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Dear IOGA Member:

Make plans now to attend the IOGA West Virginia Winter Meeting January 26-27, 2010, at the Marriott Town Center Hotel in Charleston. Governor Joe Manchin, Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito, energy geopolitical expert Michael Economides and Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré, commander of Joint Task Force Katrina, are among the speakers who have been invited to address the IOGA membership.

Continuing their commitment to providing the latest technological advancements, we are once again pleased that BJ Services Company, U.S.A., Halliburton Energy Services and Schlumberger Oilfield Services have agreed to kickoff the first day's activities by co-sponsoring technical sessions from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. **There is no charge for members, nonmembers and students to attend these technical sessions.**

The West Virginia Desk and Derrick Club will meet Tuesday afternoon, in conjunction with our meeting.

Later Tuesday, the annual GOpac Reception will be held from 5-6 p.m. with the renowned IOGA Membership and Legislative Reception set to begin at 6 p.m. These events are open to members and nonmembers paying the full registration fee. Please remember the GOpac reception requires a separate contribution to GOpac. West Virginia Code prohibits corporate contributions, places a \$1,000 limit on personal contributions per election cycle, and prohibits cash contributions of more than \$50.

Breakfast for all attendees is being sponsored Wednesday, January 27, by Superior Well Services. Governor Joe Manchin has been invited as our keynote speaker Wednesday morning. Michael Economides, a favorite speaker among Winter Meeting attendees, will share his insights on energy geopolitics. Our luncheon, sponsored by Weatherford International, will feature invited speaker Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito, as well as a presentation to the Oil and Gas Museum.

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Additional Wednesday sessions will include a discussion of Marcellus Shale by panelists John Rinehart of Chesapeake Energy, Kyle Mork with Energy Corporation of America and Denny Mills with Petroleum Development Corporation. Russell (Rusty) Braziel, VP Marketing & Sales, Product Development & Chief Technology Officer, BENTEK Energy, will share his insights on Appalachian gas markets in a shale environment. Once again this year, we are pleased to have an additional technical session sponsored by Universal Well Services. Wednesday's activities will culminate with a Membership Reception sponsored by Universal Well Services and presentation of the Oil and Gas Reclamation Awards.

The Membership Banquet will include a fascinating presentation by Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.), commander of Joint Task Force Katrina. When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005, the devastation was more than anyone could have imagined. Images of the city drowning in the flood waters and of the dire conditions in downtown New Orleans showed the world that the United States was ill-equipped and unprepared to deal with a natural disaster of epic proportions. In spite of questionable leadership on many levels, he was the one leader who undeniably changed the course of the disaster, and he will share his experiences with us.

Included with the agenda is the Winter Meeting registration form. Please give it your immediate attention. ***Please complete this form and return it to the IOGAWV office with your payment no later than January 8, 2010.***

***Please register early! All attendees (except spouses) who register by the January 8 deadline will receive an autographed copy of Michael Economides' latest book.***

The Marriott Town Center Hotel has set aside a block of rooms with a special discounted rate for our members. You should make your reservation directly with the Marriott at (304) 345-6500 by January 8, 2010. Please identify yourself as an IOGA member to qualify for the special reduced rate.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Lori Miller at (304) 344-9867 or by e-mail at [lmiller@iogawv.com](mailto:lmiller@iogawv.com).

Sincerely,



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