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Kentucky Oil and Gas Association Names New Executive Director

FRANKFORT, KY. (July 28, 2016) – The Kentucky Oil and Gas Association (KOGA) has named Matt Sawyers as the organization’s Executive Director. Sawyers, a veteran in politics and public administration was officially appointed prior to KOGA’s annual conference, July 19-21 in Covington.

“We are tremendously excited to bring Matt on board; he brings a combination of skills and experiences that will immediately impact our organization in a positive way,” said Maurice Royster, 2016 KOGA board president. “As our oil and natural gas industry strives to provide clean, abundant, and affordable energy, it is critical that KOGA plays an effective role in keeping the public and the legislature informed of vital information relating to our industry.”

As Chief of Staff at the Department for Local Government and Deputy Secretary of the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet, Sawyers served as representative to the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, and Executive Director of the Kentucky Sports Authority. Sawyers has also managed projects such as the Dawkins Line Rail-Trail in eastern KY, served as liaison to the inaugural Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway, and as a board member of the 2010 World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park.

“Kentucky’s oil and natural gas industry plays a critical role in our state and national economic well-being, so I am honored to have the opportunity to join such a tradition-rich, well-respected association,” said Sawyers. “As ED of KOGA, I will work to educate the public and the legislature of the industry’s critical role, as well as seek ways to continually add value to our members’ experiences through advocacy, education, and networking opportunities.”

KOGA is also excited to announce it has named association management professional Laura Cole as Associate Director. Laura most recently served as Chief Operating Officer for the Kentucky Broadcasters Association and has over 10 years of association management experience. Laura is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Society of Association Executives.

The Kentucky Oil & Gas Association was formed in 1931 to advocate on behalf of Kentucky’s crude oil and natural gas industry, particularly, the independent crude oil and natural gas operators. KOGA is dedicated to the responsible production and conservation of Kentucky’s natural resources. KOGA strives to ensure its members are provided fair regulations and education on oil and natural gas issues while protecting individual property rights, health, safety, and the environment.

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