



## THE PROFESSIONAL PETROLEUM DATA MANAGEMENT (PPDM) ASSOCIATION

# DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### WELCOMING 2016

As 2015 draws to a close, it is a time for reflection and an opportunity to look forward to the future and the many opportunities it brings. As Albert Einstein once said “Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow.” We at the PPDM Association hope that the holidays bring you the warmth of family and friends, and that 2016 is filled with good health and happiness.

**We are also excited to announce our first ‘sale’ coming in 2016, as part of our initiative to bring extra value to our members. Keep an eye on our newsletters and communications to find out how you can save big in 2016!**

### Volunteer of the Month

Jeremy Calow of Nexen Energy ULC is the December Volunteer of the Month. Jeremy is on the PPDM Association’s Petroleum Data Management Certification Committee (PDMCC) as the Co-Chair of the Governance Subcommittee. The Governance Subcommittee is responsible for policies and procedures in the areas of exam delivery and credential maintenance and acts as a central link to ensure a consistent process and communication, currently for the CPDA Examination. Jeremy is currently Supervisor – Corporation Information Services with Nexen Energy ULC and has been with Nexen, in various roles, since August 2013. Prior to joining Nexen, Jeremy was a business analyst at CGG and Fugro Data Solutions, and was at Nexen for nine years prior to that. Jeremy is a passionate photographer with his own landscape photography business, Jeremy Calow Photography. One of his photographs was featured as first-place winner in the January 2015 Edition of [Foundations](#). “Jeremy has been an integral part of our Governance Subcommittee, bringing new ideas and methods to the table, along with a great sense of humour,” said Ingrid Kristel, Project Manager at the PPDM Association. “Jeremy has been instrumental in helping to push along and launch the CPDA Examination, and I have truly enjoyed working with him these last couple of years.”



### Finish off those Professional Development Goals!

Are you or a member of your team looking to finish off your professional development goals for 2015? Available around the world, day or night, our online training courses can be completed in as little as a few hours. Courses are not just for data management staff, but can provide background for staff from other areas of the business, including marketing, accounting and sales. With special discounts currently available to members, our online training is a great way to show your employer that you are continuing to build your knowledge of the industry and best practices. [Sign up now!](#)

# Help build our Professional Development Committee

Are you passionate about building the petroleum data management profession? Our Professional Development Committee is currently looking for members interested in growing our Committee, which is dedicated to advancing the data management profession, including raising awareness, coordinating professional development activities and providing a large breadth of learning opportunities. Being a part of this Committee can also provide you some professional development and the opportunity to network with like-minded members. For more information please visit our [website](#).

## Community & Events

The [2016 Houston Data Management Symposium & Tradeshow](#) is coming up – April 11 & 12, 2016 – and we hope to see you there! We are now accepting sponsors, exhibitors and abstracts. Please visit [www.ppdm.org/houstondms2016](http://www.ppdm.org/houstondms2016) for more information, including upcoming deadlines!

We hope you will join us at our other upcoming events:

- [Oklahoma City Data Management Luncheon](#) – January 12, 2016
- Dallas Data Management Luncheon – January 19, 2016
- Midland Data Management Luncheon – January 28, 2016
- Denver Data Management Luncheon – February 9, 2016
- [Houston Data Management Symposium & Tradeshow](#) – April 11 & 12, 2016

## Work Groups & Committees

Work continues in our existing, active and upcoming Work Groups and Committees. Here are just a few highlights.

Thanks to our members, our Rules committee was successful in their RULEvember initiative and was able to add 280 rules (now in review) to our library of 1,933 rules. This brings us to a total of 2,213 rules submitted, enabling us to pass our goal.



The deadline for public review of the Well Status & Classification documents has been extended until December 15. [Get your comments in now!](#)

The Regulatory Data Standards

## Certification

The deadline for the next Certified Petroleum Data Analyst (CPDA) Exam sitting in March 2016 is February 3, 2016. Remember to get your full application in before then. More information, including the Candidate Handbook, is available at [www.ppdm.org/certification](http://www.ppdm.org/certification).



## Membership

The PPDM Association is a not-for-profit society dedicated to building the data management community, developing the body of knowledge and creating professional development opportunities. Without the support of our members and sponsors, our programs would not be possible. Membership with the PPDM Association is only \$200 for individuals and grants access to a variety of benefits. Make sure your membership is current!

## Foundations

Stakeholder Report and Charter feedback is being assembled. More information on this workgroup is available on our [website](#).

The Compliance with Teeth framework has started and the work group will be engaged in early 2016. We welcome input and participation from our members. If you are interested in participating in a work group or committee, [contact us!](#)

The last issue for 2015, Volume 2 Issue 4, will be coming out at the end of December, so keep an eye on your email. We are also still accepting photos for our Photo Contest, so don't forget to enter your beautiful pictures and vote for your favourites at [photocontest.ppdm.org](http://photocontest.ppdm.org).



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