across in the field.

Bring all of your questions, frustrations, wall of shame items

found in the field, whatever you want!

The important part is that you join us to talk about anything and everything medical gas.

Feel free to invite others to the calls.

Our next discussion is April 18th at 11:00 AM Eastern. If you missed the email you can find the link and other information on our LinkedIn page.

NFPA Required Piping Purity Test

One of the proposals for the 2024 Edition of NFPA 99 was to look at the Piping Purity test and what chemicals are being looked for and what should be looked for. The piping committee acknowledged that this is something that maybe warrants attention, but without data to go by, there was not much that could be done.

To that end, in MGPHO BOD discussions we have decided to form an ad hoc MGPHO Committee to gather data and analysis regarding the piping purity test.

The work of this committee is underway but they are still looking for people who are interested in joining.

We expect the committee work to be finished by early May. Pending the results of the work MGPHO would make any NFPA 99 proposals prior to the public input closing date for the 2027 edition on June 4th.

If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Mathis Carlson

president@mgpho.org

MGPHO Committees

One of the key ways to keep MGPHO Operating to the benefit of the MGPHO Members is for the BOD to receive input from all of the standing committees.

The following is a list of the committees that we have.

Please email president@mgpho.org if you would like to join any of the committees. There isn't a large time commitment as it usually entails 1-2 virtual meetings per year as well as a meeting at the annual conference of about 30 minutes.

Credentials

Legal/Legislative

Membership

Education

Finance/Promotional/
Website

Structure/Nominating

Long Rang Planning

Ad Hoc Committees:
RFA and Piping Purity

The RFA and the Required Permit to Work System

One of the new items in the 2021 code was the addition of the RFA (Responsible Facility Authority) and their requirement to create a permit to work system.

As a MGPHO BOD, we were discussing what additional values MGPHO can bring to both new and existing members. We have decided to move forward with creating an ad hoc committee to develop policies, procedures and forms that could be used for the permit to work system.

The work of this committee is underway but they are still seeing additional members and participation.

If you are interested in participating in this committee please contact Mathis Carlson

president@mgpho.org

2024 Board of Director Elections

At the 2024 conference we will have three BOD spots up for election. If you want to get involved and help lead MGPHO this is your chance, nominations will be accepted up until the morning of the election.

The positions open for election are:

VP-Structure: Currently held by Tony Stewart. **The VP Structure nominees must hold a current CMGV**

VP-Education: Currently held by Rocky Plotts

VP-Membership: Currently held by Jim Brusse

Current Nominees are:

VP-Structure: Dan Strickland

VP-Education: Rocky Plotts

VP-Membership: Jim Brusse

If you would like to nominate anyone to run for any positions please contact Tony Stewart– VP Structure. Nominations will be accepted until the morning of October 10th.

2024 Keynote– Ross Bernstein

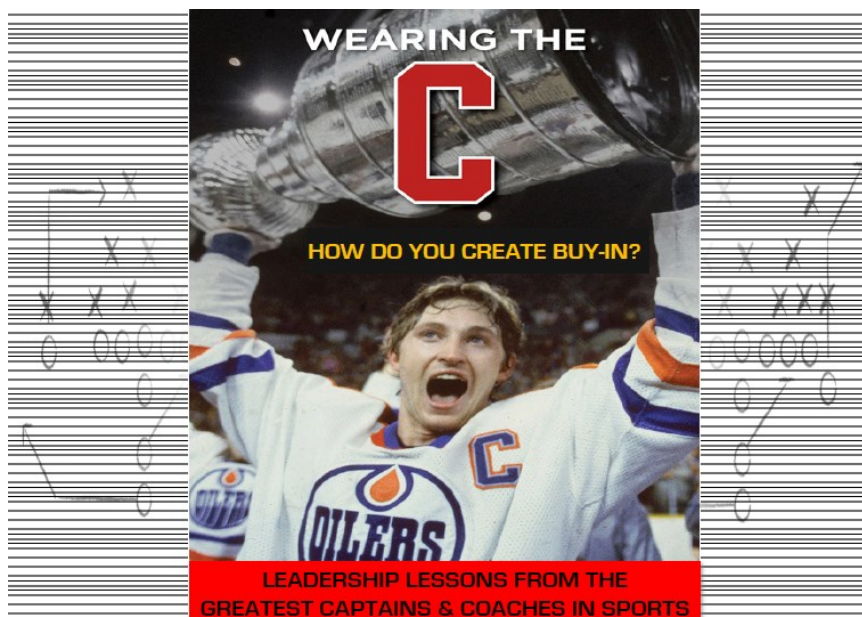
The MGP HO BOD is very happy to announce our 2024 annual conference Keynote Speaker. We are very excited to welcome Ross Bernstein back after so many rave reviews last year. This year Ross will be presenting his program titled “Wearing the C: Leadership Lessons from the Greatest Captains and Coaches in Sports”

The best-selling author of nearly 50 sports books, Ross Bernstein is a hall of fame peak performance business speaker who's keynoted conferences on all seven continents, and has been featured on CNN, ESPN, Fox News, and “CBS This Morning,” as well as in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today.

Ross' program is based on a critically acclaimed book he wrote in which he was able to interview more than 500 captains and coaches in order to answer one question: What is it that makes the great ones great?

In this keynote session Ross will focus on dozens of amazing leaders from the world of sports, and explain how they were able to create “buy-in” through some very unorthodox methods. Success in business today is all about trust, communication and building deeper relationships — and it's no different in sports. Coaches have to motivate their players in order to not only win, but to keep their jobs — so they have a lot of different tools in their tool boxes. Ross learned that there is no right way to lead, so he will share many different philosophies that sales professionals and business leaders can use to develop better relationships in the workplace. At the core of his message is the simple fact that we like to do business with people who we trust, who we like, and who just “get it.” In an engaging, provocative, and visually entertaining style, Ross will use inspirational stories and poignant life lessons from the world of sports — as well as from some of the biggest brands in corporate America — to show attendees how to:

- Lead with integrity in order to achieve success
- Create buy-in to connect with millennials, boomers and challenging co-workers
- Generate momentum through leading by example and mentorship of others
- Create a winner's mindset in order to stay self-motivated through good times and bad



Tentative MGPFO Annual Education Conference Agenda

Rocky Plotts VP of education has been hard at work building our conference agenda and I am excited to share the initial draft .

Tuesday, October 8th

12:30pm – 1:30 pm - Anesthetic Gas Recovery Systems– Class 1/Beacon

1:30pm - 3:00pm - Committee Meetings (Get involved!)

3:00pm - 5:00pm -2024 NFPA 99 Code Updates and 2027 Revision Cycle —Mathis Carlson

6:00-8:00 *Tentative* Off site Welcome Event

Wednesday, October 9th

8:00am – 08:15am -Opening Comments: Mathis Carlson President MGPFO

8:15am – 9:15am - A discussion on different vacuum technologies– BUSCH

9:35am – 10:30am- TBD

10:30 - 12:00- **KEYNOTE** Ross Bernstein - “Wearing the C”

Lunch 12:00pm – 01:00pm (provided)

1:00pm – 2:30pm - Cryogenic Fluid Central Supply Systems/NFPA 55– Bob Sutter

2:30pm - 3:30pm The Good and Bad of VFD’s—Mark Allen and/or Beacon

3:45pm – 5:00pm / MGPFO Open Forum / MGPFO

5:00pm – 8:00pm / MGPFO VENDOR SHOW

Thursday, October 10th

8:00am – 10:00am - Opening Comments and Business Meeting

Mathis Carlson President MGPFO

10:15am – 11:30am—Medical Gas Compliance from the perspective of the RFA-

Keith Ligi-Advocate Atrium/Mark Allen

Lunch 11:30pm – 012:30pm (provided)

12:30pm – 1:00pm –Election results & Closing Comments Mathis Carlson President MGPFO

1:15-3:15 CMGV Renewal Exam

*All times, speakers, titles, and order subject to change

Call for Abstracts 2024 Annual Conference

We are still looking for speakers for this years conference in Tampa. Please get with Rocky Plotts VP Education if you have any ideas, speakers or would like to present something.

Please send any presentations, topic ideas or speaker ideas to Rocky Plotts VP of Education to be considered for the next conference. (education@mgpho.org)

The best way for us to build a program that benefits the members the most is by getting the ideas from the members.

We want to get the program set early for the next conference for our members to better plan their attendance.

We would like to have our agenda finalized ASAP, so the time is now.



"A goal made one guy happy. But an assist made two guys happy."
– Wayne Gretzky

MGPHO Update

At the 2024 conference, the VP of Structure, VP of Membership and VP of Education are up for election.

Please let Tony Stewart-VP of Structure know if you would like to nominate anyone for these three positions. VP of Structure must hold a current CMGV.

Invoices for 2024 dues have been sent out. Individual dues are \$300 and Corporate Dues are \$1300.

We have made progress on the renewals but still have over 60 of you that have not completed the renewal process. Please renew as soon as your are able and please reach out if there are any issues.

We are happy to announce that our 2025 Annual education conference will be held October 7-9, 2025 in New Orleans, LA.

Additionally, as a way to streamline communication between members and the organization we have now set up official email address for each member of the board.

President -Mathis Carlson president@mgpho.org
VP Structure– Tony Stewart structure@mgpho.org
VP Legal-Ross Williams legal@mgpho.org
VP Membership– Jim Brusse membership@mgpho.org
VP Finance– AL Moon finance@mgpho.org
VP Credentials- Cary Darden credentials@mgpho.org
VP Education– Rocky Plotts education@mgpho.org
Secretary to the board– Jonathan Willard secretary@mgpho.org

Member Spotlights



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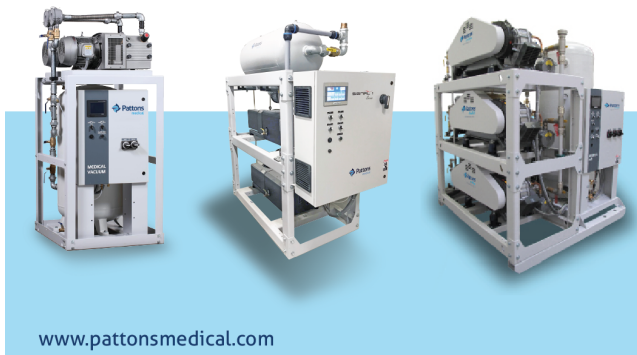
The image shows a surgical team in an operating room. In the foreground, there is a white Powerex medical gas system unit with a large black engine. To the right of the unit is a control panel with a digital display showing various gas levels. The display shows a table of values:

130	51	46	16
170	48	30	140

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Upcoming MGPHO BOD Meetings

The MGPHO BOD has scheduled regular board meetings. The dates are as follows:

April 12, 2024- Teams

May 17, 2024- Teams

June 14, 2024- Teams

July 26, 2024- Teams

August 23, 2024- Teams

September 20, 2024- Teams

October 1, 2024- Teams

October 8, 2024- Tampa, FL

*Dates may be rescheduled

*If there is no business that needs to be conducted, meetings may be postponed or canceled.

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