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### **Kara Moriarty Named New AOGA Executive Director**

(Anchorage) Today, the Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) Board of Directors unanimously named Kara Moriarty, AOGA Deputy Director, the association's new executive director, effective January 1, 2012.

She succeeds Marilyn Crockett, who is retiring from AOGA after more than 41 years of service.

Announcement of Moriarty's selection was made by Dale Pittman, Alaska Production Manager for ExxonMobil and current president of AOGA.

"Marilyn Crockett has spent her entire professional career dedicating herself and her strong work ethic to AOGA and has earned the right to enjoy retirement after so many years of service to our industry," Pittman said. "At the same time, I want to say how pleased we are that after an extensive nationwide search, we found our next leader right here at home in Kara Moriarty. She has the talent, competence, and ability to lead AOGA in the days ahead as our industry faces many new challenges and opportunities, especially with declining oil production."

Ms. Moriarty started her career as a teacher in the small Inupiat village of Atkasuk on the North Slope in 1996. Since then she has held various policy positions, both in the public and private sectors. She has worked for a U.S. Congressman in Washington, DC and served as legislative staff in Juneau. Prior to coming to AOGA, she was the President/CEO of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce for four

years. She started her career at AOGA in 2005 as a Program Associate, and has served as External Affairs Manager before assuming the role of Deputy Director in 2007.

“I can think of no single individual who is better positioned than Kara to take over the reins as AOGA’s Executive Director,” said current Director Marilyn Crockett. “She has strong connections throughout the state and is highly respected.”

“I’m humbled and excited to begin this next chapter for AOGA as its new Executive Director and look forward to building onto our strong team to foster the long-term viability of the most important private sector industry in Alaska,” said Moriarty. “It is a great honor and I look forward to this opportunity.”

Moriarty will be the fifth Executive Director in the Association’s 45 year history.