

# The Exponential Power of PIOGA Membership



*Serving the Industry for over a Century –  
Conventional to Shale and Beyond*

**The Pennsylvania Independent  
Oil & Gas Association is about strength.**  
Strength in our numbers and our shared  
goal of the successful development,  
transportation and marketing of oil and  
natural gas throughout the Commonwealth.

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The value of your PIOGA membership is increased exponentially when aggregated with other members' contributions, creating a powerful force to meet the challenges facing the industry in the legislative, regulatory and legal arenas. PIOGA's credibility in Harrisburg also generates effective working relationships with the government, business organizations and other industry groups to better represent your interests.

It is impossible for one company, acting alone, to monitor and take action on the scores of issues our industry faces. As a unified and organized association, PIOGA takes on these battles for you.

Here is a summary of how your membership pays off – in exponential ways:

## **LOBBYING THE STATE LEGISLATURE:**

PIOGA's executive staff works every day with a well-respected and experienced lobbying firm to advance the industry's position on legislation. There are currently more than 50 bills aimed at our industry. Our lobbying efforts include:



- **Fighting Gov. Wolf's annual attempts to impose a severance tax on production**, which would decrease investment and be devastating in today's low-price market
- **Lobbying for the petrochemical tax credit** enacted in July, providing incentives to attract large-scale manufacturing facilities that will use our natural gas and NGLs
- **Pushing for enactment of the Conventional Oil & Gas Act** to provide smaller operators with vital regulatory relief provisions from Act 13 aimed at shale producers

## FIGHTING REGULATORY BURDENS:

PIOGA's Environmental Committee leads the effort to improve the fairness and consistency of state regulations, and meets frequently with PADEP leaders to present facts to support the industry's position on those issues. Current regulatory issues include:



- **Reducing the burden on conventional producers** from the state's 2016 Methane Reduction Strategy
- **Joining a coalition to stop Gov. Wolf's efforts to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative** without legislative approval
- **Working to provide more affordable water treatment and disposal options** for conventional producers and recommend improvements in DEP's permitting of new UIC wells

## ACTING AS YOUR LAW FIRM:

With lawsuits being used more frequently as an advocacy tool, as well as for targeting the industry by NGOs and an activist state Attorney General, PIOGA will continue to be your first line of defense in the courts. A sampling of our current battles:



- **Fighting PADEP's imposition of personal liability on a company owner** for exorbitant and unnecessary legacy well plugging costs
- **Challenging PA One Call's manner of charging producers as if they were public utilities** for mandated participation in the statewide location program
- **Participating in an unfair trade practices lawsuit by the state Attorney General**, a case involving eminent domain over state land, and a case involving landowners' claims of subsurface trespass by hydraulic fracturing

*Advocacy · Regulatory Oversight  
· Education & Training  
· Market Development · Networking*



## **LEGISLATIVE | REGULATORY | LEGAL**

You gain much more from your PIOGA membership than this important three-legged stool of advocacy. The members of our seven committees work on a wide range of issues for the benefit of our entire industry, we keep members informed through our eWeekly update and monthly issues of the PIOGA Press, and we host (when not facing a pandemic) more than 20 conferences, seminars and networking events each year.

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