

Kentucky Gas Association Membership Renewal

Association to Advance Membership Interest in Commerce Executive Director's Renewal Statement

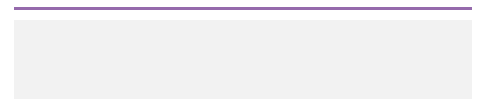
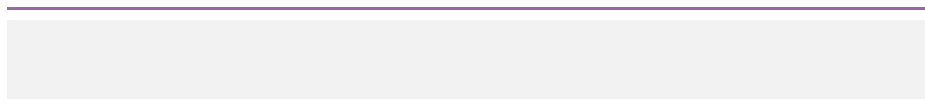
Greetings, Kentucky Gas Association.

Welcome to your new Membership Year with KGA. I am happy to invite you to activate your membership, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and many dedicated KGA member representatives, I thank you for your commitment to the Association. At KGA, we know your membership and accompanying financial dues demand stewardship and measurable action. Because of this, the Association will continue to facilitate sophisticated industry programming and networking, and we will provide a return of your investment via advocacy. As KGA member organizations collectively shine as a leading driver in the Commonwealth's economy, the Association will serve as your premier advocate and information source.

The emergence of natural gas as a leading source of American energy is attributed to the abundance of our product, our great Kentucky companies, the economic benefits of efficient energy, and action from government. KGA will work diligently to make advancements in each of these attributes to support your mission to safely and reliably distribute and transmit natural gas. To satisfy this promise, KGA will enhance and develop new nationally recognized conferences, seminars, and public forums; and the Association will safeguard our membership interest in commerce via governmental relations. And as KGA succeeds, our membership thrives.

I am proud of the impact of our industry on the Commonwealth's economy, and the role KGA plays to advance our industry influence. Kentucky's 36,000 miles of natural gas pipelines are the arteries of economic development. As Kentucky's energy portfolio continues to evolve, Association members must be prepared to satisfy an increasing demand in an ever changing commercial and regulatory climate. Upon your membership activation, KGA will serve as a powerful resource to facilitate success in Kentucky's economic landscape. We will deliver continuing education and access to cutting edge technologies to provide the tools imperative for operation, and the Association will convene with legislative bodies to ensure that the Commonwealth's business climate remains safe and fruitful.

KGA strategies have and will continue to yield an incredible return on your financial commitment. For example, in 2016, KGA governmental affairs contributed to the defeat of anti-business, industry damaging legislation which would have imposed a \$120 tax on each mile of gas pipeline in Kentucky. This KGA success saved our membership over 4.3 million dollars per year. Continuing, to further contribute to safety and reliability, the Association has developed the KGA Damage Prevention Committee. This Committee will carry the banner for underground facilities protection in the Commonwealth through strategic programming and legislative action. KGA damage prevention efforts are an example of the Association endeavor to safeguard Kentucky energy infrastructure; and more importantly, a testament to an industry commitment to protect life and property.



KGA membership is an investment, the benefits of which are innumerable. The execution of our service portfolio is designed to provide a return on that investment. Together, we have made great strides with energy advocacy and we remain the leader in industry education. Association educative services are tailored to be both cross-cutting and also specific to each class of membership. KGA organizes programming to maximize learning and networking opportunities, giving Corporate Members orientation to efficient technologies and practices, while offering Affiliate Members unparalleled access to industry decision makers. Educative programming has long been our keystone service, and we invite you to participate in any KGA function, such as the EXPO, Executive Best Practice Summits, Gas Technician Training Workshops, PHMSA Seminars, and the newly developed Management and Operations Conference.

The Association is governed by a Board of Directors and our vision is executed by 11 Standing Committees. Led by member representatives, KGA Committees are the machines by which the Association intellectual capital is developed and maintained. Member representatives meet regularly to monitor and develop legislative policy, assemble with the Public Service Commission, disseminate technical data, and to create the top notch programming for which KGA is revered. Committee participation not only perpetuates the KGA service portfolio, but also grants your organization access to the forums where solutions are tailored to industry issues. The networking within each Committee is instrumental to our membership, and I strongly encourage your organization to take a leadership role in KGA by joining a Committee. Upon your membership activation, consider identifying those in your organization as an Associate Member for placement in a KGA Standing Committee.

KGA has served as the collective voice of Kentucky's natural gas industry since our founding in 1967. Organizations operating throughout North America have membership with KGA, and each company is contributing to a more powerful Association and a stronger Kentucky economy. Our members are responsible for the creation of nearly 13,000 great paying Kentucky jobs, and our membership supplies approximately 100,000 commercial and industrial businesses with affordable energy, enhancing their ability to do trade in the Commonwealth. In total, KGA members provide American natural gas to 1,000,000 Kentucky customers, and the Association is committed to ensuring that this number continues to grow. Our membership consists of publicly traded energy entities, municipal owned utility systems, private companies, and approximately 100 gas support organizations. From the smallest to the largest systems, producers, pipelines, and all affiliated groups, KGA is working for you and we look forward to serving your needs and safeguarding your interests.

KGA is poised for another strong year of growth as we fulfill our mission. Together, we will provide for the advancement of natural gas and the sustainable growth of Kentucky's operators and affiliates. American natural gas is continually gaining larger shares of the nation's energy consumption and KGA is your partner, dedicated to serve as a resource to enhance your endeavor to continually achieve operational excellence. KGA is honored to serve you in 2016 - 2017. Please join us.

Let's get to work,



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