



6th

**Gas Industry Standards
Board
ANNUAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2000
MENGER HOTEL
SAN ANTONIO, Texas**

Gas Industry Standards Board

GISB was established in September 1994 as an independent and voluntary North American organization to develop and promote the use of business practices and related electronic communications standards designed to promote more competitive, efficient and reliable gas service. The organization has over 150 corporate members, a board of directors, an executive committee, an advisory committee and many other working committees and task forces.

At GISB's 6th Annual Meeting, our expert speakers, including regulators and government officials, will help you start putting the pieces together through their perspective on the fast-changing convergence picture. Convergence isn't just a theory anymore - it's the way the natural gas and electric industries are reinventing themselves to meet the competitive challenges of the 21st century. As an added bonus, one of Washington's most knowledgeable political analysts will provide valuable insights about the November election and the Washington scene. Also, this year the GISB golf tournament will once again be held.

Who Should Come?

Because the subject matter is convergence - convergence of energy markets, telecommunication, technology and finance - this meeting should appeal to a broad cross-section of interests. Also discussed will be the convergence of state and federal interests and the resultant changing regulatory environment.

Accommodations

For the fifth straight year, the meeting site is the historic Menger Hotel on Alamo Plaza. The oldest part of this gracious hotel, a National Historic Landmark, was built in 1859. Almost 140 years of refinements have produced an exquisite example of traditional elegance and atmosphere. With the Alamo, Rivercenter Mall and the River Walk only steps away, the Menger is centrally located to enjoy all of San Antonio's pleasures. The special GISB room rate is \$100 single, \$110 double. Make room reservations directly with the Menger Hotel by calling (800) 345-9285. Notify the hotel of booking number 5214, and mention that you are attending the GISB Annual Meeting. The special rate expires September 1.

Dress

Business casual dress is appropriate for all GISB functions.

Raise Your Company's Profile

GISB member companies will have the opportunity this year to sponsor events or activities, and to advertise in the final Annual Meeting program, which will be distributed to all registrants. For rates, deadlines and other information, contact Jo Ann Garcia at GISB's office (713) 356-0060.

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

Sunday, September 24, 2000

4:00 - 7:00pm Registration

Monday, September 25, 2000

7:30am Registration

9:00am

Welcome to San Antonio

Council Bobby Perez, Mayor Pro tem
Keith Sappenfield, Chairman, Annual Meeting

State of GISB

Stan Horton, Chairman, Board of Directors
Jim Buccigross, Chairman, Executive Committee

Convergence Overview

Sheila Hollis, partner, Duane Morris & Heckscher LLP

Federal Regulatory Activities & Horizons

Linda Breathitt, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

Lunch

Mexico: Present and Future Expectations

Dr. Raul Monteforte, Commissioner, Comision Reguladora de Energia
(Mexico)

FTC Outlook on Convergence

John C. Hilke, Federal Trade Commission, Electricity Project
Coordinator for the Bureau of Economics

The Texas Experience

Pat Wood, Chairman, Texas Public Utility Commission

The Natural Gas Perspective

Ed Holmes, Vice Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission
And Chairman, NARUC Gas Committee

The Administration's Outlook on Energy

(Invited) T. J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department
Of Energy

Convergence and the New Investor

Donato Eassey, First Vice President, Merrill Lynch Research

5:30pm

Adjourn

6:00pm

Reception

7:00pm

Dinner and "Election Notes - A View from Washington"

Howard Fineman, *Newsweek* Bureau Chief, Political Correspondent

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

- 9:00am** **Welcome and Recap of Previous Day**
Keith Sappenfield, Chairman, Annual Meeting
- Convergence - Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going**
Mike Bray, former Chairman, 1995-1998, Executive Committee
- Convergence - States Issues**
Bob Rowe, President, National Association of Regulatory Utility
Commissioners, and Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission
- The Canadian Experience**
Deborah Emes, Member, National Energy Board (Canada)
- Lessons on Restructuring and Choice in Ohio**
Don Mason, Commissioner, Ohio Public Service Commission
- A View from the Midwest**
Ruth Kretschmer, Commissioner, Illinois Commerce Commission
- The Congressional Outlook**
Catherine Van Way, Majority Counsel, House Committee on Commerce
- Noon** **Adjourn**
- 12:30pm** **Golf** at the Quarry, San Antonio, Texas
- 6:30-8:00pm** **Reception** at the Menger Hotel

***Register now! Fax GISB's office at 713-356-0067 or email
GISB@aol.com.***

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**MEETING AND
GOLF REGISTRATION
FORMS**

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

To register, return this form as soon as possible. Meeting questions contact Veronica Thomason, Gas Industry Standards Board, 1100 Louisiana, Suite 4925, Houston, Texas 77002, 713-356-0060. Checks should be made payable to the Gas Industry Standards Board. **Fax registrations by credit card are welcome: 713-356-0067.**

Name _____

Name for badge _____

Spouse's name for badge _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone/Fax _____

Email _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp Date: _____

Credit Card No. ___American Express ___MasterCard ___Visa

Amount to be charged _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

FEE SCHEDULE

\$1000* Employees of GISB member companies & trade association staff

\$1500* Employees of non-GISB member companies

\$ 200 Government employees

Spouses admitted to all functions complimentary

***Register by September 13 and save. Pay only \$800 or \$1200**

Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205 800-345-9285

Booking Number: 5214 - Room Rate: \$100 single/\$110 double before Sep 1, 2000

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GISB Golf Tournament Registration

The Quarry Golf Club

444 E. Basse Road

San Antonio, Texas 78209

(210) 824-4500 or (800) 347-7759

If you want to participate in the tournament, include \$175 fee and this registration form with your meeting registration. **Fax registrations by credit card are welcome: 713-356-0067.** Participation is limited to the first 32 players with fully paid fees. Fee includes green fees, practice balls, half cart rental, prizes, and bus transportation to and from tournament. Fees are not refundable after September 1, but substitutions are permitted after that date.

Tuesday, September 26, 2000; bus leaves Menger Hotel at 12:30pm, tee off at 1:30pm. Best ball scramble.

Prearranged foursomes: All player fees must be paid by September 1 and players must be identified below. Spouses are welcome to participate.

Players:

Handicap:

Registration Fee:

Credit Card No. _____ Exp Date: _____

Credit Card No. ____American Express ____MasterCard ____Visa

Amount to be charged _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

Prizes given for first, second, and third lowest team scores and for longest drive (men and women) and closest to pin (men and women).