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# The NewsPAGR

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



PAGR hosted a very successful lobbying disclosure training last month. Over 50 PAGR members and their colleagues attended a thorough session of best practices with the Department of State. Thank you to those who all attended. PAGR wants to ensure its members have the necessary resources to stay compliant and be effective in their lobbying profession. Your suggestions for future programming are always welcomed. Please contact Christine Corrigan at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org) with your ideas for the PAGR Board to pursue.

PAGR's Public Affairs Committee has been very busy over the last few weeks. A number of meetings have taken place with those Senate members sponsoring additional lobbying disclosure legislation. Some of the provisions include:

prohibiting a lobbyist from owning, being a partner in or serving as an officer or board member of any consulting firm which receives compensation for providing assistance with political campaigns, prohibits a lobbyist from working in a paid capacity for any political campaign, and lobbying biennial audits.

In addition, the committee will be reviewing Governor Wolf's "Government that Works" Reform Plan for implications on the lobbying community. The plan calls for the banning of gifts, contracting reform, increasing lobbying oversight, and increasing transparency. I would like to thank committee members: Fred Brown, Katie Dotto, Judy Eschberger, Chris Gray, Doug Houser, Mike Maguire, Ted Mowatt, David Tive, Ken Varhola and Jim Willshier, for taking the lead on these issues and representing the PAGR community. We are in very good hands!

From one budget to the next, or not, you can at least look forward to Capitol Happy Hours. This year we are gathering House and Senate staff at Sturges Speakeasy on June 2 for an evening of networking and venting. It's a well attended event and look forward to you being a part of it. Check out our sponsorship opportunity on page 3! Until then, please join us for our April 4th membership meeting with special guest Representative Brian Ellis and staff from the YMCA at the Firehouse beginning at 11:30 am. ☺

### 2016 DATES

Mo	April 4	Membership Mtg
Th	May 5	Board Meeting
Th	June 2	Capitol Happy Hours
Mo	June 6	Membership Mtg
Th	July 7	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 8	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 3	Membership Mtg
FALL		Lobbypalooza
Th	Nov 3	Board Meeting
Tu	Nov 8	Election Night Party
Mo	Dec 5	Membership Mtg

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

**2016 NEW MEMBERS**



**David Callahan**  
Markwest Energy Partners, LP

**Sean Crampsie**  
PA School Boards Assn

**Holly Lubart**  
AIA Pennsylvania

**Dennis Lynch**  
Temple University

**Amal Mahrouki**  
AIA Pennsylvania

**Rebecca May-Cole**  
PA Assn of Area Agencies on  
Aging

**Tony Parisi**  
PSERS

**Arielle Phillips**  
Independence Blue Cross

**2016**  
*Capitol*  
*Happy Hour*

**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**  
**Thursday June 2, 2016—**  
**5:00—7:00 PM**

**Entire Second Floor and  
exclusive use of the deck  
at  
Sturges Speakeasy  
400 Forster Street,  
Harrisburg**

**This event is for  
House & Senate Staffers  
and PAGR members only.**

\$40 per PAGR member

Payment by check, visa or  
MasterCard

RSVP to [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org) by May 27



# 2016 Capitol Happy Hours

**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**

**Thursday June 2, 2016—5:00—7:00 PM**

**Entire Second Floor and exclusive use of the deck at  
Sturges Speakeasy  
400 Forster Street, Harrisburg**

**Want the chance to entertain House & Senate staffers in a  
fun and relaxed atmosphere?**

**Want to do it for one low, affordable price?**

**Become a SPONSOR of PAGR's Networking Happy Hour.**

Enjoy two (2) tickets to this special event, proper signage listing your company as a sponsor and the chance to arrive early and greet our legislative friends as they arrive.

**SPONSORSHIP is the ONLY way Non-PAGR members can attend this event.**

**Please complete and return this form with payment . Check, visa or  
MasterCard accepted. Deadline is May 20, 2016**

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**NAME**

**COMPANY**

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**EMAIL**

**PHONE**

**Yes, I would like to sponsor PAGR's Capitol Happy Hour on June 2, 2016 for \$200.**

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**Credit card number**

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**Meeting Notice**

**Monday April 4**  
**11:30 am —12:30 pm**  
**Firehouse Restaurant**  
**Third Floor**

**606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg**

**Speaker:**  
**Rep. Brian Ellis (R-11)**



**Special Guests:**

**Greg Rudder**

**YMCA CEO**

**Wes Sheker**

**YMCA Youth Governor**

PAGR will be making our annual \$2,000 donation to the YMCA's Youth & Government program.

**ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2016 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY March 31 TO 717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG. THANK YOU.**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**



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