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Keeping Our Commitments

It's been a great six months since I started as Executive Director at KOGA. I've been busy in Frankfort, traveled to Washington D.C., met with the EPA in Raleigh-Durham to discuss oil and gas regulations and travelled throughout the state to get a better ground-level view of our industry. We've accomplished a lot but there's still more to do.

When I started, I put together a list of commitments we would focus on in 2013. I'm a big believer in accountability, or to put it another way, keeping our commitments. The midway point is a good time to see how we're doing. So, here we go:

- **Enhanced Communications between KOGA and our Membership:** KOGA provided Bill Tracking through the Kentucky General Assembly legislative session to keep members updated on what's happening with key legislation affecting the industry. We've put out three bi-monthly newsletters, which have included guest columnists providing insights and analysis on some critical items. And, there's KOGA's Twitter account [@kyoilgas](#). Follow us on Twitter for tidbits and news about what's going on in the industry in Kentucky!
- **A Focused Public Relations Effort:** We've gotten some good earned media through local newspapers and television. WYMT covered our eastern Kentucky technical meeting on the Berea Sandstone and interviewed Doug Hyden about 2012 production in Kentucky. I've also been a part of the annual Summer meeting at the Kentucky Geological Survey and represented KOGA at the "Moving the Needle" CNG meeting last week in Lexington.
- **Implementing the New Bylaws:** Ballots for the Board of Directors have been mailed and many have been returned. We'll announce the new Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in June. We're also in the process of reorganizing the committee structure and ask everyone to give some thought to how you can help out once the new Committees are formed.
- **Increased Value to Membership through Meetings and Events:** We had a great technical session on the Berea Sandstone oil play at the east Kentucky meeting in April. We had 150+ at the meeting, our best attendance in years. We're putting together a great agenda for the Annual meeting in June with

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presentations on the Lower Mississippian Carbonate, high volume frac & horizontal well bore design, land and leasing challenges in Kentucky and an environmental panel to discuss critical regulations facing the industry. (Special thanks to the Program Committee and Astrud Masterson for all their hard work!)

- **Data Driven Decision Making:** I'll present the findings from our Economic Impact research at the Annual meeting. The data will serve as a benchmark for us to monitor and track how Kentucky's industry is measuring up in the coming years.
- **At the Forefront in Frankfort and Washington D.C.:** We successfully passed CNG incentive legislation (HB 212) and put a stop to an abandoned tank battery bill that missed the mark in what it was trying to accomplish. We've also been engaged with the EPA on a proposed storage vessel VOC regulation. I encourage everyone to read Rudy Vogt's commentary on this issue. The EPA is going to finalize their rule in the next couple of months and it will impact our industry one way or another. It's a good idea to go ahead and begin familiarizing yourself with this issue.

As I said, we've accomplished quite a bit. We need to continue to move forward. We'll do this by keeping our commitments and representing KOGA in a professional and proactive way.

We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you for everything you do. Please don't hesitate to contact us about things important to your businesses and our industry. We're here to serve and hope to see you at KOGA's Annual Meeting next month! (Registration can be found at this link:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7faezu9435864c0&llr=bix69zhab>)

Sincerely,



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