

Speaker Biographies

Ed Cross, *Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association*

Edward Cross serves as President of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) where he is responsible for public policy advocacy and interaction with external stakeholders including elected officials, regulators, government decision-makers, and community thought leaders. At KIOGA, Cross is director of staff, editor of the Association's publications, serves as an industry spokesperson to media outlets and other forums, and is an industry advocate as a registered legislative agent. On behalf of KIOGA members, Cross lobbies in both Topeka and Washington, D.C.

Cross serves as an executive board member to the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance. He is an active member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) and serves as an advisory board member to the Tertiary Oil Recovery Project (TORP) and the Chemical & Petroleum Engineering Department at the University of Kansas.

In 2005, Cross was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Liaison Committee of Cooperating Oil and Gas Associations (Liaison Committee), a network of state and regional trade associations that represent the independent oil and natural gas exploration and production industry in the United States. Cross is responsible for coordinating the organization's efforts.

Cross is a Kansas appointee to the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC). The IOGCC is a national organization representing the Governors of 37 oil and natural gas producing states. At IOGCC, Cross served from 2005-2007 as Chair of the Public Outreach Committee, one of the eight standing committees of the Compact.

Cross has published 8 peer-reviewed papers on economic, environmental, and energy education issues facing the independent oil and gas industry. He is a licensed professional geologist and certified school business official holding a B.S. in Geology and an M.B.A. from Southern Illinois University. In January 2007, Cross appeared before and briefed the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance in Washington, D.C. on marginal oil and gas production issues in Kansas.

Sabina Dhungana, *Kansas Forest Service*

Sabina is a native of Nepal. She has an undergraduate degree in Forestry from Tribhuvan University in Nepal, and a Master's degree in Forest Products from the University of West Virginia. Prior to her employment with Kansas State University, Sabina worked as a Research Assistant with the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, West Virginia

University and the Resource and Environmental Conservation Society, Nepal.

Sabina's principle responsibility with the Kansas Forest Service is to provide leadership for growing the state's forest products industry by developing a community of interest around non-conventional woody biomass products including wood energy. Activities central to this mission are: (1) conducting forest resource assessments with strategically targeted facilities such as college and school campuses, hospitals and mental health facilities, correctional institutions, large warehouses, pellet manufacturers, and alfalfa dehydration plants; (2) promoting woody biomass businesses in critical landscapes for purposes of maximizing improvements to forest and grassland ecosystems and stimulating rural economic growth and vitality, including markets for underutilized species, such as Eastern Red Cedar; (3) conducting engineering feasibility studies to determine the technical and economic viability of converting facilities to woody biomass; (4) assisting facilities with positive outcome feasibility studies to secure capital for conversion and initial startup; and (5) matching secondary processor needs for timber products with sawmill production to increase value added to the state's economy.

Sabina's satellite responsibilities include forecasting wood waste volumes from rural and urban forest threatened by emerging insect and disease threats with specific reference to Emerald Ash Borer, and Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut.

Greg Krissek, *ICM*

ICM's Director of Government Affairs, Greg Krissek, represents the company on state and federal matters relating to ethanol policy and overall industry development. He has over 22 years' experience working with ethanol and renewable energy projects as well as related public policy.

Greg currently serves on the board of Growth Energy as its Technical and Environment Council (EPIC) board as well as chair of the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition (NEVC) board. He also serves as a board member of the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), Kansas Association of Ethanol Processors, and currently is board chair of KansasBio. In addition, he represents ICM on seven ethanol plant boards of directors. He also served five years as the biofuels and agriculture representative on the Kansas Governor's Energy Council.

Prior to joining ICM in 2003, Greg spent three years as Director of Operations with the offices of the Kansas Corn Commission, Kansas Corn Growers Association, and Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association. He also worked with the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) for 11 years, including three years as Assistant Secretary. While at KDA, he served as chief staff coordinator for the Governor's Ethanol Coalition.

Greg holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Rockhurst University in Kansas City as well as a law degree and MBA from the University of Denver.

With approximately 300 employees, ICM designs, builds, and supports ethanol plants as well as serves as a leading ethanol industry advocate. For more information, visit icminc.com.

Dennis McKinney and Scott Brown, *Greensburg*

Dennis McKinney, a Kiowa County farmer and beef producer has worn many hats. Dennis is a former Kiowa County Commissioner, State Legislator, and Kansas State Treasurer and also served as an interim City manager for Greensburg. A self proclaimed public service leader, Dennis was highly involved in the rebuilding of Greensburg following the devastating tornado of 2007. Dennis resides in Greensburg with his wife and two daughters.

Scott Brown, longtime business leader, is also of Kiowa County. He has a long history as an auctioneer, realtor, and farmer. Scott was instrumental in attracting business back to Greensburg during the rebuilding of the community.

Jeff Roskam, *Kansas Alliance of Bioenergy and Biorefining*

Jeff Roskam is a senior level business executive with over 25 years of experience leading commercial edge ventures in biofuels, CO2 utilization and mitigation, drinking water and finance. He is currently investing and consulting in renewable and fossil fuel industries and is also seeking to combine human, capital and natural resources to provide energy alternatives and solutions in a global market place.

Jeff provided seed capital and was the co-founder and CEO of Wichita-based CAP CO2, LLC, a carbon dioxide enhanced oil recovery development firm. He was also president and co-founder of Wichita-based United Bio Energy (UBE) before the company merged into US BioEnergy, where he served as senior vice president. Prior to starting UBE, Jeff was the senior vice president and minority owner of ICM, Inc., a Colwich-based ethanol technology, development and construction company, where he was responsible for business development. He has also held the position of engineering project manager for Broin and Associates (now POET), a South Dakota ethanol process engineering firm.

Roskam currently serves on the board of directors of Western Plains Energy of Oakley and Green Energy and Growth Fund, Inc. In earlier years, he served on the founding board of directors for Badger State Ethanol of Monroe, Wisconsin and US Energy Partners of

Russell, Kansas. He also served on the board of Big River Resources of West Burlington, Iowa and Denco, LLC of Morris, Minnesota.

Jeff's interests are commercializing early stage technologies and advising early stage companies in the transportation and renewable fuels industries. He provides consulting services for startups and acquisitions, biotechnology, seed and genetics, petroleum refiners and vendors to the biofuels business.

Jeff grew up on an Iowa farm and worked as a mechanic and industrial electrician before attending Iowa State University where he obtained a BS in Business Administration with a finance emphasis. In his spare time, he enjoys family, camping and water sports and is a twin engine instrument rated private pilot. Jeff formerly served as Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and on the mission and finance committees of his church. He has been a Sedgwick County Master Gardener. Jeff and his wife Patty live in northwest Wichita and have grown children in Kansas, Colorado, Iowa and Texas.

Colin Whitley, *Kansas Power Pool*

When the Kansas Power Pool was formed in 2005, Colin was appointed to serve as General Manager by the newly formed Board of Directors. From 2005 until 2007, Colin served as the unpaid General Manager of KPP as well as the Director of Electric and Water for the City of Winfield. In 2007, KPP hired Colin full-time as CEO and General Manager. Colin has worked in the electric industry as an engineer and manager for over 30 years. He and his family have lived in rural Winfield since 1994 and are still proud customers of the City of Winfield Electric Utility.