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Th	Jan 8	Board Meeting
Mo	Feb 2	Membership Meeting
Th	Mar 5	Board Meeting
Mo	April 6	Membership Meeting
Th	May 7	Board Meeting
Mo	June 1	Membership Meeting
Th	July 9	Board Meeting
Th	Sept 3	Board Meeting
Mo	Oct 5	Membership Meeting
Th	Nov 5	Board Meeting
Mo	Dec 7	Membership Meeting

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11:30 am—12:30 pm on the 3rd floor of the
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Peter Calcara



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of your organization. I am both humbled and honored to serve such a diverse and interesting group of members, and to follow in the footsteps of Andy Hilt and the legion of distinguished past PAGR presidents. (Yes, Larry and Ted that

means you too!)

In particular, we all owe Andy a big "thank you" for carefully navigating the difficult waters of the last two years. For those of you who may have had your attention elsewhere, under Andy's watch, PAGR played a key role in the development of the Lobbying Disclosure regulations.

The PAGR team, which included Andy, Judy Eschberger, Tony Crisci, and PAGR's legal counsel Mike Shields, attended countless meetings of the Lobbying Disclosure Regulations

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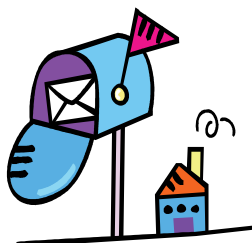
Committee, met with IRRC and provided extensive and detailed comments on the proposed rulemaking.

As originally proposed, the regulations would have demeaned the simple act of "monitoring" as lobbying with all its registration and reporting requirements. The impact on grassroots advocacy by many groups and organizations (members and non-members of PAGR), and other interests, was potentially significant.

Under their watchful eyes, we won the battle over monitoring. The final regulations, while not perfect, are better because of PAGR's involvement, on behalf of its'

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Our guest will be
Rep. Jennifer Mann
Majority Caucus Secretary

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members, in the process.

On behalf of the PAGR membership, thank you, Andy, Tony, Judy, and Mike. Great job!

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with our comments, which you can find on our Website.

Looking ahead, my mission as PAGR president is to continue to provide high quality value to your membership dollars. PAGR is in a strong financial position (of course, I had to mention finances—I do represent CPAs!), yet we continue to look for opportunities to fulfill our mission.

Lastly, your thoughts and opinions matter to me and your PAGR board, after all this is your organization. Let us know what you like, what you don't like. Give us some input on suggested luncheon speakers. Which topics would you like to see covered at Lobbyalooza.

As we embark on another legislative session, I wish you well and look forward to seeing you all at our Feb. 2 Membership Luncheon. ✦

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