

## McPhail joins GO-WV in co-leadership role

Although we informed all members and statewide media outlets back in early October, it is with great excitement that the GO-WV Board of Directors can now officially welcome Rebecca McPhail as its new President-Elect effective December 1, 2025.

Back in October Rebecca stated, "I am honored to join GO-WV and work alongside Charlie during this pivotal year. Natural gas and oil are West Virginia's future, and I'm excited to advance this important industry by telling the stories of the West Virginians working hard every day to produce this critical energy resource. As a native West Virginian, we all have tremendous pride for the natural gas and oil industry, and I know that our brightest days are still yet to come. I want to thank Charlie for his leadership and for

building a strong foundation from which we'll continue to grow and advocate for our state's energy future."

Rebecca will serve alongside current president Charlie Burd in a co-leadership role to ensure a seamless transition before his planned retirement in fall 2026. "This co-leadership model allows GO-WV to benefit from Charlie's long-term experience while welcoming Rebecca's fresh perspective," said Craig Colombo, GO-WV Board Chair. "It gives our members the best of both worlds:



*Rebecca McPhail  
GO-WV  
President-elect*

**McPhail joins GO-WV**

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## Register now for 2026 GO-WV Winter Meeting

The Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) will host its annual Winter Meeting on January 21-22, 2026, at the Marriott Town Center Hotel in Charleston. The theme of the 2026 meeting is "Meeting the Moment - From the Wellhead to the Fingertip."

Make plans now to join friends, colleagues, legislators and professional contacts for this worthwhile and exciting two-day event. Mark your calendars and register now [online](#) or use the forms on pages 30 and 31.

To better benefit your business, take advantage of the sponsorship opportunities that are available. Simply fill out the sponsor form on page 30 or contact Lori Miller Smith for specific event sponsorships. The positive exposure, educational and networking opportunities make this a great investment for your company.

This year, the Winter Meeting begins with lunch on Wednesday, followed by an outstanding slate of industry speakers. The morning will also feature a Producers' Issues Committee Breakfast, open to committee members only.

Panel discussions for the two days will include *Meeting the Moment for Increased Demand*, *Meeting the Moment for Connecting Supply with Increased Demand* and *Meeting the Moment with Natural Gas Power Generation*.



*Chris Weikle,  
Vice Chair/  
Program Chair*

The 2025 Oil & Gas Reclamation Award recipients will be recognized during the afternoon

**Winter meeting**

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# As cornerstone and contributor, this industry should give back

West Virginia’s natural gas industry stands as both the cornerstone of our state’s energy future and a steadfast contributor to the communities we call home. As the holiday season approaches – a time when needs are often greatest – it is our responsibility as members of GO-WV to redouble our efforts in supporting those who rely on our generosity, leadership, and commitment to the Mountain State’s long-term growth.

## Giving Back This Holiday Season

This time of year many West Virginians face heightened financial and personal challenges. It is crucial that our industry does even more to meet these needs through direct giving, partnership, and volunteerism.

As an example, leading up to Thanksgiving, Hope Gas donated \$125,000 to hunger insecurity programs in West Virginia. Additionally, the company has deepened its support for education and students with initiatives like its multiyear commitment to the Education Alliance’s School-Business Partnership of the Year program, it’s recent contribution of \$25,000 to Clarksburg’s Simpson Elementary School playground project, and its investment in the newly named Hope Coliseum, a signal of our company’s enduring partnership with the state and its people.

## Community Leadership and Stewardship

Diversified Energy reflects a pioneering spirit in both stewardship and philanthropy. Diversified’s commitment to West Virginia communities shines through their creative and impactful programs like Touchdowns for Turkeys. In partnership with WVU athletics, Diversified has pledged to donate turkeys for every Mountaineer football touchdown, providing hundreds of turkeys to food banks across the state. These efforts are part of a broader culture of giving, as the company routinely sponsors local charitable initiatives and supports vital community resources. These efforts reinforce our industry’s belief that true energy leadership is measured not only by the power delivered, but by the lives improved through service and generosity.

## Apex Pipeline and Local Involvement

Apex Pipeline Services, through its local charitable events such as the annual Apex Pipeline Charity Golf Outing, has highlighted the power of collective giving by supporting first responders, schools, and health initiatives. Its Community Grant Program targets rural West Virginia communities with resources for critical needs – from medical supplies to economic development.

**Giving back**

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## 2025 Oil and Natural Gas Accounting and Tax Seminar set for December 11

The Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc., along with the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association and the Southern Ohio Oil and Gas Association, are sponsoring the 2025 Oil and Natural Gas Accounting and Tax Seminar from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 11. It will be a virtual event.

Oil and natural gas companies continue to face ever-changing economic conditions and new challenges that come with it. In a continuing effort to keep members of the oil and natural gas industry informed of current issues and to help them navigate these challenges, we have once

again partnered with Baker Tilly to present this important and timely information.

Those who should plan to attend are oil and gas investors, operators, royalty owners, service companies, accounting and legal professionals.

After completion of the course, participants will be able to address current accounting and tax issues in the oil and gas industry for themselves and their companies, and maximize their tax benefits. There are no prerequisites required for this update level course, and no advance preparation is needed for this course recommended for 7.0 CPE credits, including 5 hours of tax, 1 hour of financial accounting and 1 hour of specialized (revenue distribution, due diligence, oil and gas transactions and acquisitions). CLE credits are available by self-reporting to the appropriate state bar association. To register/pay for Continuing Legal Education credit, [click HERE](#). Cost for PA CLE credit (7 subs.) for attorneys who are members of WCBA, PIOGA, GOWV, and/or SOOGA is \$175; non-members \$350; WV and/or OH credit is an additional \$25 each state. The Washington County Bar Association is a pre-approved provider of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in Pennsylvania, is a presumptive CLE provider for West Virginia, and upon request sponsors CLE programs for reporting in Ohio. For information about the CLE credits available for this program, contact WCBA at 724-225-6710 or [wcbawashcobar.org](mailto:wcbawashcobar.org). Time will be allotted for questions during the seminar and the presenters will be available for questions and consultations by phone or email after the seminar.

This year's presentation will include an update on Tax Reform and updates on not only various federal, state and local taxes, but will approach each area to explain how oil and gas investors, operators, royalty owners, service companies, and professionals should maximize tax and economic benefits. Planning for current and future

**Tax seminar**

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## From the Burd's Nest: Driving in the snow!

Like many of you, I am on the road virtually every day in pursuit of completing the duties and activities associated with my job. Also, like many of you, there is very little I have not witnessed in my nearly two million miles of career driving. But driving in inclement winter weather seems to bring out the “absolute idiot” or maybe the true character in lots of people.

Regardless of which, this “circus of characters” always seem to find you when it gets foggy, in a hard rainstorm, and particularly when an ice or snowstorm hits. Let me reflect on the crazy and dangerous things I’ve seen people do in times of inclement weather. It is quite amazing how many drivers simply do not realize the danger in which they place themselves and others. Do any of these actions taken by other drivers look, or sound familiar?? I’ve seen every one of them!!!

Actions some take before they leave their driveway or before they get out on the street or highway:

- Don't clean the snow or ice off the top of your car, it's so much more fun to drive as fast as possible so the wind catches it and causes it to fly off your roof and hit other cars behind you!
- Use the “What you can't see can't hurt you” theory. When your car is covered with snow or ice, only clean off that small section of windshield directly in front of the driver's seat so you can peer through.
- There is really no need to scrape the driver and passenger side door glass. You can always rely on your power windows to work and give you that clear view you'll need to see on-coming traffic. (Ignorance is really not bliss).
- Don't screw around cleaning the side mirrors either—mirrors are overrated!
- As an alternative to number 1, if brushing the snow off your car, brush it onto the front and back bumpers so that it blocks your headlights, turn lights and brake lights.

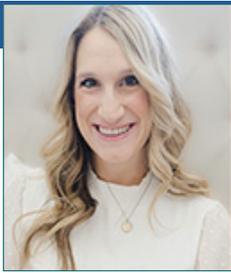
Always keep those other drivers around you guessing exactly where you think you're going.

Now, once you're out on the street or highway:

- Let's have some real fun. The more slippery the road surface, the more fun it is to weave in and out or change lanes. Isn't it fun to swerve in front of other drivers!?! Sure wish they had cleaned those side mirrors and back glass!
- Using your headlights only draws attention to yourself. If you just use your parking lights when driving in rain, sleet, snow, or fog you can slip by almost unnoticed—well, until the airbag is triggered!
- Or wait, just use the high beams and ignore the fact that they severely impede the line of site of approaching vehicles; don't really improve your ability to actually see more clearly during hard snowstorms; and really irritate the crap out of the driver in front of you.
- Does it really matter that the street or roadway has been plowed and an ample supply of salt, sand, or cinder has been spread on the road?? Go ahead and drive 10 MPH?? Let the others guys in that string of traffic behind you make that silly or dangerous move to get past you.
- How about those “get out of my way” maniacs tooling up the highway in their 4-wheel drive vehicle. They feel empowered to drive 30 MPH faster than all the other traffic just to show everyone how great a driver they are and to irritate those who must venture out on these snowy highways without the SUV or 4-wheel drive.
- Now here's one they didn't teach in drivers' education—when the person behind you gets too close, it's at that moment you slam on your brakes to test how slippery the snow, rain, or ice really is. The chain reaction caused goes undetected because again, the mirrors and

**Burd's Nest**

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## 2026 scholarship deadline: March 13

In 1997, the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, Inc. established its Scholarship Program that has been continued by GO-WV in an effort to become more involved in higher education in West Virginia. The Scholarship Program was specifically created to reward the outstanding scholastic achievements of high school seniors whose parents work in the oil and natural gas industry for GO-WV member companies. The Association also awards deserving high school “student employees” who have completed a required number of working hours at a GO-WV member company.

For 2026, we are expanding the program to include two-year and four-year certification or degree programs.

Since 2020, two annual one-time, \$1,000 scholarships are also sponsored by ConServ In-

corporated and earmarked for students who are choosing a career path that benefits the oil and gas industry in a vocational/technical field such as, but not limited to, welder, truck driver, well tender, electrician, mechanic, etc.

Since the GO-WV Scholarship Program’s inception, over \$261,000 has been awarded to these very deserving students. Complete eligibility rules and documents for both scholarship types are found on pages 20-25 or by [clicking here](#) and will be sent to all member companies.

The completed application, including all required forms and information, must be signed by the high school guidance counselor and post-marked no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. The GO-WV Scholarship Review Committee will review and award a limited number of one-time only scholarships.

Here is a quick glance at those rules:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee/retiree of a GO-WV member company in good standing OR be employed by a GO-WV member company in good standing (Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours in the past calendar year. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer **must** be provided).
3. Applicant must enroll in a two-year or four-year West Virginia college or university or a community college/vocational-technical school.
4. Applicant must compose an essay answering the question asked on the application form.
5. Application must be signed by the high school guidance counselor.

GO-WV will accept completed applications, including all documents, postmarked by Friday, March 13, 2026. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Katie McCracken at 304-344-9867 or [kmccracken@gowv.com](mailto:kmccracken@gowv.com).

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### Member news

## It's an "industry legends" birthday bash



Mike Ross, Ike Morris and Mac Worhl, all born in the autumn of 1937, were joined by over 100 friends at Stonewall Resort on Thursday, Nov. 6, to celebrate their 88th birthdays together. In addition, attendees celebrated Mike Audia's 91st birthday, who was born in the fall of 1934.

Those on hand agreed: These are four great men who have had a tremendous impact on so many people's lives.

From left: Mark Manchin, Mike Romano, David Alvarez, Mike Ross, Mac Worhl and Ike Morris.

## 2026 On-Line Buyers' Guide underway

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) is again partnering with Overland, KS-based Strategic Value Media, a leading nationwide provider of print and digital media solutions to trade and membership associations, to produce the 2025-26 edition of the GO-WV Buyers' Guide, the premier resource of relevant products and services for oil and gas industry professionals. This will be the 13th year that the Guide will be produced.

A representative from Strategic Value Media (SVM) may contact you by email or phone to inquire if you want to enhance your listing in the Buyer's Guide. Please know this is a legitimate call and that SVM is partnering with GO-WV to provide its members with this resource for advertising your products and services.

Like previous versions, the 2025-26 edition of the Buyers' Guide will feature updated and expanded company and product listings, in

addition to other valuable information relating to the oil and gas industry. The Buyers' Guide provides users with an efficient way to browse for goods and services and offers oil and gas suppliers exceptional visibility by showcasing their products and services to a targeted, industry-specific buyer group.

The Buyers' Guide is accessible through the GO-WV website at [gowv.com](http://gowv.com) and will be updated soon with new advertisements and updated information. To view the current Buyers' Guide – [click here](#). We encourage you to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to highlight your products and services in the Buyers' Guide. To learn more about advertising your products or services in the Buyers' Guide, please email [gowv-advertise@svmmedia.com](mailto:gowv-advertise@svmmedia.com).

### Industry news

## Burd participates in Governor's Energy Summit

The 2025 Governor's Energy Summit took place November 12-13 at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center.

The annual Summit brought together industry leaders, policymakers, educators and community stakeholders to discuss opportunities and challenges in advancing the state's energy resources, efficiency, and innovation.

Panelists shown here were Chris Hamilton, WV Coal Association, Fritz Roegge, Holtec Nuclear, Burd and Preservati.

"No single sector can tackle the challenges of energy alone," says Nicholas Preservati, Deputy Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce and Director of the Office of Energy. "The Summit is designed to bring together the brightest minds



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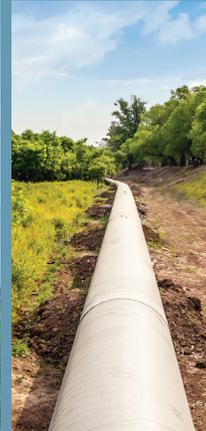
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## WeatherBELL: Early winter forecast



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When we combine the late hurricane analog correlation, the Southern Hemisphere September stratospheric warming analogs, the current stratospheric warming, the MJO rotation, and the flip in the Pacific, we have a lot of things lining up for an even colder look than what we have had out for the winter. Set-ups like this are way colder than the already cold forecast we have out, but where exactly the coldest air goes is an open question.

Many colder patterns in December that have had a negative PNA trying to resist (as we have this year) have collapsed to a positive PNA in January, which would mean the ante is really upped for the traditionally coldest month of the winter season.



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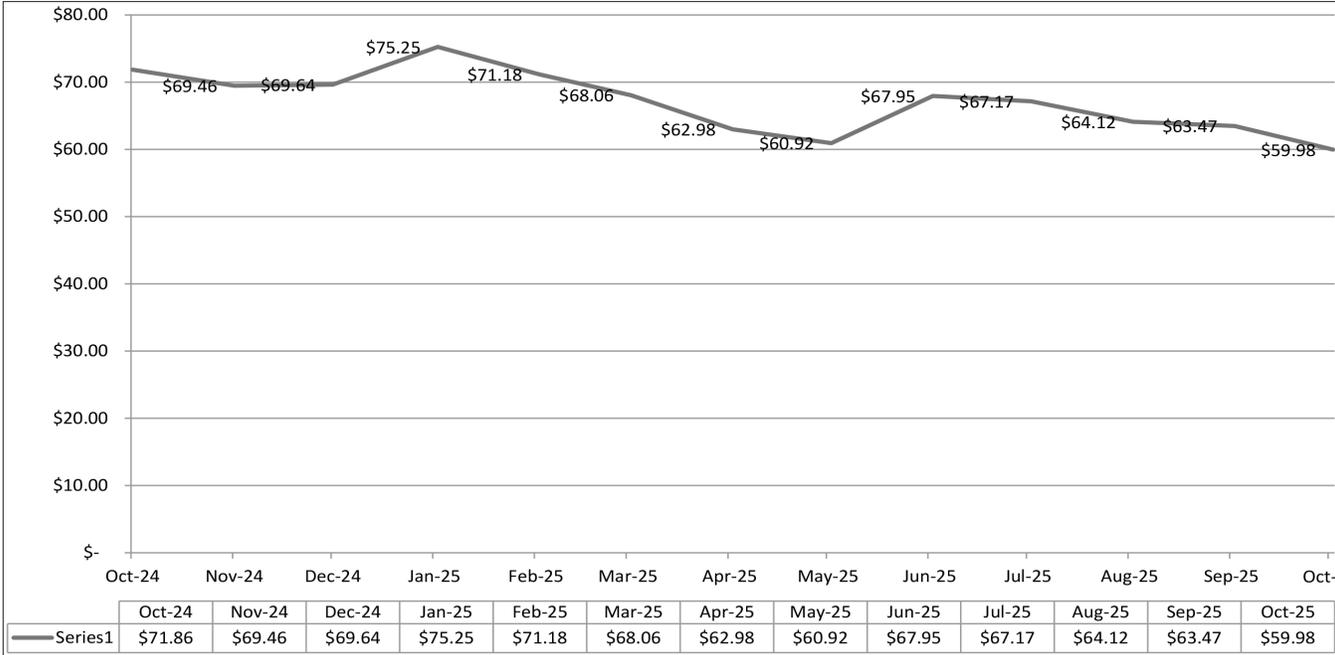
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# Monthly Appalachian Basin crude oil prices



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## Why Diversified Plugging Fund is a big deal

Last month Diversified Energy announced a public-private partnership with the state of West Virginia to plug orphaned wells in the state. It is a 70-million-dollar investment over 20 years which is expected to grow to over 650 million. Diversified has agreed to retire at least 1,500 wells in the first 20 years of this plugging fund on their own dime and use the money that's compounded over those 20 years to plug more in the future. This is the first of its kind partnership that is seeing the public sector and private sector come together and solve an issue that not only affects the present but also future West Virginians.

Why is this such a big deal and should be treated like one? It's an easy question to answer, because not only does this deal keep taxpayers of West Virginia from footing the bill but it also shows that there are solutions to ongoing issues. These ideas might be outside the box but outside the box solutions are exactly what we need these days when it comes to plugging orphaned wells, supplying sustainable energy for data centers, or even attracting those same data centers to the state of West Virginia. For too long, the state and private companies have worked for their own interests and have not worked together enough to deliver real results for West Virginians. This deal is a tangible result that isn't just money "pledged" to do something, but instead it is an actionable plan that will save West Virginian's millions of dollars. Every gas company that produces in the state of West Virginia should be seeing this deal and asking themselves how we can get involved.

Now the hard question is how do we communicate to the people of West Virginia just how big of a deal this is for them? We have a communication problem with the people of West Virginia with the issue of plugging orphaned wells. They see the number 21,000 orphaned wells in the state and all they can think about is the environmental impact and who is going to pay for plugging those wells. Our job should be to communicate to these people that it takes a lot of money and resources

to plug 21,000 wells and even if you have both it would take decades to plug that many wells. So it is important to give much publicity to this deal between Diversified Energy and the state to show proof of concept that we are going to supply the money with the new fund and the resources with NXT Level Energy. It is also important to communicate that the plugging doesn't stop after the 20 year deal expires because the money that is in the fund will have grown leaving runway for many more decades of plugging. It doesn't matter what we do in this industry that is positive for the community if we can't communicate how it positively impacts present and future generations of West Virginians.

## Oil & Gas Museum

The Oil, Gas and Industrial Historical Association, West Virginia's only multi-site museum, highlights the history and present day impact of oil and gas in the Appalachian Basin.



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## Upcoming events for your review

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**Multi-State Tax Seminar**

*Virtual*

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January 21-22, 2026

**GO-WV Winter Meeting**

*Marriott Town Center Hotel, Charleston, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

February 5, 2026

**Gas & Oil Day at the Legislature**

*State Capitol, Charleston, WV*

February 18-20, 2026

**2026 NAPE Summit**

*Houston, TX*

Info: [NAPE Summit](http://NAPE Summit)

March 4-6, 2026

**OOGA Annual Meeting**

*Easton Hilton, Columbus, OH*

Info: [ooga](http://ooga)

March 25-26, 2026

**WV Construction + Design EXPO**

*Charleston Coliseum, Covention Center*

Info: [wvexpo](http://wvexpo)

May 18-20, 2026

**IOGCC Annual Business Meeting**

*The Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK*

Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc)

June 16-18, 2026

**IPAA 97th Annual Meeting**

*The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO*

Info: [ipaa.org](http://ipaa.org)

August 2-4, 2026

**GO-WV Summer Meeting**

*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*

September 2-4, 2026

**2026 WV Chamber Energy Summit**

*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*

September 14, 2026

**BHE GT&S Charity Golf Outing**

*Pete Dye Golf Course, Bridgeport, WV*

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## Practical and legal hurdles to lithium: The next extraction revolution?

There has been much talk within the oil and gas industry about the potential for lithium extraction from produced water, a waste byproduct produced during hydraulic fracturing and drilling. Is this only talk, or are we approaching another extraction revolution? The answer is that the revolution is knocking on the door, but there remain significant practical and legal hurdles to overcome. To become viable, lithium extraction must become both economically and environmentally sustainable. Thus far, these technologies have not proven to be economically scalable, nor could their environmental impacts be justified.

The legal hurdles involving lithium extraction can be summed up in one question: Who owns the lithium? Is it the surface owner, the mineral owner (where the two differ), or the operator? As seen below, the standard lawyer answer applies: it depends.

Incentives for overcoming these hurdles could not be higher. Whoever masters lithium extraction technology from produced water will be able to name their own price for licensing that technology. Just as importantly, the oil and gas industry will be a major contributor to solving the obstacles currently facing the U.S. in sourcing lithium. Current U.S. dependence on foreign suppliers of lithium, especially China, raises significant geo-political concerns that can be cured by sourcing lithium domestically. Current estimates are that 40% of the country's lithium needs are contained within the Appalachian Basin alone.

### LITHIUM IN CONTEXT

#### A. Lithium as a Commodity

Produced water contains a variety of constituents – sediment, salts, hydrocarbons, minerals, and metals. Lithium is one of these constituents, and when extracted and processed, lithium has numerous uses and applications.

Lithium batteries are used to power the cell phone or computer that you're reading this

article on, the alarm system that keeps your home safe, and the electric vehicle that you drive. Lithium batteries power medical devices like pacemakers. If you're a golfer, your golf cart is likely powered by lithium batteries. If you're an avid photographer, that digital camera that you use to take photos is powered by lithium batteries. As technology develops and improves, lithium batteries will continue to become even more ubiquitous. In fact, lithium consumption is expected to more than quadruple in the next ten years alone.

#### B. Lithium: Then & Now

In the 1990's, the United States was one of the largest producers of lithium. Today, less than 2% of the world's lithium is produced here. In 2022, the U.S. government designated lithium as a critical mineral, recognizing lithium as essential to economic and national security. The U.S. government has directed that all lithium be produced domestically by 2030, an unrealistic goal. In reality, the U.S. cannot meet current domestic lithium needs and must rely heavily on top producing nations like China, Chile, and Australia.

China currently dominates the lithium market, with vast reserves of lithium and a monopoly over both lithium processing and production of lithium batteries. The U.S. government is determined to prioritize critical mineral resource initiatives and has dedicated billions of dollars towards processing lithium and other critical minerals for battery production, with the ultimate goal of reducing dependence on China and other nations. Additional funding has been allocated towards direct lithium extraction initiatives and lithium-ion battery plants.

#### C. Lithium in the U.S.

Despite the U.S. sourcing the vast majority of its lithium needs from foreign nations, there are numerous lithium sources in our own backyard. Yet, the Albermarle Silver Peak Mine in Nevada

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## Time now to plan for your 2026 insurance with GO-WV options

The Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. offers an association health insurance program for GO-WV members in West Virginia.

The program is presented through a successful partnership with Highmark BlueCross BlueShield (HMBCBS) and Blue Ridge Risk Partners and has become the largest fully insured policy holder of HMBCBS, a partnership that has existed for over 30 years.

With the expertise of this partnership, our groups are assured of stability and multiple services, including the oversight and compliance of the ever changing Affordable Care Act Laws and Regulations. This allows our members to focus more on their business.

GO-WV membership is one of the qualifications for the insurance program. For more information

about this program, contact Lori Miller Smith of GO-WV at [lmillersmith@gowv.com](mailto:lmillersmith@gowv.com) or 304-344-9867 or Josh Zontek of Blue Ridge Risk Partners at [josh.zontek@blueridgeriskpartners.com](mailto:josh.zontek@blueridgeriskpartners.com) or 304-848-6475.

Plan features offer competitive rates; reduced employer risk exposure; multiple plan options; tiered rates; and outstanding customer service.

The insurance plan also provides a dental program through United Concordia, a subsidiary of Highmark BlueCross BlueShield Pennsylvania, a vision plan through VSP and life insurance and short-term disability through Unum Life Insurance Company of America.

Plans are effective January 1, 2026. [Click here for complete information on all plans.](#)

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is the only active lithium producing mine in the U.S. This site utilizes direct lithium extraction and produces most of the less than 2% of the world's lithium that comes from the U.S.

In 2024, scientists discovered a massive lithium deposit in wastewater from Marcellus Shale wells in Pennsylvania, with potential for even more in West Virginia and Ohio. As noted above, these untapped Marcellus Shale sources could contain enough lithium to meet up to 40% of current domestic needs.

Another recent discovery in the Smackover Formation in Southwestern Arkansas contains potentially 19 million tons of lithium. There currently is a new pilot lithium extraction site in Northeast Pennsylvania operated by Canadian company Avonlea Lithium. According to Avonlea, a pilot test conducted at this site in June 2025 yielded extremely promising results, producing lithium phosphate solids from produced water with a purity of 94.2% and a lithium recovery rate of 69.3%.

Additional lithium extraction methods currently being developed and refined include Solar Evaporation Brine Extraction, Direct Lithium Extraction, Solar Transpiration-Powered Lithium Extraction and Storage, and Redox-Couple Electrodialysis. However, seemingly successful processes like the “Closed Loop” process used at Eureka Resources’ site in Williamsport, Pennsylvania have faced significant challenges. This method was initially successful, extracting 97% pure lithium carbonate from oil and natural gas brine with an up to 90% success rate. But the plant was subsequently closed in 2024 and cited for numerous permit and OSHA violations, workplace safety issues, and environmental violations. This illustrates how some promising lithium extraction methods face significant scalability, economic, and environmental issues that may impede their viability.

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**D. Lithium Ownership: Title and Lease Rights**

The starting point as to who owns the produced water's lithium requires determining whether there has been a severance of the mineral rights. In other words, has a prior owner of those mineral rights somewhere in a chain of title reserved or retained ownership of those minerals in the course of transferring ownership of their surface rights. As with any title examination, the specific language in the severance deed determines exactly what the surface owner retained: minerals, oil, gas or some combination of the three.

If there has been a severance of the mineral rights, then it is unlikely that the current surface owners own the lithium under their property. More importantly, the current surface owners likely have no legal authority to lease the lithium to an operator. Thus, the operator must lease that lithium from its true "severed" owner instead.

But even if an operator has a lease with the lithium owner, they still may not have the right to extract it unless the lease's granting clause arguably includes lithium. Granting clauses can contain a variety of terminology to identify what rights the lessor is being given. These include "oil," "gas," "their constituents," "hydrocarbons" and even the generic "minerals."

Note, however, that a "mineral" can have different legal definitions in different states. For instance, in Texas "mineral" includes oil, gas, uranium and sulphur. In both West Virginia and California, the definition is even broader and includes sand and gravel. Oklahoma defines only hydrocarbons as a mineral. Ohio excludes coal but includes oil and gas within its definition of a mineral, while Pennsylvania excludes both of those from its definition.

While no court has yet to explicitly rule on whether lithium is a mineral, that is the most likely conclusion, particularly since lithium is a metal and certainly not a hydrocarbon. Thus, unless a lease's granting clause explicitly identifies lithium, it should at least include "minerals" if the lessor is to claim rights to the lessee's lithium.

**E. Rights to the Produced Water**

So, is an operator who doesn't own lease rights to lithium out of luck? The answer is

maybe not because that operator may still be able to argue ownership of the produced water within which the lithium resides.

As of this writing, only one case has specifically addressed who owns the produced water. In June of this year, in *Cactus Water Services, LLC v. COG Operating, LLC*, the Texas Supreme Court held that produced water is a waste byproduct of the oil and gas drilling process "product stream" and therefore owned by the operator.

The facts of the case are somewhat involved, but can be simplified as follows: The operator, COG, had an oil and gas lease with the severed mineral owner. Cactus Water, however, entered into a "produced water lease" with the surface owner for the same acreage to pay royalties for monetizing that produced water. In contrast, COG's lease made no mention of the produced water, yet it still claimed ownership of that water. The Texas Supreme Court agreed with COG. Yet it also noted that COG's lessor could have expressly reserved ownership of the produced water in its lease.

The case's unique facts, combined with the Court's strained rationale behind its decision, raise doubts as to whether Cactus Water's decision will be adopted in less oil and gas friendly states.

**TAKEAWAYS**

The economic and political upsides to lithium extraction are simply far too great to ignore. Investors are showing an increasing willingness to dedicate the necessary resources to overcome economic scalability and environmental sustainability challenges.

The legal impediments surrounding lithium should be easier to overcome. Operators must perform their title analysis with an eye specifically geared to determining lithium ownership rights. New leases must contain language explicitly granting rights to lithium. Where operators lack defensible positions that their existing leases grant such rights, they should consider lease amendments explicitly doing so. Where lithium remains owned by surface owners not subject to oil and gas leases, operators should enter into separate leases with those surface owners to monetize their produced water. Finally, all of

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these agreements and leases should plainly state that royalties paid for extracting lithium, as well as other possibly valuable constituents from produced water, must be paid on a net basis so an operator can deduct its extraction expenses.

Thus, there can be no doubt that the lithium extraction revolution is coming. The ability to successfully extract lithium from produced water is not a question of “if,” but rather of “when.”

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back glass aren't clean?? Oh well!

- And finally, don't miss that chance when approaching a large water puddle in the road, to drive through really fast causing that slushy, salty, gritty splash to hit other cars and / or pedestrians. What a “rush” that provides to those poor unsuspecting souls.

Okay, truthfully, how much of this sounds familiar or have you witnessed? Well hopefully it only recalls how OTHERS drive and not how you drive.

It goes without saying the driving habits mentioned in this article ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY nor is it an endorsement to conduct yourself in the manner I joke about here. Each of us understands the importance of driver safety and takes pride in being courteous on the roads. Fortunately for me, I have only encountered four incidents in my 52-year career—three deer hits and one black ice situation that caused no real damage or injury. (Knock on wood!!)

With this final disclaimer, it is time to close this December 2025 Burd's Nest article. From the entire Burd Family, please accept our most sincere wishes for a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Most Prosperous New Year. See you in 2026.



opportunities and challenges will be emphasized. Baker Tilly presenters will utilize their years of experience in the oil and gas industry to explain key tax benefits as well as standard tax issues that everyone in the oil and gas industry should be aware of and plan for.

All instructors are provided by Baker Tilly and include: Marlin Witt, Gideon Gradman and Chad Parker.

You can [register online](#) or use the form found on page 29 in this issue.

## Winter Meeting

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and a presentation will be made at that time to the WV Oil & Gas Museum.

At 5:00 p.m. we will welcome legislative leaders to a special reception with GOPac contributors. This is followed by the GO-WV Membership and Legislative Reception at 6:00 p.m. which is open to all registered attendees.

On Thursday, breakfast for all attendees begins at 8:00 a.m., prior to the 9:00 a.m. conference

continuation. Industry leaders are being invited for discussions of meeting U.S. and global energy demands and power generation.

Recipients of the Rusty Hutson Heritage Award and the 2026 Gunslinger Award will be honored on Thursday.

Please see page 31 to register for the meeting, or [www.gowv.com](http://www.gowv.com). If you have questions, please contact Lori Miller Smith at 304-344-9867.

## McPhail joins GO-WV

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continuity and stability as well as the energy and vision to take GO-WV into its next chapter.”

In Charlie’s words, “GO-WV has truly found a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. First and foremost, Rebecca is a highly respected and talented leader whose experience and vision will help guide GO-WV into our new energy future. On top of this, Rebecca is a seasoned association executive with more than 20 years of experience in trade, policy, and advocacy leadership. Moreover, she has been a long-standing friend, mentor and ally on more issues than I can recount.”

Rebecca most recently served as Vice President of State Affairs & Political Mobilization at the American Chemistry Council, where she managed state-level advocacy efforts nationwide. She is also well-known in West

Virginia for her decade-long tenure as President and CEO of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association (WVMA), where she significantly grew the association’s membership and profile by delivering major policy wins for manufacturing and energy development.

Rebecca has been widely recognized for her leadership in West Virginia, including being named a YWCA Woman of Achievement (2025), WVU Tech Alumnus of the Year (2019), and a “Young Gun” by WV Executive Magazine (2015). She also holds a bachelor’s degree in history and government from West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Please join the staff and Board of Directors in welcoming our new President-Elect. Rebecca’s full bio and contact information can be found at [Our Staff](#) - Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia.

### **Antero Resources: Empowering Community Growth**

Antero Resources, through its private charitable foundation, has distributed millions supporting education, health, and youth advocacy in West Virginia. Their “Fuel the Burn” Oil & Gas Dodgeball Tournament is an innovative fundraising tradition, directly benefiting nonprofits like D.A.R.E., Genesis Youth Crisis Center, Hero’s Haven Child Advocacy Center, and the Harrison County CASA Program. Most recently, the tournament raised \$170,000 for these north central West Virginia charities!

### **Sustaining Opportunity and Growth**

Most, if not all, GO-WV members are engaged in efforts to help the people and areas we

serve. That’s one of the reasons I am so proud to serve as chairman of this great organization.

Collectively, we are demonstrating that our commitment to community giving is not only vital, but also inseparable from our larger mission of being the state’s primary, reliable energy source. As we serve as stewards of natural resources and active partners in West Virginia’s future, now is the time to sustain and expand our giving – to help every resident share in the prosperity our industry creates.

Let this holiday season be a reminder: through our collective efforts, we can bring warmth, hope, and opportunity to every corner of this great state. Our energy powers homes, but our compassion powers communities – and together, both will fuel a brighter West Virginia for generations to come.



**For those who go hunting this fall, please be careful.  
We need you home safely!**



# 2026 Scholarship Application

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ College/University Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My Parent/Guardian works for a GO-WV Member Company  
Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ GO-WV Member Company \_\_\_\_\_

**I Work for a GO-WV Member Company** (referral letter attached)  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date _____	If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), what is the amount of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as reported to you on the Student Aid Report (SAR)? \$ _____.
Awards Assembly Date & Time _____	

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee/retiree of a GO-WV Company in good standing OR be employed by a GO-WV Member Company in good standing (**Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer must be provided.**)
3. Applicant must enroll in a **two-year or four-year** West Virginia college or university.
4. Applicant must compose a 300-500 word essay answering the question: "Describe your community's perception of the Oil and Gas Industry and explain how you would improve it."
5. Application must be signed by a high school counselor.
6. Mail the application with all activity and course forms (listed below), essay, transcript and ACT scores as instructed below. This must be **postmarked** on or before **Friday, March 13, 2026.**

### ATTENTION STUDENT:

List your advanced placement and honors courses, organizations, volunteer and extra-curricular school activities with which you were affiliated during the four years of high school on the appropriate forms (Advanced Placement and Honors Courses, Extracurricular School Activities, Community Service and Non-School Activities - Including Employment). *Please deliver these forms along with your completed application and essay to your high school counselor.*

### ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

*Please sign this application and mail it along with the student's essay, transcripts, ACT scores, and activity and course forms to the address below postmarked on or before March 13, 2026.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's guidance counselor's signature

**PLEASE NOTE: ONE SIDED COPIES ONLY – NO STAPLES!**

Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc.

Attention: Katie McCracken

300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston WV 25301











# 2026 Technical & Vocational Scholarship Application



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ SS Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My Parent/Guardian works for a GO-WV Member Company

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ GO-WV Member Company \_\_\_\_\_

**I Work for a GO-WV Member Company** (referral letter attached) Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date:	Awards Assembly Date & Time:
Chosen Vocation/Career:	Chosen School:

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior choosing a career path that benefits the oil and gas industry.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee OR be employed by a GO-WV Member Company in good standing. (Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer must be included with this application.)
3. Applicant must be enrolling in a West Virginia community college or vocational / technical trade school.
4. Applicant must complete both pages of this form.
5. Applicant must ensure that this application and all necessary documents are postmarked no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026.**

**ATTENTION STUDENT:**

*After completing both pages of this form, deliver these documents to your high school counselor.*

**ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR:**

1. *Please write a letter stating why you, or the student's technical or vocational course instructor, recommend the student for this scholarship.*
2. *Mail the recommendation letter, all pages of this application, and the student's transcript of grades to the address below postmarked on or before **before March 13, 2026.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's guidance counselor's signature

**PLEASE NOTE: ONE SIDED COPIES ONLY – NO STAPLES!**  
**Please feel free to add extra sheets if needed.**

Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc.  
Attention: Katie McCracken  
300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston WV 25301







# 2026 GO-WV Newsletter Advertising Contract

Advertising is available to member companies and nonmembers of the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) in monthly issues of the association newsletter. Please see below for details regarding ad sizes and rates.

### Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	<b>Full page</b> 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$800.00/mo	\$750.00/mo	\$700.00/mo
	<b>Half page</b> (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$525.00/mo	\$475.00/mo	\$425.00/mo
	<b>Half page</b> (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$500.00/mo	\$450.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
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		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
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	<b>Half page</b> (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$1,000.00/mo	\$900.00/mo	\$800.00/mo
	<b>Quarter page</b> 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$600.00/mo	\$500.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	<b>Business card</b> 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$250.00/mo

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Ads can be run each month throughout the year or in any combination of months you choose. Please note there is a price break when you commit to a longer contract. Changes to your ad copy or cancellations can be made during the duration of the contract, but must be submitted 30 days prior to the next publication. (i.e. February 1<sup>st</sup> for the March issue). Please complete the information requested below and return this page, with payment, to **GO-WV Newsletter, GO-WV, 300 Summers Street Suite 820, Charleston, WV 25301**; email [dslaughter@gowv.com](mailto:dslaughter@gowv.com). Ads must be paid in full by check or credit card prior to publication. Please call Diane Slaughter at (304) 984-0308 to discuss these options.





# 2026 GO-WV Master Sponsorship Form

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Company Name Contact Person

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Address City State Zip

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Telephone Email

Meeting	Level	Cost
Winter Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Spring Swing Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
Science Teacher Workshop	_____	\$ _____
Summer Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Sports Weekend Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Total</b>	\$ _____

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# 2025 Oil and Natural Gas Accounting and Tax Seminar

Virtual format | December 11, 2025, Class 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ member discounted rate of \$100 per person (applies to employees of member companies)

\_\_\_\_\_ non-member rate of \$300 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE

Please mail registration with payment by November 3, 2024 to: GO-WV, 300 Summers St., Ste. 820, Charleston, WV 25301

**NO REFUNDS AFTER December 1, 2025.**

**About this course:**

**Program:** Oil and Natural Gas Accounting and Tax 2024; **CPE Credits for Accountants:** 7.0; **Field of Study:** Accounting (1.0); Taxes (3.0); Information Technology (1.0); Specialized Knowledge (2.0). After the seminar is completed please report completion of the activity within 30 days through the WV State Bar Membership portal at [www.mywvbar.org](http://www.mywvbar.org).

Course Name: 2025 Annual Oil and Gas Tax and Accounting Seminar; Course Date: 11/07/2024.

**Instructors:** Marlin Witt, Partner, CPA, CFP, CGMA; Bill Phillips, Partner Emeritus, CPA; Charlene Tenney, Supervisor, Business Outsourcing; Chad Parker, CPA; Jonathan Jones, CPA; Benjamin Ellis, Director, Technology. **Instructional Delivery Method:** Webinar; **Program Level:** Update; **Prerequisites:** None; **Advanced Preparation Needed:** None; **Who Should Attend:** Oil and gas investors, operators, royalty owners, service companies and professionals; **Program Description:** This year's presentation will include an update on Tax Reform and updates on not only various federal, state and local taxes, but will approach each area to explain how oil and gas investors, operators, royalty owners, service companies and professionals should maximize tax and economic benefits. Planning for current and future opportunities and challenges will be emphasized. Baker Tilly presenters will utilize their years of experience in the oil and gas industry to explain key tax benefits as well as standard tax issues that everyone in the oil and gas industry should be aware of and plan for; **Learning Objectives:** After completion of the course, participants will be able to address current accounting and tax issues in the oil and gas industry for themselves and their companies, have increased awareness of IT security issues, and maximize their tax benefits.

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# 2026 GO-WV Winter Meeting Sponsorship Form

January 21-22, 2026 | Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV

## Sponsorship opportunities:

Company Name		Contact Person		
Address		City	State	Zip
Telephone		Email		

\_\_\_\_\_ **Elite Sponsor** **\$20,000**

- Banner hung at *every* event
- Specific signage at sponsored event
- Listing on Elite Sponsor board
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Diamond Sponsor** **\$10,000**

- Banner hung at sponsored event
- Specific signage at sponsored event
- Listing on Diamond Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Platinum Sponsor** **\$5,500**

- Listing on Platinum Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Sponsor** **\$4,000**

- Listing on Gold Sponsor board
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Silver Sponsor** **\$2,000**

- Listing on Silver Sponsor board
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Bronze Sponsor** **\$1,000**

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Thank you for your continued support!





# 2026 GO-WV Winter Meeting Registration Form

January 21-22, 2026 | Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV

Company Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Participant's Name

Member?

Yes

No

Email

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration** (fees cover all Winter Meeting activities **except the GOpac Reception**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member early-bird rate of \$395/person for Wednesday and Thursday events (\$450 after 1/5/26)

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member early-bird rate of \$595/person for Wednesday and Thursday events (\$650 after 1/5/26)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student/faculty registration fee of \$100/person for Wednesday and Thursday events (\$150 after 1/5/26)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Please mail registration with payment by January 5, 2026, to:  
GO-WV, 300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston, WV 25301.  
NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 5, 2026

For additional information, call Lori Miller Smith at (304) 344-9867.





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