

# IOGANY'S 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### [NYS DEC, Division of Mineral Resources, Catherine Dickert, Director](#)

Catherine is a native of New York State who has lived and worked in different areas of the country. After earning her MS degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of Vermont, she worked for the California Department of Fish and Game. She has also worked for non-profits and as a consultant before going to work for a small natural gas exploration and production company in western Colorado. She has been with the Department of Environmental Conservation for over two years.



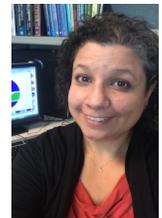
### [NYS DEC, Division of Mineral Resources, Kyle Martindale, Mineral Resources Specialist 3](#)

Kyle earned a BS in geological sciences from the University at Buffalo and he has worked in the Division's Oil & Gas Compliance and Enforcement Section for the past six years.



### [NYS DEC, Division of Air Resources, Ona Papageorgiou, P.E., Environmental Engineer II, Bureau of Air Quality Planning](#)

Ona has been responsible for the implementation of several VOC rules and is currently responsible for the development of an air emissions focused oil and natural gas rule for New York State. She serves as a member of the Environmental Council of States innovative methane detection technologies team and brings 20 years of both private and public experience to her role as a regulator. Ona received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Arizona State University and an M.S. degree in environmental engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



### [NYS DEC, Division of Air Resources, Tom Wickerham, Environmental Program Specialist II](#)

Tom has been with the DEC since 1987 where he started in the Division of Mineral Resources. His office is responsible for regional management of the Federal Title V and State-level permit programs and ensuring the regulatory compliance of facilities through education, outreach and enforcement. Prior to working for the DEC, Tom spent twelve years in oil and natural gas exploration and development as a petroleum geologist. Tom has a BA in Geology from Thiel College and an MS in Environmental Health and Safety Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Since 1998 he has served as an Adjunct Professor in the Rochester Institute of Technology's Environmental Health and Safety Management program. For fifteen years, he spent much of his spare time as an Assistant Scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout troop, during which he served for two years as the Chair of the Special Scouting District and member of the Executive Board of the local Boy Scout Council. Tom is currently Chair of the Statewide Council of the State Employees Federated Appeal, an annual, donor-designated charitable program run by state employees that last year raised over \$5 million statewide.



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### Department of Public Service, PSC, John P. Sano, Utility Supervisor

John Sano became Utility Supervisor in the Gas Policy and Supply Section of the Office of Electric, Gas and Water in July 2009. Immediately prior to this position he was a Utility Supervisor in the Gas Rates Section of the same office. During his career, Mr. Sano has held several engineering positions within the Department of Public Service including those related to gas purchasing, gas system reliability and gas rates. In addition to his public service experience, he held several engineering and management positions with the former General Electric Silicones Products Division in Waterford, New York and was originally a process engineer with Union Carbide at its Plastics Division Plant in Bound Brook, New Jersey. With the department of Public Service, he has had extensive involvement with gas purchasing practices including analysis of local distribution company gas purchasing portfolios and hedging practices and also with the use of interstate pipelines, pipeline services and storage services to ensure the reliability of gas supply and delivery necessary for New York markets. Mr. Sano has also worked with IOGA of New York and individual New York natural gas producers to ensure the capability of access to New York State markets. In private industry, John gained a variety of experience in process development, process engineering, production engineering and plant management. While in private industry, he spent his last five years as Maintenance Operations Manager at the General Electric plant. Mr. Sano received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at Clarkson University in 1974 and a Masters in Business Administration at the State University of New York at Albany in 1983. He was inducted as a member of the Phalanx Society, the Clarkson University Honorary Organization in 1974 .



### National Fuel Gas Panel Participants:

- ◇ Charles Campbell, NFGS, Senior Manager, Gas Measurement
- ◇ Robert Eck, NFGD, General Manager, Energy Services
- ◇ Robert Michalski, NFGD, Assistant General Manager, Gas Supply Administration
- ◇ William Snyder, NFGD, Superintendent Operations , Operations – NY



### Department of Public Service, PSC, Kevin Speicher, Chief of the Pipeline Safety Section

Kevin oversees the interstate and intrastate pipeline safety programs for hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. He started with the Department in 1995 as a Junior Engineer. He has served on the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) Gathering Line, New Inspector Development and Training, and Transmission Integrity Management task groups and currently serves on the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council Evaluation of Innovative Methane Detection Technologies workgroup. Kevin is a graduate of the Syracuse University College of Engineering and has a B. S. in Environmental Engineering.

