



The MGPHO Minute

Presidents Message

How time flies, I can hardly believe that we are well into summer and final preparations and planning for our fall conference are right around the corner. I am very excited to see everyone in Las Vegas and I am looking forward to what has shaped up to be a great educational program. The quality of our conference is a direct reflection on our membership and I am pleased at how both have grown the last few years.

I want to start out by thanking everyone for their patience as we have rolled out and had to learn the new website and system. It has turned into a much larger project than ever anticipated but has established a great foundation for the future. With that being said I need to echo what was in the last newsletter. We need all of the support of our current and hopefully new members more now than ever. Unfortunately we are at an all time low of membership renewals. Typically at this point in the year we only have 10-15 members who have not completed their renewal. This year we still have over 50 people who have not renewed with open invoices. If you have not got onto the new site and renewed your membership, please do so as soon as you are able.

You will need to do a password reset for your first login. If you have any password issues please reach out to me directly and I can assist. The next thing that I will ask is for help in getting new members into the organization. With costs continuing to increase to run the organization we have to overcome this by either raising dues or adding more members. Adding more members is the goal of the organization and is the mission of MGPHO for being that educational resource.

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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.

The applications are open for the 2026 scholarship.

The goal is to fund the conference registration and lodging cost of two first time attendees each year. It has come to our attention that the application link is not on the website. We have extended applications to August 1st. Please email president@mgpho.org for the application.

“Some fish love to swim upstream. Some people love to overcome challenges.” - Amit Ray

MGPPO Welcomes New Members
MGPPO would like to welcome the

following new members:

Jalen Gipson

Erik Kimura

Caldin Pawson

David Kiskovski

Brian McClure

Tamara Scoggins

Tanner Dodge

Jacob Larsen

25th Annual MGPPO Educational Conference

The 25th Annual MGPPO Educational Conference will be held October 6-8, 2026 at The Paris in Las Vegas.

We are changing things up a little with schedule this year. All sessions will be Wednesday and Thursday. We have seen declining attendance the last day which makes it difficult to conduct our required business. By condensing into two days we are encouraging all attendees to stay for the duration of both days educational sessions. Tuesday the 6th will be the BOD Meeting and CMGV Testing for new applicants.

On Wednesday the 7th we will have a packed day of education concluding the day with the MGPPO Vendor Reception.

Thursday we will conduct our business meeting, hold elections and also have two more education sessions. The newly announced CRFA Exam will be held on Thursday afternoon.

Conference registration is open. Scroll all the way down for tickets.

Hotel reservation cut off date is September 12th. Reservation link here: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SPMGP6>

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 if possible.

Presidents Message Continued...

I really feel that MGPHO as an organization has such an ability to share knowledge. We have so many talented and knowledgeable members and I would not have grown in this industry as much as I have without many of you. As my goal for the remaining time on my term as President I really want to set the organization up for growth going forward so that the next generation(s) of medical gas professionals have the same support that I have had for the last 20 years as a member.

I also wanted to take this chance to announce a new membership category that was approved this spring by the BOD. As we are going to start to offer the CRFA some of the feedback we got was regarding costs of membership for our facilities people. So, we now have a Healthcare facility membership and Healthcare facility Associate membership. The primary membership for the healthcare facility maintains all rights and privileges as an active member (if meeting the requirements) including a vote. Facilities can then add additional members as associates at a discounted annual dues of \$100, but they will not have all the rights of a full member. We are still working on how to build this into the website so for now the Healthcare Facility Associates are handled with manual invoices and management. Additionally if the primary facility membership lapses, all associates under that facility also lapse along with the CRFA credentials if they have them.

Before we know it we will all be together again in Las Vegas for another great event. Our agenda is finalized with all of the speakers and sessions. Registration is active on the website and the hotel link is active and posted here in the newsletter and on the website as well. We do have a slightly higher room obligation this year compared to years past as a way to lower some other costs so it is imperative that all of our attendees book using the room link prior to September 10.

I challenge all of you to get at least one new person to come to Las Vegas and see what we are all about. I also challenge all of you to get at least two new members to join the organization. The more that we can make our membership and conferences grow, the better education and resources we can provide. I look forward to continuing the work that we do as MGPHO and planning for October in Las Vegas.

Mathis Carlson-
MGPHO President

MGPHO Annual Conference Sponsorships

For the 2026 Annual

Conference MGPHO has the following sponsorships available:

Keynote Speaker

Thursday Coffee/Break

Video Production Sponsorship includes recognition at the conference and a sign showing the sponsorship. Sponsored items will be available for purchase on the MGPHO Website with the conference registration.

The MGPHO BOD has added 4 new sponsorships for this years conference.

We are offering 4 Session Sponsorships that will include recognition of the sponsor for that speaker as well as a short 5 minute slot to talk about yourself or your company as the session sponsor.

MGPHO Monthly 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.

For 2026 we are incorporating a short 20-30 minute educational topic along with the discussion.

Our 2026 Meetings will all be at 10:30 AM Central Time.

August 7th- Writing an effective Code Proposal- Mathis Carlson

If you missed the email you can find the link and other information on our LinkedIn page.

Corporate Memberships Update - Important!

For 2026 we have made some changes and adjustments to our corporate membership structure. We have been working on streamlining things for quite sometime and feel like this will achieve that.

Starting in 2026 our Corporate Membership dues will no longer include a prepaid tabletop at our annual conference. (More on that later)

Corporate Membership dues will be \$500, corporate membership is in the name of the corporation and has one individual member assigned.

That individual will have all rights and privileges for either an active or associate member based on their individual definitions.

For the conference registration, all attendees will need to pay and register for the conference. Our corporate members will have to log into their accounts and sign up for their tabletop and register their booth staff. There will be a window when the only people allowed to register for tabletops are those corporate members in good standing. (current on dues). The fee for the tabletop is \$1,000.00 and include two people for the staff. Additional attendees can be added at the standard member rate.

Following August 31st, all remaining tabletops will be made available to the general public. The remaining tables will be available for \$1,800.00 to anyone and also include 2 attendees. The discounted displays will no longer be available.

We only have 15 tabletops remaining and once we are sold out you will have to be placed on a waitlist in the event of a cancelation.

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.

Credentials

Legal/Legislative

Membership

Education

Finance/Promotional/

Website

Structure/Nominating

Long Rang Planning

Ad Hoc Committees:

2026 Board of Director Elections

At the 2026 conference we will have two 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-Finance: Currently held by Al Moon.

VP-Legal: Currently held by John Ostojic.

Current Nominees are:

VP-Finance: Al Moon

VP Legal: Kevin Penland and Wes Reed

If you would like to nominate anyone to run for any positions please contact Danial Strickland– VP Structure. Nominations will be accepted until the morning of October 8th.

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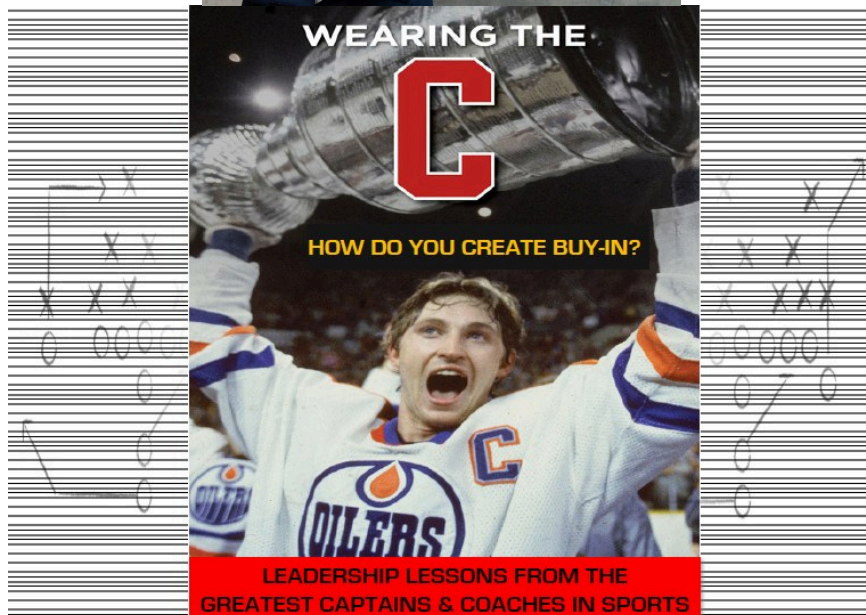
2026 Keynote– Ross Bernstein

Unfortunately as many of you know, Ross Bernstein was unable to join us in New Orleans. We are looking forward to having him back in Las Vegas. 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



MGPHO 25th Annual Education Conference Agenda

David Osborn VP of education is hard at work building our conference agenda and I am excited to share the what we hope to be final draft.

Tuesday, October 6th

8:00am-3:00pm BOD Meeting (Invite Only)

Time TBA New CMGV Practical Exam (Invite Only)

Evening- Membership Committee Activity (Tentative Outside event)

Wednesday, October 7th

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

8:15am – 9:15am - Medical Gas and Anesthesia Machines- Jeff McBride- Red Lion

9:30am – 10:20am- Redundancy in MedGas Equipment- Kareem Elfawal- Novair

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

Lunch 12:00pm – 01:00pm (provided)

1:00pm – 2:30pm - The New 2027 NFPA 99- Mathis Carlson and Jonathan Willard

2:45pm - 3:45pm -Air Compressor Technologies - Spencer Hall - Hitachi

4:00pm – 5:00pm / MGPHO Open Forum and STP

5:00pm – 8:00pm / MGPHO VENDOR SHOW

Thursday, October 8th

8:00am – 9:15am - Opening Comments and Business Meeting Mathis Carlson President MGPHO

9:15am – 10:15am—Risk Assessments from an Owners View - Josh Hammons - PMGS

10:15am - 11:30am- Presidents report, speeches and elections

Lunch 11:30am – 012:30pm (provided)

12:30pm -2:00pm— Medical Gas and the AO’s- Kelly Proctor- DNV

2:00pm – 3:00pm –Election results & Closing Comments Mathis Carlson President MGPHO

3:00pm-6:00pm - CRFA Exam (Invite Only)

Call for Abstracts 2027 Annual Conference

We are looking for speakers for next years conference in Minneapolis.

Please send any presentations, topic ideas or speaker ideas to David Osborn 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 in order for our members to better plan their attendance.



By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." — Benjamin Franklin

MGPHO Update

At the 2026 conference, the VP of Finance and Vp of Legal are up for election. Please let Danial Strickland-VP of Structure know if you would like to nominate anyone for these two positions.

Invoices for 2026 dues have been sent. Remember that membership expired on December 31. On April 1st all members with unpaid dues will be removed from the current members list.

Please help us with the renewal process and renew early as it make the start of the year run smoother. If you do not get an invoice please let us know so that your membership does not lapse.

We are happy to announce that our 2027 Annual education conference will be held September 21-23, 2027 in Minneapolis, MN. We will be hosting this conference in conjunction with the ASPE Tech Symposium.

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– Danial Strickland structure@mgpho.org
VP Legal-John Ostojic legal@mgpho.org
VP Membership– Jim Brusse membeship@mgpho.org
VP Finance– AL Moon finance@mgpho.org
VP Credentials- Cary Darden credentials@mgpho.org
VP Education– David Osborn education@mgpho.org
Secretary to the board– Jonathan Willard secretary@mgpho.org
Administrative Admin@mgpho.org

A Message from the MGPHO President—January 2025

I am writing to address an item that has come to the attention of the MGPHO Board of Directors several times regarding the Annual Educational Conferences over the last few years. We are aware that some firms and other industry stakeholders have been approaching and attempting to recruit technicians and professionals while they are attending our conferences.

The MGPHO Annual Conference is the only medical gas specific educational conference for technicians, industry leaders, and professionals to collaborate, learn, and advance in their respective fields. Our conference serves as an educational platform where participants are given the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge, and share insights within a community-focused event.

The goal of our organization and our conference is to promote and provide collaboration and professional growth through education. It is inappropriate and disruptive for firms and other industry stakeholders to solicit technicians for recruitment purposes during the conference. Such actions undermine the spirit of the event and create unnecessary distractions that detract from the value it offers to its attendees. These actions are also one of the most common reasons cited among potential members as why they choose not to attend or join MGPHO.

I, along with the MGPHO Board of Directors, strongly encourage firms and other industry stakeholders to refrain from targeting technicians and attendees in this manner. We also encourage all members to review our code of ethics that you have agreed to follow as MGPHO members. The code of ethics includes “...consistent and ethical practices between members”

I recommend that companies interested in recruitment or business partnerships follow the appropriate channels, engaging with participants through established, formal avenues outside of the conference setting. This ensures that the primary focus of the conference remains on its educational and professional objectives.

I value your understanding and cooperation in maintaining the integrity and value of the MGPHO Annual Education Conference. I look forward to continuing to work together with all our members and attendees to ensure a respectful, productive, educational, and enriching experience for all involved.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mathis Carlson- MGPHO President

Member Spotlights



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know MGPHO Members in our Member Spotlights

Don't forget to follow the MGPHO forums online!
Stay tuned for the new website coming in 2026!

We want to spotlight our members to get to know each other. Please submit your spotlights to:
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Upcoming MGPHO BOD Meetings

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

August 7, 2026—Teams
September 18, 2026—Teams
September 28, 2026—Teams
October 6, 2026 - Las Vegas
October 16, 2026—Teams

*Dates may be rescheduled

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

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