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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christina Mihalik, PA CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION



It's quite an interesting time in Harrisburg. Despite the uncertainty with the state budget, one thing that I am certain is PAGR's commitment to its members. I want to thank Fred Brown, Janet Van Dine, Katie Dotto, Judy Eschberger, Chris Gray, Mike Maguire, Ted Mowatt, Vince Phillips, David Tive, and Jim Willshier for joining PAGR's Public Affairs Committee. Katie Dotto will be directing the committee as it undertakes legislation and regulations that may directly and indirectly affect government relations and lobbying professionals. Thank you, Katie for your leadership!

A few pieces of legislation we are examining on behalf of PAGR members include: budget implications on lobbying and professional services, implications of strengthening contingency-fee lobbying provisions for Commonwealth grants and loans, and exceptions to the gift ban. The PAGR community will be well represented by these fine professionals.

In addition to representation, PAGR also creates opportunities to broaden members' lobbying experience and knowledge. One event in particular is Lobbypalooza. Don't let the name deceive you! Over the years, Lobbypalooza has provided valuable insight of legislative developments from key Senate and House offices, forums to ensure you stay compliant with state election and ethics laws, emerging issues, best practices, and networking opportunities.

I encourage you to join us on October 22, 2015 at the Harrisburg Hilton for Lobbypalooza. We will kick off with a breakfast with new legislative members, followed by a full day of rich content, and conclude with a networking reception. To register and to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.pagr.org.

I have a hunch we will all be seeing each other quite often as budget negotiations continue. If there is anything that you find in your Capitol travels that we should be aware of please let us know. Stay cool and good luck! ☺

2015 DATES

Th	Sept 10	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Oct 22	Lobbypalooza Hilton Harrisburg
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 Sponsors

Thank you to all the Sponsors who have supported our Capitol Happy Hours Events. We enjoyed two events this year; one with key House staffers and one with key Senate staffers. Both events were given thumbs up by our members as well as our guests. Thank you to all who attended and especially our sponsors — We couldn't pull this off without your support!

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Lobbypalooza 2015

Thursday, October 22, 2015**Hilton Harrisburg**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your Lobbypalooza Planning Committee has been working hard to provide an educational and informative "multi-faceted lobbying skills-building symposium" designed for the newbie as well as the seasoned professional. This program is tailored to the specific needs of lobbyists in our Commonwealth.

To keep our costs down for our membership, PAGR is offering several sponsorship levels. If your company is able to support us in anyway, please contact Christine at info@pagr.org.

Breakfast - \$500 -**• One FREE registration**

- Listing as Breakfast Sponsor on sponsor list, printed material and newsletter.
- Signage at Breakfast table
- One page handout included in packet
- Opportunity to be acknowledged in front of audience at beginning of session.

Lunch - \$1,000 -**• Two FREE registrations**

- Listing as Lunch Sponsor on sponsor list, printed material and newsletter.
- Signage at Lunch table
- One page handout included in packet
- Opportunity to speak to the audience during lunch.

Breaks - 2 available at \$250 each

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- One page handout included in packet

Cocktail Reception - \$500 -**• One FREE registration**

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- Signage at Breakfast table
- One page handout included in packet
- Opportunity to be acknowledged in front of audience at beginning of session.

**CAPITOL
ALL STARS
SOFTBALL**
3rd annual

Monday, September 28, 2015

Lobbypalooza 2015

**Sponsorships
Available**

\$150/members
\$250/non-members*
*Includes 2015 PAGR
membership

NEW DATE

**Thursday, October 22, 2015
Hilton Harrisburg**

- 8:00—9:00 am **Registration, Breakfast, Meet the Freshmen Legislators**
- 9:00—11:00 am **Caucus Update:** Key policy makers from each Caucus speak about the Fall Agenda. Q&A session, too.
- 11:15—12:15 am **Open Records:** Key players will share their insights about Open Records and latest developments.
- 12:15 pm—1:15 pm **Networking Lunch** with PAGR's Presidents from the beginning: 1991-2015.
- 1:15 pm —2:15 pm **How Do We Do That?** The Department of State will help us navigate through the online system and submitting expense reports. Also, an Administration representative will explain the Gift Ban.
- 2:15 pm —3:15 pm **A Day in the Life of a Lobbyist.** Hear from one of your colleagues from each lobbyist category—Independent, Corporate, Association, Lawyer.
- 3:30 —4:30 pm **Insider Guide from the Capitol News Room/Social Media**
- 4:30—5:30 pm **Networking Happy Hour**

Speakers will be added to the line-up as they are confirmed.
Check www.pagr.org for updates.

Save \$20.00 when payment is received by September 8, 2015

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CHECK ALL SESSIONS YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, COMPLETE THE INFO BELOW AND SEND WITH CHECK OR CREDIT CARD INFO BY October 19, 2015. PAGR's EIN # 25-1669383

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Meeting Notice

Monday October 5
11:30 am — 12:30 pm
Firehouse Restaurant

Third Floor
606 N. Second Street • Harrisburg

Special Guest:
TBA

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

PLEASE RSVP BY October 1 TO
717-939-1900 OR INFO@PAGR.ORG.

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