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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Brinda Carroll Penyak



It's hard for me to believe that two years as president of PAGR are nearly at an end. Please know that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role, and I thank you for the opportunity. It's been a wonderful learning opportunity, working beside our dedicated board members and committees, and hearing from members about their issues and concerns. While there will always be much more to do, I am hopeful that we've made a little progress in the world of government relations, and I hope your experiences with PAGR have proven valuable.

As an organization, PAGR has much strength. Having key government leaders participate in our bi-monthly membership meetings and Lobbyalooza speaks well of our image in Harrisburg. I remain hopeful that our advocacy and communication efforts will result in improvements to the lobbyist registration and reporting system. If future attempts to revise the

laws and regulations are on the agenda, I believe that our interaction with legislative leaders will make be impactful. I know that Christine Corrigan will continue providing excellent service to members, and I thank her especially for the support and encouragement she has provided.

New leaders are emerging within our ranks, and I am thankful for their willingness to step into these important roles. I am encouraged

by the new members who've joined us within the past year, and remain confident that they will make positive contributions to the future of our association.

Please join me in thanking the PAGR Board members and Committee Chairs for their service – Mark Richards, Laura Saccente, Gabrielle Sedor, Kathy Mebus, Judy Eschberger, Christina Mihalik, Kris Snader, Elly Henry, Tony Crsci, and Peter Calcara, and Ted Mowatt for his efforts at assuring great speakers for our membership meetings.

And for those who will no longer be among our ranks, a fond farewell and best wishes on new endeavors.

I look forward to seeing you at the PAGR Holiday Party on December 3 from 4 PM till 6 at the Firehouse Restaurant. Election of our 2013 officers will take place at that meeting, and I encourage your attendance for the business meeting in addition to time for sharing some holiday cheer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of our association. I look forward to seeing you at the Firehouse next month, on the hill in 2013 and beyond, and at future PAGR events.

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2013 DATES:

Th	Jan 3	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 4	Membership Meeting
Th	Mar 7	Board Meeting
Mo	April 8	Membership Meeting
Th	May 2	Board Meeting
Mo	June 3	Membership Meeting
Th	July 11	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 12	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 7	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 7	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 2	Membership Meeting

Membership meetings are held
11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the
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December 3 rd meeting is 4:00—6:00 pm.

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**Lobbypalooza
2012**

This year's annual Lobbying skills-building symposium was held on September 13 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:

- Alan Novak, former Chair, PA Republican Party
- TJ Rooney, former Chair, PA Democratic Party
- Robert Latham, Associated PA Constructors
- Rep. Rick Geist, Transportation Committee Chair
- Craig Shuey, PA Turnpike Commission
- Jennifer Hoover-Vogel, Association of School Business Officials
- Peter Calcara, PA Institute of CPA's
- Melissa Hart, Advisory Council of Privatization & Innovation
- David Broderic, PSEA
- Mary Ellen McMillen, Independence Blue Cross
- Kathy Mebus, HHAP
- Janelle Lynch, House Health Committee
- Pam Witmer, PUC Commissioner
- David Hess, Crisci Associates
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- Dan Reisteter, PA Banker's Association
- Shauna Clemmer, PA Department of State
- Trischa Malehorn, PA Department of State
- Judy Eschberger, Novak Strategic Advisors
- Ted Mowatt, Wanner Associates
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Thank you too to our event sponsors!

- **Pennsylvania Credit Union Association**
- **Pennsylvania Propane Gas Association**

Meeting Notice

Monday December 3, 2012
Annual Holiday Gathering
4:30—6:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant
Third Floor
606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg



- We will be voting on 2013 Board of Directors
- We will be offering HOLIDAY CHEER (complimentary beer, wine & munchies)

ALL 2012 PAID MEMBERS ARE FREE!
ALL GUESTS OF MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED \$25.
PLEASE RSVP BY November 30 TO
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THANK YOU.

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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.

2013 Slate

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Brinda Carroll Penyak

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Christine Corrigan

* those positions in **BOLD** require vote approval by membership.

Your 2013  dues will be sent soon.

Please sign up for a committee and return with payment by January 31, 2013.

Thank you!

