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The NewsPAGR

Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Richards, S.R. Wojdak & Associates



Happy 2018 to all PAGR members!

2018 is barely a month old and already it is shaping up to be one to remember. From the wave of recently announced retirements in the House and Senate to the spirited Republican primary for Governor, this election cycle promises to be very exciting. As does the dynamics of finding agreement on the 2018-19 state budget during an election year.

Just before Christmas the Senate passed the Senate amended and passed HB 1175 which requires all lobbyists to register with the Department of State electronically and increases the fines for failure to do so. Transparency and accountability for the lobbying profession are the driving forces behind this legislation. Many PAGR members have expressed concern that the Department of State's current electronic filing system is often inaccurate or does not reflect changes in registrations.

The mission of PAGR is to promote the purpose and effectiveness of the lobbying profession consistent with the public interest. PAGR members encourage high standards of personal and professional conduct among all lobbyists. Just as we expect these high standards for ourselves, we believe that the departments and agencies that govern our profession must be held to the same high standards. To that end PAGR is working with key legislative staff and the agencies to ensure that whatever new



2018 DATES

Th	Jan 11	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Mar 1	Board Meeting
Mo	April 9	Membership Meeting
Th	May 3	Board Meeting
Mo	June 4	Membership Meeting
	Summer	Capital Happy Hour
Th	July 12	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 6	Board Meeting
	Fall	Lobbypalooza 2018
Mo	Oct 1	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 1	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 3	Membership Meeting

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

2018 NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan Berger
PA School Boards Assn

Kevin Busher
Duane Morris Gov't Strategies

Lauren Casper
J. Egan Consulting LLC

Stephanie Drake
PA State Assn of Boroughs

Kristen Farry
Wood Services

Georgia Goodman
LeadingAge PA

Robert Keaton
Keaton Associates

Micki Leininger
Malady & Wooten Public Affairs

Peter Madaus
GLS Associates

Sherry Messimer
Commonwealth Compliance
Solutions LLC

Hayden Rigo
County Commissioners Assn of PA

Lindsay Scott
PA Coalition Against
Domestic Violence

Michael Stefan
PennState

Joseph Toth
UNISYS

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registration system is established is as functional and accurate as possible.

In Association news, I also encourage you to register for the next Membership Meeting which will be held 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM on February 5 at the Firehouse Restaurant. There is no cost to PAGR members with registration and guests are \$30. We are always open to suggestions for interesting lunch speakers so let us know if you have ideas. Finally, Lobbypalooza returns later in 2018. This is always a much anticipated event and we expect to have more information for you soon.

As I have stressed in past issues of NewsPAGR, this is your association and we, the PAGR Board, want to make sure that you are getting the most you can from your membership. So, please, let us know how we can best serve you. If you have new program ideas, let us know. If you have ideas on legislation or initiatives you would like to see PAGR address, let us know!

I look forward to seeing you all on February 5 at the Firehouse! ☺

Lobbypalooza 2018

Lobbypalooza 2018 Planning Committee will be meeting soon. If you would like to be a part of the planning or have ideas for the program, contact Christine Corrigan at info@pagr.org.

PAGR prides itself in offering informative and valuable programs that are unique to our membership. Help us continue this tradition with you input.

Meeting Notice

Monday February 5
11:30 am —12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor

606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

Speaker:

Is not confirmed

Details will be forthcoming



ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2018 DUES ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$30.

PLEASE RSVP BY February 1 TO
717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.
THANK YOU.

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.

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Your 2018  dues have been sent.

Encourage a co-worker to join too.

Please sign up for a committee and return with payment before January 31.

Thank you!

