

Several local propane professionals were recently elected to serve as Directors and Officers of the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council (MOPERC).

---

PRESS RELEASE

Jan. 11, 2018

TO: Editors / News Directors

FROM: Missouri Press Service

Note: This Flash News! item is being distributed by Missouri Press Service. MPS is not the source of the news. If you need further information or verification, contact the person listed in the news release, do not "reply" to this message.

---

**Press Release**

**Missouri Propane Education & Research Council**

**Contact:** Steve Ahrens

**Phone:** 573-893-7655; ext. 301

**Email:** Steve@MissouriPropane.com

**Date:** Jan. 11, 2018

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**Missouri Propane Council elects industry leadership**

Jan. 11, 2018 – Several local propane professionals were recently elected to serve as Directors and Officers of the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council (MOPERC).

The Council recently installed its new leadership at the group's winter meeting January 4 in Ridgedale. The slate was approved at the MOPERC fall meeting in Jefferson City and includes representatives from across the state who serve in various capacities.

**Officers elected were:**

- Chair –Roger Hoff, Hoff Brothers LP-Gas, **Perryville**;
- Vice Chair—Luke Fitzpatrick, MFA Oil, **Jefferson City**;
- Treasurer—Nick Goodrich, Goodrich Gas, **Crocker**.

**Five incoming Directors were appointed or reappointed to three-year terms:**

- Luke Fitzpatrick, MFA Oil, **Jefferson City** (reappointed);
- Marty Lerum, Propane Resources, **Mission, Kansas** (reappointed);
- Kevin Pearson, Ferrellgas, **Nixa**;

- Wayne Terpstra, Custom Truck and Equipment, **Kansas City**; and
- David Young, Gas Equipment Company, **Highland, Illinois** (reappointed).

Outgoing Directors were recognized for their service to the Council. They were chairman Eric Kolkmeier, Energy Transportation Systems, **Bates City**, and Randy Warner, Ferrellgas, **Liberty**.

MOPERC is a not-for-profit organization authorized by the Missouri legislature to administer a statewide check-off program. Proceeds are used for industry training, consumer safety, appliance rebates and market development programs. The Council is composed of 15 volunteer Directors and is administered by executive staff.

Since its inception, MOPERC has helped thousands of Missouri homeowners replace water heaters, furnaces and other appliances with new, more energy-efficient models. The Council created a groundbreaking Lawn Equipment Assistance Fund (LEAF) which has helped dozens of Missouri lawn contractors and landscape companies acquire propane-powered lawn mowers, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving on operational costs.

During the business portion of the meeting, the Council increased the budget for water-heater rebates by \$40,000 and agreed to increase the LEAF budget by \$50,000 due to demand. MOPERC's fiscal year ends June 30.

The full Council roster for 2018 is:

John Brokes, Big River Propane, **Hannibal**; Luke Fitzpatrick, MFA Oil, **Jefferson City**; John Fling, Ferrellgas-GASCO, **Eldon**; Nick Goodrich, Goodrich Gas, **Crocker**; James Greer, MFA Oil, **Columba**; Roger Hoff, Hoff Brothers, **Perryville**; Marty Lerum, Propane Resources, **Mission KS**; Charlie Neidert, Al's Gas, **Neosho**; Kevin Pearson, Ferrellgas, **Nixa**; Derek Poe, Titan Propane, **Branson**; Mark Porth, CHS, **Lawson**; Jeff Reitz, Central States Bus, **Fenton**; Aubrey Salley, Salley's Propane, **Bates City**; Wayne Terpstra, Custom Truck and Equipment, **Kansas City**; and David Young, GEC, **Highland IL**. Steve Ahrens, **Jefferson City**, serves as MOPERC President.

According to the U.S. Census, approximately 9% of Missouri's households use propane for heating, hot water and cooking. Recognized for its environmental benefits, propane is also widely used in agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and transportation as a safe and versatile energy source. Propane, called "autogas" around the globe, is the world's most popular alternative energy.

###