



Women in Propane Council Announces 2019 Leadership Team

Washington, D.C., October 1, 2018 – Women in Propane (WIP) Council, an official business council of the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA), announced its slate of officers for 2019 at its Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas on September 30.



As Chair of WIP, **Laurie Irish-Jones** continues her two-year term and assumes responsibility for directing the council's growth and programming while ensuring financial stability and supplying exceptional value to its members.

Irish-Jones commented, "This past year has been dynamic and set the table for the next level in the council's growth. Workforce development and leadership training is expanding across the country through Women in Propane programs. Our inspirational leadership team is increasing workforce success."

CEO of Irish Propane and Irish Carbonic located in Buffalo, New York, Irish-Jones holds both Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctorate degrees. She enjoys charity work and is past president of the New York Propane Gas Association.



Continuing her second year as Vice Chair, **Brilynn Johnson** is the Regional Sales and Marketing Director for the Western Region of AmeriGas Propane. Based out of Lincoln, California, she oversees the sales and marketing efforts of the ten westernmost states. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Sacramento State University which she achieved during her tenure with AmeriGas.



Milissa Lord continues her service as the council's Treasurer. She is Vice President of A.R.M. Solutions, a national 1st and 3rd party accounts receivable management and collection agency. Active in the NPGA, she utilizes her sales, finance, management, credit and collections experience serving as an industry adviser.



Jennifer Jackson, second-year Project Manager of the nationwide mentoring network, WIP Knowledge Exchange, is Regional Vice President of ThompsonGas' Mid-Atlantic Region, having previously learned the propane business at Ferrellgas. Active in NPGA committees, developing people within her company and across our industry is a high priority. She is certified in DISC® Profile training.

Serving in an advisory capacity, Founding Chair Nancy Coop (Ferrellgas) continues to serve as an ex-officio member of the executive board. The 2019 Leadership Team also comprises the heads of the council's operating committees (listed below).



Chair of the Programs & Events Committee, **Kathryn (Katie) Price** is the Executive Assistant to the Operations Vice President, Western Region, with AmeriGas Propane. Based in California, she began her career with AmeriGas in 2000. Katie is the mother of two teenage boys and enjoys spending her free moments with them and their extra-curricular activities.



Membership Committee Chair **Jamie Fargnoli** is New York-based Ehrhart Energy's Office Manager/CSR. With a diverse background in a family-run business, the corporate world, and international companies, she has honed her effective business skills maintaining the highest standards of excellence in customer service.



Communications & Marketing Committee Co-Chair **Kimmie Marler** is the Region Customer Service Manager for the Southeast Region of ThompsonGas. She began her career in the propane industry in 2013, with Ferrellgas. Kimmie specializes in learning and development, customer service leadership, as well as communications and marketing. She is a passionate advocate for women in leadership.



Co-Chair of the Communications & Marketing Committee, **Greg Wasson** has been employed at Irish Propane since 1991. Greg has served in various roles for the company including his current role of Marketing Director. Greg is married to wife Vicki and they have two grown children together.



Whitney O'Toole is the Director of Client Success at A.R.M. Solutions. With nearly ten years of propane experience including sales, customer service, delivery and operations management, accounts receivable management, training and strategic operations, Whitney utilizes her skills on the Women in Propane Council as Co-Chair of Finance.

The Women in Propane Council was established to provide positive opportunities for all members of our industry to support the advancement and success of women in every scope of business operation and professional development. The Council was founded in January 2012, and is governed by an Executive Board.



The National Propane Gas Association is the national trade association of the propane industry. NPGA represents approximately 2,800 companies, including producers, wholesalers, transporters, and retailers of propane gas as well as the manufacturers and distributors of associated propane equipment and appliances. 50 million Americans choose propane as their energy source. Propane is an abundant, American resource that supports small businesses and protects the environment. For more information about NPGA and the propane gas industry, visit NPGA online at www.npga.org.

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