Legislative Spotlight: Representative Scott VanSingel (R-MI 100)

This is the latest in a monthly series of features on Michigan’s legislative leaders, as we take a look at their district, their relationship with our industry and their thoughts on our homestate energy production. These legislative spotlights will be archived in the news section of the MOGA webpage and featured in MOGA’s bi-weekly newsletter as well as in Michigan Oil & Gas News Monthly Report Editions.

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Representative Scott VanSingel was first elected to the State House in November 2016 to represent the residents of Michigan’s 100th House District, which includes Lake, Oceana and Newaygo counties.

Representative VanSingel is the fifth generation of his family to reside in Grant and in fact, he lives within three miles of where his family settled to farm in the late 1800s. Growing up, he spent countless hours working on the family farm, which taught him the value of hard and honest work.

He is a proud graduate of Grant High School and has deep roots in the community of Grant and Newaygo County. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University with majors in Finance and Accounting. In 2011, he earned his Master of Business from Cornerstone University.

Now in his second term, Representative VanSingel serves on the Appropriations committee. He is the chairman of the Higher Education & Community Colleges Appropriations subcommittee. Additionally, he serves on the Corrections, Natural Resources & Environmental Quality, and Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Appropriations subcommittees.

“Our state’s small, family owned oil and gas businesses are instrumental in providing funding for the acquisition and development of parks, trails, and other spaces to promote outdoor recreation around the state and in our district through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State Parks Endowment Fund.”

— Representative Scott VanSingel

In addition to his public service, Scott has worked in public accounting for the world’s largest CPA firm, worked as a financial analyst for Dematic in Grand Rapids, and started a successful rental real estate company.

Staying active in the community, the representative has served as a deacon (continued on page 18)
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for several years at Grant Reformed Church, treasurer of the Newaygo County Republican Party, member and volunteer for various conservation groups, scholarship committee volunteer, and participated in numerous mission trips to Central America.

He has also served as treasurer of numerous organizations, and is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He is an avid hunter and trout fisherman along with other hobbies which include gardening, cutting firewood and distance running.

We encourage you to reach out to Representative VanSingel by email at ScottVanSingel@house.mi.gov or by phone at 517-373-7317 to thank him for supporting Michigan’s oil and gas industry and share the great work we do in his district. The Representative has been forced to cancel several scheduled in-district office hours at this time, but we will share the office hour details as soon as he is able to reschedule.