

2015 KIOGA 78th Annual Convention A Resounding Success!

Nearly **1,000** participants from oil and gas exploration and production companies, service and supply companies, financial institutions, and government agencies converged on Wichita for the KIOGA 78th Annual Meeting and Convention held August 2-4, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas. Also, over **100** exhibitors filled the exhibitor hall for a well-attended event.

Two members were recognized at this year's convention for their unique contributions to the success of KIOGA's advocacy efforts including:

Andrea Krauss - KIOGA President's Award

Klee Watchous - KIOGA Outstanding Service Award

Many legislators, government officials, dignitaries, and business leaders from around the nation joined in the convention including **U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, Congressman Mike Pompeo, Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Congressman Kevin Yoder, Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism Secretary Robin Jennison, and IOGCC Executive Director Mike Smith** along with 3 State Senators, and 21 State Representatives. In addition, 24 state agency officials and other special guests joined in the convention. The keynote speakers, **Allen West** and **Dr. Kent Moors**, provided very inspirational and intriguing plenary session presentations. A panel discussion with 4 of the 6 members of the **Kansas Congressional Delegation** provided enlightening insights into congressional tax and regulatory reform challenges. A panel discussion of lesser prairie chicken regulatory compliance issues and concerns was provided by **Ken White** of White Exploration, Inc., **Doug Louis** of Geotechnical Services, Inc. and **Rick Griffin** of Martin Pringle Law Firm. **Rex Buchanan** and **Lynn Watney** of the Kansas Geological Survey along with **Ryan Hoffman** of the Kansas Corporation Commission provided a very informative panel discussion on Kansas seismic activity and state regulatory action. Participants also heard a very intriguing presentation from **Stranded Oil Corporation** on the underground gravity drainage project near Fredonia, Kansas. Convention guests were also greeted by 2015 Miss Kansas **Hannah Marie Wagner**.

KIOGA sincerely thanks our members, sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees for making the 2015 KIOGA Annual Meeting and Convention a resounding success!

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Upcoming Events

**Kansas
Environmental
Conference**
August 18-20, 2015
Topeka, Kansas

Summer NAPE
August 19-21, 2015
Houston, Texas

Kansas State Fair
Sept. 11-20, 2015
Hutchinson, Kansas

**EKOGA Annual
Meeting**
Sept. 15-17, 2015
Mayetta, Kansas