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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gabrielle Sedor



Spring Has Sprung!

Spring is the time of year when we all get antsy for change. Shake off your cabin fever this Thursday on the rooftop deck of the Sturges Speakeasy for the first PAGR Capitol Happy Hour from 5 to 7 pm. (No need to worry about April showers - PAGR has the entire 2nd floor reserved.)

This is a perfect opportunity for new PAGR members to meet executive staffers from the House of Representatives, and for more seasoned PAGR members to revisit and refresh relationships with the folks that make the House committees hum.

Event sponsors and one guest are welcome free of charge. The cost for all other PAGR members is \$40 and includes food and beverages. Please note: this is a PAGR members only event.

The PAGR Happy Hours are just one way your Board is adding value to your PAGR membership. But I would hate for you to think that PAGR is focused on social events and nothing more.

At the request of the membership, representatives from the PAGR Board met with key staff from the

Department of State (DOS) to talk about two pressing issues for all lobbyists: the accuracy and ease of use of the DOS lobbyist disclosure website, and the dramatic increase proposed to the lobbyist registration fee.

As I reported at the last membership

meeting, DOS is revising its proposed fee increase from \$700 to \$400 based on feedback it received from PAGR, PAGR members and others. While we appreciate the fact that DOS reached out to PAGR to discuss the proposed increase, we are on record opposing the fee increase at \$700 and will continue to do so at \$400.

“(PAGR) will continue to voice our opposition to fee increases that treat a regulated community as a revenue source and nothing more.”

We believe the increase is an unnecessary tax on our community (most of whom already pay a lobbying tax);

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2014 DATES:

Mo	April 7	Membership Meeting
Th	May 1	Board Meeting
Mo	June 2	Membership Meeting
Th	July 10	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 4	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 6	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 6	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 1	Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held

11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the Firehouse Restaurant, Harrisburg.

December 1st meeting is 4:00—6:00 pm at McGrath's Pub, Harrisburg

2014 NEW MEMBERS**Alex Ableitner**

Penn National Insurance

Joseph Glinka

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of PA**Paul Healy**PA Assn of Elementary School
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Capitol Happy Hour Sponsors

WOW! What an incredible response we have had. Thank you to all the Sponsors who are supporting our Capitol Happy Hours Events.

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will create undue financial hardship for many of our members; and is simply based on bad policy.

I wish I could report to you that DOS will revise it's proposed fee based on our most recent conversation; I can't. What I can tell you is that they are committed to addressing a number of accuracy and usability issues that plague the DOS website. These include: improving the search function, adding auto suggest options when reporting or searching online, adding features that would allow registrants to link edits and updates to their firms, lobbyists and/or clients across those registrations; and simplifying paper reporting to closer replicate the online experience.

We look forward to working together with DOS as they work towards a more reliable and accurate product. We will continue to voice our opposition to fee increases that treat a regulated community as a revenue source and nothing more. ☉

Tuesday, April 1 is the deadline for registering.
Due to the limited space and great sponsor response, we can not accommodate walk-in's.
RSVP with visa or mastercard info to info@pagr.org

Join House Executive Directors and Key Staffers for our first

Capitol Happy Hour

When: Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 5 pm—7 pm

**Where: Sturges Speakeasy, 2nd floor
400 Forster Street, Harrisburg**

Cost: \$40 per PAGR member
This event is for PAGR members and Sponsors only

**Please RSVP to Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.org
by Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

NAME

EMAIL

Payment can be made by check, Visa or MasterCard. If paying by credit card, please include the following information:

Credit card number

expiration date

security code

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Billing zip code

Questions can be directed to Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.org or 717.939.1900
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Meeting Notice

Please note time change

Monday April 7

Noon — 1:00 pm

Firehouse Restaurant

Third Floor

606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg



Our Guest will be
Pennsylvania
Auditor General,
**Eugene
DePasquale**

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2014 DUES
ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE
CHARGED \$25.

PLEASE RSVP BY April 4 TO
717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.

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The mission statement of the Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations, Inc. (PAGR) is to promote the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent with the public interest. Further, association members encourage high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists.

Your 2014  dues
have been sent.

Encourage a co-worker to join too.

Please sign up for a committee
and return with payment
ASAP.

Thank you!

