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# The NewsPAGR

**Pennsylvania Association for Government Relations**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



PAGR is the only association in Harrisburg for the single purpose of representing the interests of the lobbying community, encouraging personal and professional conduct that meets highest standards for its members. Despite a relatively new legislative session, PAGR is monitoring a variety of legislation that may impact the profession of its members and the organizations they support. Whether its campaign finance, the ability to rejoin the lobbying community or additional lobbying disclosure requirements, **PAGR supports its members by offering a credible and consistent voice for policy makers to consider.**

In addition, PAGR provides its members a variety of programs, communication channels, and networking opportunities that are helpful for your professional development. I encourage you to take full advantage of your membership by attending membership meetings, joining a PAGR committee, and letting the PAGR board know what types of programs

would be helpful for the lobbying and government relations community. Have a program idea? Is your organization hosting a forum or meeting that might benefit PAGR members? PAGR wants to foster an environment where members can share information and learn from each other.

Speaking of educational programs, **Lobbypalooza will be returning after a year hiatus. Please mark your calendars for September 17, 2015 at the Harrisburg Hilton.** Lobbypalooza will kick off a full day of programs with a breakfast with new members of the General Assembly and conclude with a happy hour for all attendees. The diverse agenda of hot topics, educational content and discussion will guarantee something for everyone. I want to thank the members of the planning committee for their time, efforts and creativity. Good things to come in September!

Finally, PAGR changed its second annual Happy Hours due to implications of the Administration's gift ban policy and attendance concerns. This year, PAGR will host two separate events with key staff of the House and Senate. **The First Happy Hour is scheduled for April 16, 2015 from 5:00 -7:00 pm at the Sturges Speakeasy.** Invited guests include the Executive Directors of each House Committee and key staff of the House Leadership. Sponsorship opportunities are available for only \$300 which includes two free tickets. The PAGR Happy Hours present a great networking opportunity to discuss issues that are important to you in a relaxed setting.

I look forward to seeing you at our April 13 membership meeting at The Firehouse. Majority Leader Dave Reed is the guest speaker...One meeting you won't want to miss! ☺

### 2015 DATES

Mo	April 13	Membership Meeting
Th	April 16	Capitol Happy Hour #1
Th	May 7	Board Meeting
Mo	June 1	Membership Meeting
Th	June 11	Capitol Happy Hour #2
Th	July 9	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 10	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 17	Lobbypalooza 2015
Mo	Oct 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 5	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 7	Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held 11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the Firehouse Restaurant, Harrisburg.  
Capitol Happy Hour Events are held 5:00—7:00 pm on the 2nd floor of the Sturges Speakeasy, Harrisburg

**2015 NEW MEMBERS**

**Rick Allan**  
Pugliese Associates

**Catherine Conner**  
PLS

**Margaret Durkin**  
Bravo Group

**Katie Ellison**  
Insurance Agents & Brokers PA

**Justin Fleming**  
PA Psychological Association

**Anne Henry**  
LeadingAge PA

**Carrie Hillman**  
APSCUF

**Timothy Horstmann**  
McNees Wallace & Nurick

**Jonathan Humma**  
Commonwealth Foundation

**Ken Mash**  
APSCUF

**Jim Roberts**  
Century Link

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**Janet VanDine**  
PPK Animal Healthcare, Inc.

**Jim Willshire**  
PA Assn of Community Health  
Centers

**Josh Zimmerman**  
PA Game Commission

*Capitol Happy Hour Sponsors*

Thank you to all the Sponsors who are supporting our Capitol Happy Hours Events.

**WE NEED YOU!**

If you'd like your firms' name included in this list — contact Christine at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org).

**Archibald Associates**

**Broadband Cable Association of PA**

**FirstEnergy Group**

**Highmark, Inc.**

**Milliron & Goodman, LLC**

**PA Chamber of Business & Industry**

**Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's**

**Pennsylvania Retailers Association**

**Pugliese Associates**

**The Hospital & Healthsystem Assn of PA**

**University of PA, Office of Government  
& Community Affairs**

**Webber Associates**

**Lobbypalooza  
2015**

**Coming Thursday September 17  
to the Hilton Harrisburg**



# 2015 Capitol Happy Hours

**Thursday, April 16 • Thursday, June 11**

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Want the chance to entertain House and Senate staffers in a fun and relaxed atmosphere? **Want to do it for one low, affordable price?**

*Event 1)* Thursday, April 16th event will be held at Sturges Speakeasy at 400 Forster Street from 5 to 7 pm on the second floor. Invited guests will be the Executive Directors of each **House** Committee and key staff of the **House** Leadership.

*Event 2)* Thursday, June 11th event will be held at Sturges Speakeasy at 400 Forster Street from 5 to 7 pm on the second floor. Invited guests will be the Executive Directors of each **Senate** Committee and key staff of the **Senate** Leadership.

**SPONSORS:** Enjoy two (2) tickets to each of the two special events, proper signage listing your company as a sponsor, and the chance to arrive early and greet our legislative friends as they arrive. **Cost of Sponsorship is \$150 for one event, \$300 for both.** SPONSORSHIP is the only way non PAGR members can attend.

**ATTENDEES:** PAGR Members can attend for \$40 per person.

*Please complete and return this form with payment made payable to "PAGR" ensure your participation by April 10.*

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**NAME**

**EMAIL**

**I would like to be a SPONSOR**

**I would like to be an ATTENDEE**

Please check which events you wish to **sponsor/attend**.

**April 16—House**

**June 11—Senate**

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

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Credit card number

expiration date

security code

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Billing address

Billing zip code

Questions can be directed to Christine Corrigan at [info@pagr.org](mailto:info@pagr.org) or 717.939.1900  
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# Meeting Notice

**Monday April 13**  
**11:30 am — 12:30 pm**  
**Firehouse Restaurant**  
**Third Floor**

**606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg**



**Special Guest:**  
**The Honorable**  
**Dave Reed**  
**PA House**  
**Majority Leader**

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2015 DUES  
ARE FREE! ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE  
CHARGED \$25.

**PLEASE RSVP BY April 9 TO**  
**717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.**

## 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.

# 2015 Board

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*Directories should be delivered to  
the PAGR office this week.  
If you placed an order, please  
know we will be getting them out to  
you immediately. We did order  
extra so if you need any, contact  
Christine at info@pagr.org.  
Many thanks for your support!*