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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gabrielle Sedor



Happy Holidays, PAGR members!

I hope everyone has recovered from Thanksgiving feasts and ample time with family. Now it's time to switch gears into Winter Holiday mode. PAGR held its Holiday Mixer last week at the Firehouse. Amidst the cocktails, appetizers and good cheer, PAGR members talked shop, reminisced about Lobbyalooza and voted on the association's 2014 Board of Directors. Congratulations to all of our Board members who are continuing on into 2014. Welcome to Pete Trufahnestock who is joining the Board as Corporate Director. Thank you, Kris Snader for your service to the Board and the

association since 2005. It is greatly appreciated.

A sincere thank you to everyone who stuck with us and made time to attend Lobbyalooza at its later date this year. Your evaluations told us the program and speakers were worth the wait. Thank you! It was a pleasure to be part of the robust conversations that took place - particularly around the proposed lobbyist registration fee increase with Secretary Zogby

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- and encouraging to see that several of you would like to be part of the planning for the next event. This year's event wouldn't have been possible without the diligence of PAGR's Lobbyalooza Planning Committee. Ted Mowatt, Judy Eschberger, Christine Mihalik and Deb Musselman....Thank You!

Now that we're into December, there are just a handful of session days and a few more days in the



2014 DATES:

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| Th | Jan 2 | Board Meeting |
| Mo | Feb 3 | Membership Meeting |
| Th | Mar 6 | Board Meeting |
| 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

NEW MEMBERS**Alex Balogna**

PA Food Merchants Assn

Sarah Blaisdell

Susquehanna Polling & Research

Joan Bradbury

LeadingAge PA

Kevin Busher

PA State Nurses Assn

Carrie Goodyear

Gmerek Government Relations

Jennifer Haggerty

PA Homecare Assn

Anita Lewis

Health Partners of Philadelphia

Pam Melton

Century Link

Courtney Mengel

Penn Medicine

Heather O'Donley

PA Credit Union Assn

Brian Paul

Westfield Insurance

Paul Pokrowka

United Transportation Union

Richard Utley

Utley Associates

Angela Zaydon

Manufacturer & Business Assn

Lobbypalooza 2013

This year's annual Lobbying skills-building symposium was held on November 15 at the Hilton Harrisburg. As in years' past, it was a huge success! Not only are we able to secure some of the most informative speakers on a variety of topics, but we are able to appeal to the lobbying newbie as well as the seasoned professional!

Thank you to the following speakers:

- Robert Latham, Associated PA Constructors
- Brendan Harris, DPW
- Leesa Allen, DPW
- Brian Eury, HAP
- Whitney Krosse, House Health Committee
- Judy Eschberger, Novak Strategic Advisors
- Ted Mowatt, Wanner Associates
- Chris Nicholas, Pennsylvania Business Council
- Mark Singel, The Winter Group
- Charles Zogby, Secretary, Office of the Budget
- Fred Brown, F.C. Brown & Associates
- Democratic Candidates for Governor:
 - John Hanger
 - Jo Ellen Litz
 - Ed Pawlowski

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office left to 2013. Have you started thinking about your New Year Resolutions? If getting involved in your professional society is one of them, we welcome you to participate in one of our committees. Don't worry; it's a light lift. We know you're busy. Committees meet only as needed. But we would love your ideas for lunch time speakers and new member benefits and events. Joining a committee is the best way to see your ideas turn into action.

Perhaps you've resolved to restart your job search or reorganize your current office compliment. PAGR's website can help. PAGR members can post job openings (and job inquiries) at www.PAGR.org free of charge, at any time. Starting in 2014, there will be a \$30 charge for non-members to post job openings - yet another way your membership works for you.

I know Thanksgiving is over, but as you can see my feelings of thankfulness are still lingering, kind of like those leftovers in the fridge. So let me take this opportunity to say another Thank You. Thank you, PAGR members and Board. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President in 2013. I'm looking forward to working together in 2014. I hope you are too. ☺

Thank you

Kris Snader
Nationwide Insurance

for your time and talents on our board since 2005.

Welcome

Peter Trufahnestock
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania
to the 2014 Board.

MISSION STATEMENT



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.

2014 Board

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At Large.....Christina Mihalik
At Large.....Tony Crisci

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Brinda Carroll Penyak

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Christine Corrigan

Your 2014  dues have been sent.

Encourage a co-worker to join too.

Please sign up for a committee and return with payment by January 31, 2014.

Thank you!

